

Please ensure we have your current email so we can keep you up to date on neighbourhood issues. Contact us: onslowna@gmail.com

Julian Lloyd Webber, our President, *writes*



The big news of the Onslow Neighbourhood Association is the retirement of Richard and Eva Skinner from the ONA Committee after many years of dedicated and tireless service. We owe them an enormous debt of gratitude for all they have done to ***protect and enhance the residential and***

environmental character of our area and to encourage others to do the same.

The remaining trustees and active members have big shoes to fill and welcome other residents to join us in carrying out the objectives of our association. Our members monitor planning applications, meet with our councillors and ward officers, work with other neighbourhood associations and make our voices heard with the RBKC Council, museums and businesses. Recently, for example, we joined with other associations in objecting to the plans for an oversized replacement for the Holiday Inn on Cromwell Road, and for massive advertising banners on the exterior of the Victoria and Albert Museum. We won a small victory in January in limiting the licensing hours of a local restaurant, so neighbours can sleep better at night. And we continue our fight against the installation of large illuminated advertising panels in place of phone boxes and street clutter in general. Please email onslowna@gmail.com if you'd like to get involved in any way.

More examples of our activities can be found on our website: ona.org.uk. As we move more toward online communication with our members, please make sure we have your current email. Information about joining or renewing your membership is on the website, as well as in this newsletter.

2019 is likely to bring many challenges, large and small, to our area. Please support the ONA, by joining as a member and volunteering to help us meet those challenges.



The ONA Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 28 March, 6pm for drinks, meeting from 6:30 to 8pm at a new, convenient location: **Institut Français, 17 Queensberry Place, SW7 2DT, just off Harrington Road.**

Inspector Darren Boné from the Met Police will talk about security and crime in our area and Jamie Trivedi-Bateman, an investment manager for the Wellcome Trust, will discuss 'Why and How Wellcome Invests'. Come and share your thoughts, meet your neighbours, and feel free to bring potential new members.

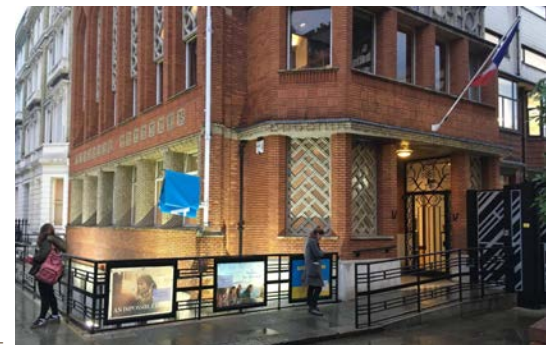


photo: Laura Mosedale

Discover *South Kensington*

No matter how long you've been living in the area, you might want to know more about the many cultural and educational institutions on our doorstep. Find out about tours, research projects and special neighbourhood events, such as the Great Exhibition Road Festival at the end of June, by going to www.discoversouthken.com and signing up for the newsletter of the Exhibition Road Cultural Group. Participating organisations include our three major museums, Imperial College London, the Royal Albert Hall, the Royal Geographic Society and many more.

ONA Planning Review

By Trish Walker Allmond

ONA's planning remit is undertaken by a vigilant but small group of volunteers working in a number of strategic and operational ways to achieve ongoing successful outcomes, often in partnership with our neighbouring associations. Success is attained through diligent research, well-written objections, proactive engagement at community and corporate meetings and with our RBKC councillors. The work is essential to maintain the quality of conservation, safety and residential living in the ONA area.

How we do it

Weekly we scrutinise the numerous RBKC electronic planning applications for the ONA area (as shown on the map on the Membership page) which concern housing and commercial premises, equipment installations, street furniture, licensing,

and LED advertising panel installations. ONA has been successful in many of its objections being upheld. However, as the middle image below shows, a BT Inlink kiosk was installed outside Carluccio's on the busy Old Brompton Road in February despite the rigorous objections of ONA, neighbouring associations and residents.

Major infrastructure projects include the ongoing South Kensington TfL station upgrade, Cultural Quarter developments e.g. the Exhibition Road review and increasing security issues.

