

Cray Valley West



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FINE ALES, WINES,  
BEER & SPIRITS  
HOT FOOD & SNACKS  
BEER GARDEN  
CHILDREN WELCOME  
TUESDAY QUIZ NIGHT

## Welcome to all our members...and potential new members

This leaflet is designed to give you an insight into who the LCRA are...

This newsletter is concentrating mainly on the continuing efforts of our hard working Issues Group, whose aim is to maintain and improve standards in the Cray Valley West area.

The Issues Group are one of three sub groups in the LCRA who get together between the monthly LCRA meetings to discuss local issues, pinpoint areas of concern and then act to put it right..

The group is very active in it's liaison with LB Bromley Officers and Local Councillors to achieve the improvements the LCRA feel are necessary.

The LCRA Issues Group members also connect up with other LCRA members who sit on various committees as set out below.

**LBB Road Safety Committee:** This committee meets 2/3 months to discuss issues around road safety in the borough.

**Safer Neighbourhood Panel:** This panel meets with the local neighbourhood police team to discuss and vote on Police priorities in the ward and is populated with many dedicated LCRA members from across the ward. Our member, Alf Kennedy is chairman of the Safer Neighbourhood Panel

**Bromley Community Engagement Forum (BCEF)**

Alf Kennedy is also a Director on the board of the overseeing BCEF. This organisation meets with Police, Fire and Ambulance Borough Commanders and London Assembly members and the Council to discuss and influence decisions on policy across the borough.

**LCRA Friends Of The Park:** Our involvement in partnership with LBB Parks & Open Spaces Division sees us at the forefront of discussions and involvement to improve our green spaces

### A224 Road Safety Dossier

The Issues Group recently met with the LB Bromley Chief Engineer, Angus Culverville and Ward councillors from Cray Valley West & East to discuss and implement suggestions put forward in our recent Road Safety Dossier for the A224 Cray Avenue/Sevenoaks Way which we prepared earlier in the year. Moving on from our success with the replacement of the road's lighting which was sub standard, we concentrated on the features which would improve safety further. It is worth mentioning at this point that the A224 is the most accident prone road in the whole of the London Borough of Bromley, figures gained from statistics through our membership of the Road Safety Committee.

Our suggestions included improved maintenance of the road surface, introduction of illuminated signage on the 'D' islands, illuminated speed and school awareness signage, an improved road crossing for Gray's Farm School as well as looking for solutions at the Broomwood junction to make it safer.

This meeting formed the first of two meetings, the second to continue down Sevenoaks Way and into Cray Avenue.



We are being told that the improvements will be taking place over the next few months...well done to the Issues Group...making a real difference...!!

### Pushing For A Better Environment in Cray Valley West

The LCRA – Friends Of Brook Park meet every Saturday morning at Brook Way to carry out a litter pick from 9am-10.30am, split into two teams which means each team does alternate Saturdays.

The park is currently undergoing a massive tidy up programme which is due to the efforts of the LCRA.

One of our teams are pictured here at the end of a session with five bags of rubbish and one bike from the river...!!



## LITTLE CHISLEWICK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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### LATEST NEWS

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### ISSUES GROUP SPECIAL REPORT

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#### One For The Diary...

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month

Our monthly LCRA meetings are held in the Hall at the back of the **Bull Inn, Main Road, St Paul's Cray 7.30pm-9pm.**

The meetings consist of information, councillor's Q&A, talks from guest speakers and voting on various issues They form an important of community links for the whole ward.

**Next four meeting dates:**

1<sup>st</sup> Oct, 5<sup>th</sup> Nov, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 7<sup>th</sup> Jan

#### Pigeon Mess & Advertising Graffiti

The LCRA have managed to secure an agreement with the Council to monthly jet washing of the pigeon mess under St Mary Cray bridge on Cray Avenue You may have also noticed the disappearance of the advertising graffiti banners at the bridge, a few banners remain, which we are still working on

#### Mickleham Road

Our road safety dossier also included some observations of road surfaces in other local roads, in particular Mickleham Road, a road packed with pot holes which was not due to have any remedial works for another year or two, due to lobbying from the LCRA, the re-surfacing of this road has been bought forward to October 2012

**Events Group – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Street Party in Normanhurst Road**

It’s not all about issues, we have fun as well, this event was a great success and thanks must go to everyone who helped with stalls, preparing food and running the games, to the businesses who donated food & prizes for the raffle, to Jackie Brewer’s brother Colin..who provided the music...free of charge for the second year in a row...!!  
And to all of you who attended on the day..!!



