

Open Space

*An occasional newsletter of the
Aldborough Hatch Defence Association*
Issue 30 – November 2013

56% of vehicles in Aldborough Road North exceed speed limit!

For years residents have expressed growing concern regarding the speed of traffic and the poor standard of driving in Aldborough Road North. These concerns have been particularly amongst those who drive in the area, who take children to and from schools by car or on foot, and pedestrians who walk on the pavements or need to cross over Aldborough Road North.

The AHDA has worked with Ward Councillors and others in endeavouring to persuade Transport for London (TfL), the Highways Department of the London Borough of Redbridge (LBR) and the Metropolitan Police (MP) to (a) install speed cameras and/or (b) to mount police speed checks.

The latter have taken place intermittently, but TfL have made clear that cameras are not an option until there have been four fatalities or serious injury accidents on the road in the past three years.

Noting the frustration with the authorities' seeming lack of concern, resident Ben Moore offered his professional assistance in producing accurate data on speeding in Aldborough Road North. Ben is Managing Director of Quality Traffic Surveys Limited (QTS), a provider of traffic and transportation data to both the public and private sector. The directors and management team have over 40 years' experience in the industry with their Registered Office in Aldborough Hatch.

The period was from 10th to 23rd July 2013. Sensors were placed in the roadway in Aldborough Road North adjacent to Roy Gardens. We wish to place on record our grateful thanks to QTS for providing this detailed service to the AHDA without charge and to Clive Wilderspin for his assistance and expertise.

During the two weeks of the speed survey, 75,527 vehicles travelled along Aldborough Road North – 35,405 in a northerly direction and 40,122 going south. Assuming these numbers are constant throughout the year, some 1,963,702 – nearly two million – use the road every year. This road is, in fact, a well-known rat-run to and from Hainault, Chigwell, Brentwood and outer Essex.

Of the 35,405 vehicles travelling North, some 56% exceeded the speed limit of 30mph; of the 40,122 vehicles travelling South, some 53% exceeded the speed limit of 30mph.

The busy periods on weekdays are between 7am and 10am in the mornings and 3pm and 6pm in the evenings – when parents and children are walking or driving to school, and those in work are driving or walking to their place of business. During these times some 52% – over half – are driving above the speed limit of 30mph.

**Aldborough Hatch Defence Association
Annual General Meeting
Friday 22nd November 2013 at 8pm
St Peter's Church Halls - Aldborough Road North
Agenda overleaf
*All are very welcome to attend***

Surprisingly, Thursday is the busiest day for vehicles, followed by Friday; Saturday is busier than Sunday; the fewest vehicles are on the road on Tuesday; on Monday there are more vehicles on the road than on Saturday. We are unsure what this proves – if anything!

The highest speed recorded is 80-85mph. One vehicle travelled South at 80-85mph on Tuesday 16th between 7pm and 8pm. Two vehicles travelled South at 75-80mph – one on Saturday 13th between 10am and 11am, and one on Thursday 18th between 8pm and 9pm. No vehicles travelling North exceeded 75mph.

The full Report will be presented to the AHDA Annual General Meeting where the statistics will be on view. Members will have the opportunity to indicate how they would like to see this report taken forward.

Litter-pick success

Some 50 residents spent a Saturday morning in May collecting litter, filling over 50 sacks with rubbish discarded in ditches, hedgerows and roads by thoughtless people.

Led by Leaders and Scouts from the 1st Aldborough Hatch (St. Peter's) Scout Group, the event was organised jointly with the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association. Bottles, cans, fast-food wrappings and the like were collected from Bridleway 93, Oaks Lane, Chase Lane and Aldborough Road North, whilst the hedges surrounding St. Peter's were also cleared. Martin Wilderspin of the 1st Aldborough Hatch (St. Peter's) Group, who took part in the last litter-pick two decades ago, said: "I hope that it will encourage residents and those who pass through to stop dumping rubbish and litter."

We were grateful to Keep Britain Tidy, Redbridge Council and Lafarge UK for the supply of litter-pickers and sacks, and to the Scouts for serving a barbecue lunch at the end of the morning.



(Above) Some of the litter-pickers who stayed for the barbecue.

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at St. Peter's Church Hall on Friday 30th November 2012.

Present: Ron Jeffries (Chairman), Councillors Mrs Ruth Clark and Mrs Vanessa Cole, John Sharrock, Chairman, Barkingside 21, James Matthison, Aldborough Hatch Farm, and 20 members

(1) Welcome and introduction

The Chairman welcomed Councillors, members and residents

(2) Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from John and Jenny Allen, Vivien Bendall, Emma Bell, Ray and Mercedes Blake, John Coombes, Paula Dargis, Linda Hodges, Councillor Debbie Kaur-Thiara, Revd Kate Lovesey, Shirley Rudge, Joan Sullivan.

