**Agenda Item 2: Chairman’s Executive Report**

The association works to preserve, protect, develop and improve the historic and public interest areas in and around Southgate Green and supports features of social, physical or economic change which enhance community life. We also provide a forum for discussion of such matters, and provide opportunities for recreational and social events for the benefit of members.

Over the past year, Committee Members liaised with Enfield Borough Council (EBC) over matters relating to the upkeep and enjoyment of the Southgate Green Conservation Area and commented on planning applications affecting the conservation area. Social events were also organised. Committee members attended regular meetings of the Conservation and Heritage Group, Southgate District Civic Voice and Friends of Parks. The following is a brief summary of some of the actions taken.

**Planning:**

1. Members of the SGA Executive Committee (EC) reviewed plans for a development at the corner of Ballams Lane and the High Street. A revised plan reduced the number of flats but the application was refused in November. The EC met with members of Mitchells & Butler (M&B) management team regarding essential repairs to The Cherry Tree and plans for the refurbishment of the Pub and restaurant We provided information to members and feedback to M&B in particular regarding retention of signage and name. Other householder applications were also reviewed as well as licensing and advertising applications.
2. The Chair of the SGA contributed comments on the Draft Local Plan on behalf of the SGA.
3. The SGA liaised with LBE to replace the Minchenden Garden gated and the plaques which were stolen. LBE now attend more regularly for grass cutting but some essential tree works are yet unscheduled.
4. Arnos Grove CPZ Extension – the SGA supported the Minchenden estate residents in their campaign against the CPZ extension which has now been put on hold.

**Environment:**

1. Roundabout- We are in ongoing discussion with LBE regarding repair work to the kerb around the roundabout and the clearance and replanting of the flower bed.
2. Trees – No New trees have been planted this year. We urge members to help with summer watering.
3. Street Furniture- Fingerpost sign- LBE Heritage team have been asked to schedule maintenance of the sign.
4. Telephone Box- Adopt a phonebox- SGA is considering ways in which this could be used for community purpose.
5. Information Board on the Green- We have plans for creating an information board on The Green which gives a visual history of the area. Old photos, and press clipping are welcome.

**Events:**

1. The SGA sponsored the annual Groundforce Day on Sunday 22nd September 2024. This brought in some new faces and the footpath near The Stocks was significantly enhanced.
2. The SGA ran a stall at the Palmers Green Festival, Broomfield Park on 1st September. This promoted the work of the organisation and attracted a few new members.
3. The SGA organised with the choir from Christ Church for Christmas Carols around the Christmas tree at The Green on 17th December. There was a very good turnout and hopefully will become an annual event.

**Chris Horner**

**Chair**