The Duck Race event was cancelled this year due to the bridge in Brook Park being vandalised and the river banks & pathways, which had not been cut for months, being badly overgrown.

**A Neater, Greener Cray Valley West**

We were concerned about the quality of maintenance of the grass verges alongside pavements and open areas.

The regular cut was not of a high quality and cuttings were being left on pavements far too long causing a slip hazard. The Issues group met with contractors and council officers in June for a walk round inspection. Improvements were agreed to improve the cuts around trees and lamp posts, uncut areas noted and grass trimmings to be blown back onto verges. in an acceptable and reasonable time frame.

The Issues Group have also established the timetable for trimming the edges of verges, which is a four year cycle around the ward.

The Issues Group are now urging for better liaison between those responsible for scheduling of litter and grass cutting to avoid the litter confetti scenario which occurs far too regularly.

The park at Brook Way, off Sevenoaks Way, is undergoing a massive tidy up programme after lobbying by the LCRA – Friends Of Brook Park group.

Since January, the parks maintenance programme appeared to have been cut. We are also pursuing the repair of the vandalised bridge in the park.

**Monitoring McDonalds**

Over recent months whilst McDonalds have been establishing themselves, we have worked closely with the manager to alleviate some of the early problems. A problem with the smells due to filter problems has been reduced after remedial works were undertaken.

The upstairs windows have been covered with opaque film to reduce glare and glow for immediate neighbours.

Advertising lights in the car park have been switched off at an agreed time and the frequency and extent of litter picking has been increased following our requests. Safety remains our number one concern, being the LCRA’s key objection at the Public Enquiry, and issues of accidents on the main road are being addressed through our road safety dossier on the A224 Cray Avenue/Sevenoaks Way.

As for safety on the McDonalds site itself, the LCRA are concerned about road markings on the pavement areas and the confusion this causes to pedestrians and drivers as to who has ‘right of way’ which is in fact the pedestrian.

We have requested signage to secure this right of way for pedestrians before an accident occurs.

The LCRA are also pursuing this matter with the LB Bromley Chief Engineer and we have been told that a neutral third party company has been asked by LB Bromley to consider the whole arrangement...watch this space..!!

On top of all this the LCRA has worked tirelessly to improve the situation and this to date has also included;

1. The lengthening of the wall in Broomwood Road to stop glare from car lights directed at the houses opposite,
2. The planting of extra bushes by the grill spaces to stop McDonalds customers from looking straight into the property next door’s living room.
3. Replacement of the gated entrance with a brick wall to discourage use of the slip road
4. The planting of ten replacement trees, the positions of which has been selected by the LCRA, permission for this positioning was granted by the LB Bromley Chief Planner, Bob McQuillan
5. The closing off of the car park at night.

In conclusion, the LCRA are working positively to alleviate any problems, however we still believe there are serious concerns for safety of children and elderly around this site on Broomwood Road junction

**Chislehurst Road Bridge Visit**

The Issues group met recently with contractors working on the Chislehurst Road Bridge project to check on its progress and ensure that schedules were being met.

We are pleased to say that all seems to be going in the right direction and is scheduled to be finished on time. The LCRA were involved from the start in the preparatory meetings and made useful suggestions to the Council Officers from a safety and traffic management viewpoint.

The group were shown the construction carried out so far and were given a detailed account by the chief engineer on site.

The earlier 1958 bridge had been subject to water damage and corrosion to the extent that replacement was the only option.

The new bridge has a minimum life span of 120 years, it also features cladding to allow regular inspection without the need to involve Network Rail. Work is a little ahead of schedule and the LCRA have been invited to the official opening in November.



**We are also lobbying hard to keep the bus routes that a large majority of people want to keep**

**We Need You To Join The LCRA....the larger we are, the greater our voice...the more influence we have..!!**

The LCRA need your support, we currently have over one hundred members representing twenty three roads right across the ward, from **Poverest Road** in the North to **The Avenue** in the South, **Petersham Road** in the East to **Sevenoaks Way** in the West. We need members from more roads in the ward to join. Membership is £10 per annum per working household or £5 for those households with retired persons. Fill out the slip below and return with payment to ; The LCRA Secretary, c/o 118 Sevenoaks Way, Orpington, Kent BR5 3AE

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