In supporting and partnering with the neighbouring residents associations and our councillors, we bring a collective weight and expertise to RBKC planning, meetings and outcomes impacting the area. The Holiday Inn appeal, the Exhibition



photos: Laura Mosedale

We encourage you ... to [help us] maintain the integrity of our area and join in taking an active role.

conservation, major infrastructure projects and more.

Housing and commercial premises regularly include flat extensions, general refurbishment, rebuilds, new basements, new windows, change of use, licensing, tables and chairs for restaurants and cafes. Recent applications being challenged are 10-11 Foulis Terrace (*above left*) for a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO – a property shared by three or more unrelated tenants) conversion, a plethora of basement applications and a number of commercial applications including the 6 Fulham Road Elan cafe tables and chairs application (*above right*), which has now been withdrawn due to fierce resident opposition. ONA is also taking a lead role in the new 1-9 Foulis Terrace HMO consultation proposals.

Equipment installation application objections have included a recent proliferation of inappropriate BT Inlink mobile posts with LED advertising panels and Maximus phone box

Road and South Kensington TfL station area are ongoing examples.

We sit on all the key stakeholder meetings, including the Exhibition Road Local Plan Partial Review, South Kensington TfL redevelopment, 40 Pelham Street, Wellcome Trust South Kensington residents group and the South Kensington Estates (SKE) quarterly residents associations meetings for the wider area. This enables us to keep abreast of developments and proactively input our concerns.

The Wellcome Trust meetings are a new development of strategic and operational importance to the quality of the area. ONA raised concerns regarding Wellcome's upkeep of the estate and quality of maintenance. Wellcome with their managing agent Savills are now reviewing the gardens, the Elan application 6 Fulham Rd was withdrawn and a Wellcome representative will attend our AGM.

The SKE holds well-established and informative meetings and regularly hosts key guests to update on trends regarding security, policing, super cars, rubbish collection, new building developments, change of use, Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) and strategic planning.

Join in

The planning work is fascinating in that you learn first hand what is happening in your neighbourhood and how that could impact both your own lifestyle and property investment.

We are volunteers and there is always so much to do.

Richard and Eva Skinner took outstanding planning roles, winning many hard-fought outcomes, but have now retired.

We encourage you, whatever age or background, to maintain the integrity of our area and join in taking an active role.

Contact the Planning Group at onslowna@gmail.com

Register for RBKC Council email notification service

The Council provides a free weekly email notification service of all planning applications to anyone who registers on their website. You can also apply to be notified about licensing or parking updates.

For Planning, follow the steps below.

- 1** Register online at www.rbkc.gov.uk/MyRBKC/public/Registration.aspx
- 2** **Login** to RBKC at www.rbkc.gov.uk/MyRBKC/Login.aspx
- 3** On the left hand column of the Welcome page, select **'Email Notification Service'**.
- 4** On the Email Notification Service page, under **'All Available Services'**, find the **Planning Applications** box and click on **'Subscribe'** on right.
- 5** In the new window, under **'Criteria'**, click on **'Street'** and then click on **'Next Step'**.
- 6** In the new window, scroll down and **'add'** the streets that interest you. Click on **'Next Step'** and you will arrive at a window that confirms that you have successfully subscribed to the *Planning Applications mailing list*.

Policing Down, Crime Up:

Following major cuts to the police budget since the austerity programme began, crime all over London is up. In our area, this is especially true in the categories of residential burglaries, robbery and car theft. On one short terrace in our area, between June and December 2018, one resident's home was broken into twice, another resident's car was stolen and a third resident's garage was burgled. The police investigations were cursory at best. This street's story was far from unique in the RBKC. According to the Met Police, there were 867 residential burglaries in the fiscal year 2016/17 in the Borough, jumping to 1,396 in 2017/18. Only 3.7 percent of these crimes led to the arrest and charging of a suspect in 2016/17, dropping to 3.5 percent a year later.