(3) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 25th

November 2011 Agreed. Proposed by Liz Ling, seconded by Ken Morgan,

(4) Matters arising

There were none

(5) Treasurer's Report The audited Accounts for the Year from 1st October 2011 to 30th September 2012 were presented, showing expenditure during the year of £289.68 and balance in hand of £716.60. These were agreed – Proposed by Ashley Briscoe and Seconded by Margaret Spence

(6) Election of Officers and Committee

The following were elected – Chairman: Ron Jeffries; Vice-Chairman: John Coombes; Secretary: Emma Bell; Treasurer: Paula Dargis; Committee: Vivien Bendall, Shirley Cox, Linda Hodges, Ron King, Pat O'Grady, Balkrishna Savant, Jean Sibbald, Nicholas Smith, Joan Sullivan, Keith Tranmer, Debra Wood – Proposed by Jean Smith, Seconded by Bryan Barnard

The Chairman welcomed Nicholas Smith to the Committee and stated that we need younger members if the Association is to survive, inviting members to encourage neighbours to join.

(7) Election of Auditor Shirley Rudge was nominated – Proposed by Shirley Cox, Seconded by Keith Tranmer.

(8) Chairman's Report The chairman reported on the following: potential planning application for the extraction of sand and gravel from Area E bounded by Aldborough Road North, St. Peter's Close and Oaks Lane; restoration at Aldborough Hall Farm; buffer zones; no further news of the proposal that the site of the Adolescent Resource Centre and the old Nursery at Barkingside is redeveloped for low level housing; problems with the restoration at the triangle at the junction of Chase Lane and Oaks Lane; the lack of progress with problems at Newbury Park Station; concern that cars use both sides of the traffic island outside the church halls between 7.45 and 8.45am; that there is still no bus running from Fullwell Cross to Forest Park Crematorium; problems with vehicles parked in front gardens so that they extend over the footway and gardens strewn with litter; monitoring activity around trees subject to Tree Protection Orders (TPOs); the flagrant abuse of planning permission; the developments at Fairlop Waters; the state of Bridleway 93; the announcement by the Prime Minister of "a year-long free-for-all in house extensions, allowing homeowners to build up to eight metres into their gardens without council planning permissions"; and concerns about buildings in Aldborough Hatch that are Grade II Listed and Locally Listed.

Questions from members ranged from why the Community Police had not followed through a proposal to erect a gate at the entrance to the alleyway behind sections of Ramsgill Drive – Councillor Cole offered to follow-up this issue and added information regarding the work carried out by the Council in front of the Oaks Lane Recreation Ground.

(9) Any other business John Sharrock, Chairman, Barkingside 21, referred to the £2M spend on improvements in Barkingside High Road, and confirmed that Barkingside 21 will continue to work with the AHDA to preserve and improve the environment. The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm, thanking Ward Councillors for their continued support and Jean Sibbald and the members who distribute the *Open Space* Newsletter.

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on
Friday 22nd November 2013 at 8pm in
St Peter's Church Halls, Aldborough Road North
All are very welcome to attend

Agenda

(1) Welcome and introduction

(2) Apologies for absence

(3) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 30th November 2012 (see first column)

(4) Matters arising

(5) Treasurer's Report

The Accounts for the Year from 1st October 2012 to 30th September 2013 will be tabled at the AGM for adoption.

(6) Election of Officers and Committee

The following have been nominated:

Chairman: Ron Jeffries

Vice-Chairmen: John Coombes; Nicholas Smith

Secretary: Emma Bell Treasurer: Paula Dargis

Committee: Shirley Cox, Linda Hodges, Pat O'Grady, Balkrishna Savant, Jean Sibbald, Joan Sullivan, Keith Tranmer, Debra Wood

Nominations please for new members of the Committee to the Chairman before the meeting or at the AGM.

(7) Election of Auditors

The following has been nominated: Shirley Rudge

(8) Chairman's Report

(9) Any other business

Ron Jeffries, Chairman

November 2013

Aldborough Hatch Defence Association

Application for Renewal or New Membership

I wish to: * become a Member of the Aldborough Hatch Defence Association for the year 2013 to 2014
* renew my Membership for the year 2013 to 2014
*Please delete as applicable

Name: (Mr, Mrs, Miss).....

Address:
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Postcode: Telephone:

I enclose £ as a donation towards the Association's Fighting Fund (£5 or more per individual or family).

Signed:

Date:

Please hand in at the AGM or return to:

The Hon Treasurer, c/o 37 Spearpoint Gardens, Aldborough Road North, Aldborough Hatch, ILFORD, Essex IG2 7SX

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