

# Barnet Green Garden Bin charge

Barnet has decided to charge for the Green Garden Bin collection. It will start on Saturday 16 May and be emptied fortnightly.

The collection of green bins will cost £70 per year for one bin with an additional £50 for each additional bin.

To sign up you will need to call 020 8359 4600 (option 1). Alternatively, you can sign up online at [www.barnet.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/gardenwaste) and request a call back to make the payment.

When you sign up, you will receive by post, a unique sticker which will have your address on it. The sticker should be applied to the centre of the lid of your garden waste bin, this will allow collection crews to identify households who have signed up to the service. The council will only empty Barnet issued green-coloured garden waste bins displaying a garden waste bin sticker. If you have an assisted collection, it will continue once

you have signed up to the paid garden collection. If you lose your sticker, you can telephone Barnet and they will issue a replacement sticker.

Barnet says that they will make around 23 collections over the year, which implies that the service will still be interrupted for about six weeks probably around the Christmas and New Year period.

Should you decide you do not want to pay for the new



garden collection service, Barnet suggests that you consider composting or taking your garden waste to the Reuse and Recycling Centre in Summers Lane, North Finchley, N12 0RF. The Centre is free if you take your waste to Summers Lane in a car.

Barnet has stated that "You are welcome to keep your green bin. We are looking at options to collect unwanted green bins." Barnet will be re-investing the money raised into environmental services around the borough, in roads and pavements, improvements to the street cleaning operations, fitting LED bulbs to street lights and helping to make much-needed cost savings for the council.

# Volunteers' evening

Many of the activities that take place in the Suburb depend on local people giving up their free time to help the community. These range from those who keep an eagle eye on the Suburb's green environment and its architecture, organise community events, write and distribute Suburb News and our 70 plus strong team of litter pickers who keep our area tidy.

The RA decided to recognise the hard work of volunteers by

hosting a small thank-you event at Hampstead Golf Club on Tuesday, March 3. This also marked the many years of dedicated service to Suburb News by Terry Brooks, who has retired as editor of Suburb News.

All volunteers present had a very enjoyable evening.

If you would like join our band of community-minded volunteers please email us at [enquiries@hgsra.uk](mailto:enquiries@hgsra.uk).



RA Chair, Emma Howard, hands Terry Brooks a small token of appreciation for his year's of dedication to the RA.

# RA 2019 Financial Report

The Residents Association (RA) is a non-profit making organisation run by volunteers which exists for the benefit of its members. The year has ended with a surplus of £2,701.

Income has been quite volatile with a slight drop in advertising revenues and lower income from events, in particular from the Summer Fair which in the previous year (2018) benefited from the wonderful weather. Thanks go to our advertisers and to The Spaniards Inn for their generous sponsorship of our key events in 2019.

Further progress has been made in reducing RA running costs and the main increases in expenditure have been for grants and the commissioning of a report on Market Place/Falldon Way road safety.

The RA has reserves of around £85,000. Even at current low interest rates, these reserves make a valuable contribution to our income, with interest earned equating to more than sixty membership subscriptions.

During the year it was agreed that £50,000 should be retained in reserve in case of threats to the Suburb. RA Council members and a group of our volunteers have discussed how the remainder of the reserves could be best used for the further benefit of our

community. Some exciting new projects are planned including the provision of an outdoor table tennis table and a community

orchard, both in Lyttelton Playing Fields. More details will follow in subsequent issues of Suburb News.

## RA Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2019

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE		
	2019(£)	2018(£)
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	30,306	30,058
Contribution from Fellowship	1,788	1,853
Bank Interest	959	671
Advertising	20,141	20,872
Events Income	4,423	6,288
Room hire income	2,000	2,000
Other income	1,250	2,650
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,867</b>	<b>64,392</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Membership, printing & post	5,486	5,762
Room & hall hire	3,045	2,715
Honoraria	3,926	5,296
Publications	19,472	18,888
Events	11,067	10,636
Suburb tree planting	5,612	5,250
Sponsorship Proms at St Jude's and Chamber Concerts	3,500	3,500
Grant to Northway Gardens Organisation	2,076	735
Other grants	2,000	1,500
Roads & Traffic	1,152	0
Other expenditure	608	726
Bank charges	222	226
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,166</b>	<b>55,234</b>
<b>Loss/Surplus for the year</b>	<b>2,701</b>	<b>9,158</b>

BALANCE SHEET		
	2019(£)	2018(£)
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	94,384	86,860
Debtors	4,911	3,904
Share in Orchard Housing Society	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>99,296</b>	<b>90,765</b>
Less current liabilities	14,257	8,038
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b>85,039</b>	<b>82,727</b>

REPRESENTED BY		
	2019(£)	2018(£)
Accumulated fund brought forward	82,338	73,181
Surplus for the year	2,701	9,158
Dr Joy Edelman Legacy	0	388
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,039</b>	<b>82,727</b>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (a) The accounts have been prepared on an accrual basis. (b) Members' subscriptions have been reconciled with the sums actually received during the year.  
 2. COLLECTION FOR FELLOWSHIP  
 Receipts 10,587 11,021  
 Less RA administrative fee (1,788) (1,853)  
**Net 8,799 9,168**  
 3. MEMBERSHIP  
 Membership at 31 December 2019 was 1,775 households compared to 1,748 at 31 December 2018.

# Proms at St Jude's update

We are delighted to report that, due to the generous support of many sponsors, donors, Friends and audience members, Proms at St Jude's is financially secure and is ready, willing and able to continue its work to raise money for good causes! We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has helped Proms through this challenging period and for the very many messages of support.

It's a huge disappointment that the Covid-19 pandemic has forced us to cancel this year's

festival but on a brighter note, planning for Proms at St Jude's 2021 is already under way.

Proms 2021, with its full Music and LitFest programme, will hopefully start on Saturday 26 June and close on Sunday 4 July 2021, so pop those dates into your diary now!

In the meantime, we are looking at online opportunities to bring some of the best of Proms to everyone over the coming months. As a start, take a look at the short film of Proms 2019 at [promsatstjudes.org.uk](http://promsatstjudes.org.uk)

(>About Us >Film) – and see if you can spot yourself in the video! More free virtual events are planned, so keep an eye on the Proms website or sign up online to our e-newsletter.

Proms wants to do all it can this year to continue to raise funds for the North London Hospice and Toynbee Hall. Both organisations urgently need our help – if you or your friends are able to add your support via the Proms virtual buckets, you can donate at [promsatstjudes.org.uk](http://promsatstjudes.org.uk)

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