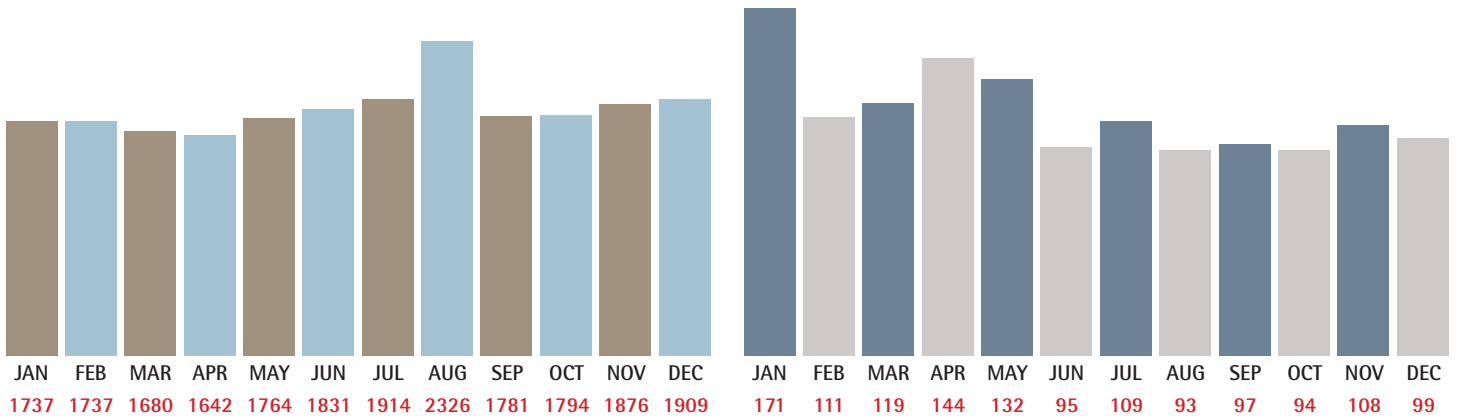
Police say that a small number of offenders is likely responsible for most of these crimes; the problem is that the offenders know the chances of their being caught, let alone prosecuted, are miniscule.

Barring a miraculous restoration of funds to policing, residents must do all they can to protect themselves. Dave Dance, senior office assistant of Neighbourhood Watch of the Met Police, encourages residents to visit the www.met.police.uk for tips on safeguarding their property.

Common sense measures include making sure you have well-secured, good-quality doors, windows and locks to deter burglars. Further suggestions include marking valuable items with ink or paint with your postcode, house or flat number, and the first three letters of your address. The Met Police are also now rolling out the 'MetTrace' project to reduce burglary across London using 'SmartWater' to mark property. It's a liquid that 'glows under UV light that can be used to invisibly tag all your items and is almost impossible to remove'. Every bottle has a unique forensic signature so when police recover stolen items, they can easily be reunited with their owners. Police provide window stickers in every MetTrace pack to alert would-be burglars to the fact that your property is marked with SmartWater. Research shows so far that criminals are avoiding premises with this sticker. See the website for information on obtaining a SmartWater toolkit.

Finally, you can sign up with a Neighbourhood Watch scheme via the website, so you can get alerts from the police, fire department and other services, see a detailed map of recent crimes in your area, and much more. Once you enter your postcode, you can

What Can Residents Do?

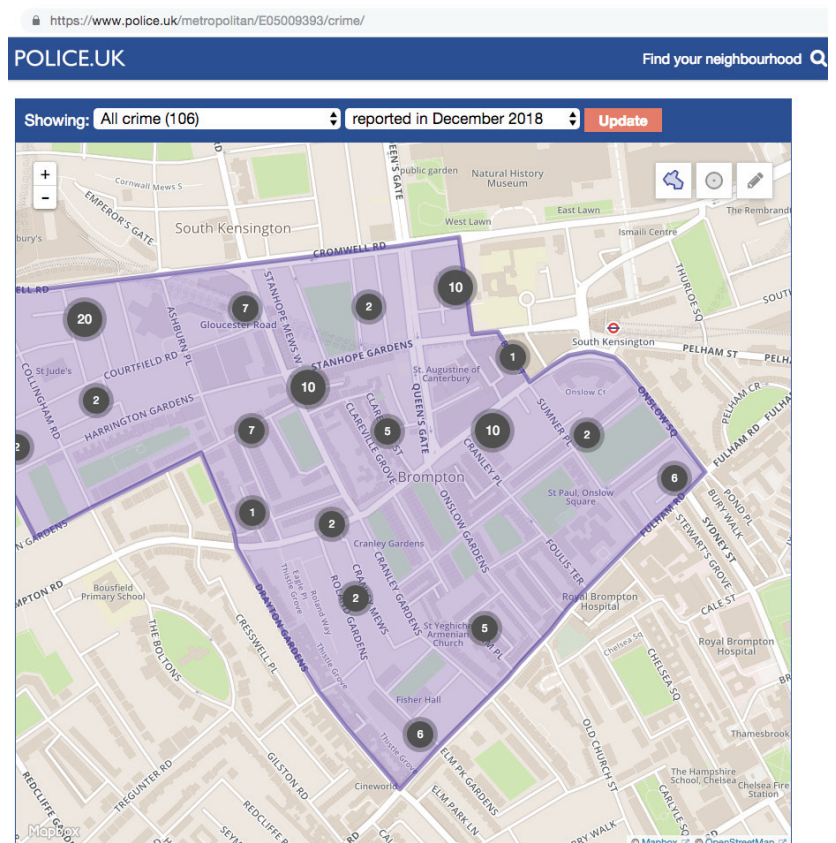


Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Residential Burglaries 2018

Chelsea* Residential Burglaries 2018
(*covering Brompton & Hans Town, Chelsea Riverside, Courtfield, Royal Hospital and Stanley wards)

see what kind of incidents are being reported in your ward, voice your concerns and report a crime – even bad driving. This is a *'sensible alternative'* to queuing up at the police station or calling 101, says Dave Dance. However, always call 999 where a life is in danger or a crime is in progress.

For more information, email Dave at dave.j.dance@met.pnn.police.uk



From the Met Police website, a record of all crimes reported in the Courtfield Road Ward, which encompasses most of the ONA area, in December 2018. Of all the incidents, 34 were for miscellaneous theft, nine for theft from a vehicle and 7 for assault without injury.

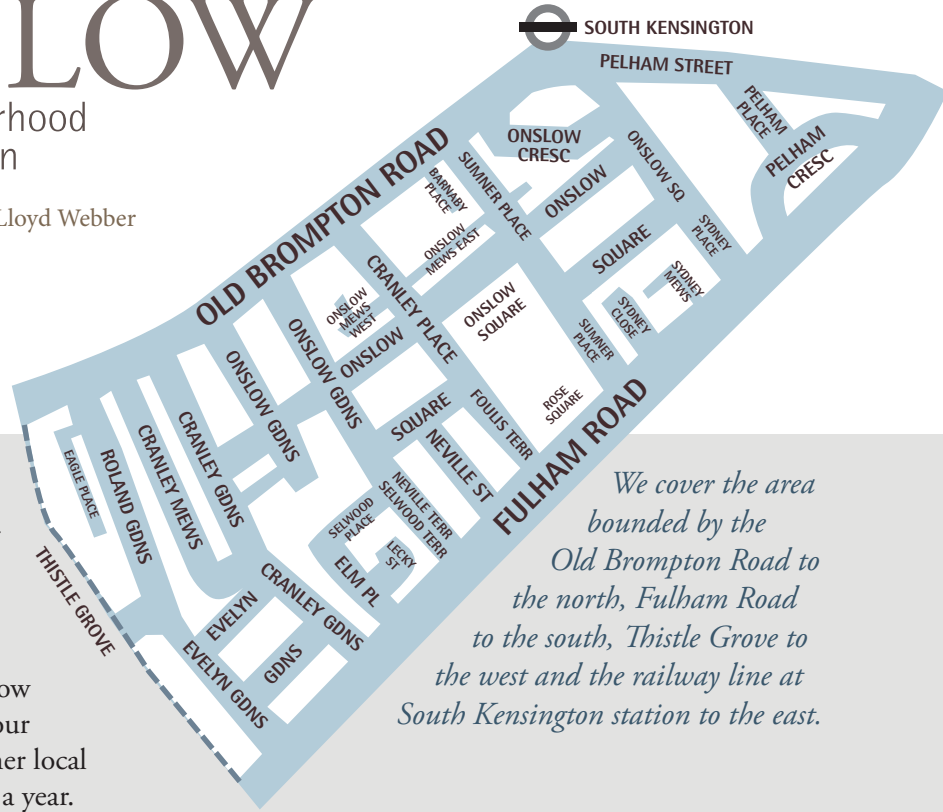


ONSLOW

Neighbourhood Association

President Julian Lloyd Webber

Join us!



We cover the area bounded by the Old Brompton Road to the north, Fulham Road to the south, Thistle Grove to the west and the railway line at South Kensington station to the east.

The Onslow Neighbourhood Association was formed in 1973 to protect and enhance the residential and environmental quality of much of the western part of the Wellcome Trust estate in South Kensington. We keep in touch with this annual newsletter and regular email updates. We host the only garden party permitted in Onslow Square, which is a unique opportunity to meet your neighbours, councillors and representatives of other local associations. Household membership is only £15 a year.

The objectives of Onslow Neighbourhood Association are:



- To encourage high standards of architecture and town planning
- To stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of the neighbourhood
- To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest
- To take all other steps to protect and advance the interests of persons living within the neighbourhood



PAYMENT BY STANDING ORDER To: The Manager, (name of your bank)

address of your bank postcode

On receipt of this request and on each subsequent 5th January until further notice, please pay to the HSBC Bank Ltd, 40-05-14, Gloucester Road Branch, 95 Gloucester Rd, London SW7 4SX, the sum of £15 for the credit account of the Onslow Neighbourhood Association (Account No. 6101 1723)

from my account No. sort code

Please print your name address

..... email

By signing this form, you are confirming that you are consenting to ONA holding and processing your personal data in order to keep you informed about news, events and activities and to manage your membership and your annual subscription. ONA will never share your information with a third party.

I consent to ONA contacting me by post email telephone

giftaid it

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick this box Yes, I want the Onslow Neighbourhood Association to claim Gift Aid on my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Please notify the charity if you: want to cancel this declaration; change your name or home address; no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

PLEASE SIGN & SEND TO:

Signature please print your name



Susanna Trostdorf, ONA, 10 Roland Gardens, London SW7 3PH ENQUIRIES: onslowna@gmail.com



Living history

ONA's founding member Bill Taylor turned 101 last July and still lives in his flat overlooking Onslow Square. Although he no longer gets out much, his son

Nigel is 'pleased to report he remains in good spirits and still enjoys looking out the window and admiring the way everything has been conserved.'

For more about Bill's life, please go to the archive section of the ONA website (ona.org.uk, under the drop-down menu) to read the 2017 ONA newsletter



The Taylors in Neville Terrace, 1957

The ONA Garden Party

Last year's ONA Garden Party was our largest yet, with some 170 guests, made up of members, friends, local councillors and future members. Once again, a talented quartet from the Junior Program at the Royal Academy of Music provided music and Comptoir Libanais provided canapés.



A quartet from the Royal Academy of Music Junior Program: Lily Farzan and Alice Dring, violin; Elena Accogli, viola; Joshua Wong, cello



RBKC Mayor Marie Therese Rossi gave out door prizes to the three lucky winners – a new tradition. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make it all happen. This year's Garden Party will take place on **Wednesday 26 June** from **6:30 to 8:30pm**. Paper invitations will be sent out to all members. For more information or to buy tickets now, email ona.gardenparty@gmail.com.

useful Numbers

To report building material or rubbish blocking the road or pavement: **Streetline 020 7361 3001**

To report noise and nuisance – late loud parties, out-of-hours construction work, etc.: **Environmental Health 020 7361 3002**

To report anti-social behaviour – aggressive begging, disorderly or disruptive conduct: **Met Police 101** and/or Safer Neighbourhood Team **020 7161 8982** or **07768 178 122**

Call **999** for a fast response to a dangerous situation

Would you like to contribute to this newsletter or the ONA website?

Please email the editor Laura Mosedale lpmosedale@me.com

ONA President
Julian Lloyd Webber

ONA Trustees Charles Lawton, Laura Mosedale
Susanna Trostdorf

ONA Trustee Emeritus
Bill Taylor

Subscription: £15 per year

ONA is a Registered Charity
No: 264 296

