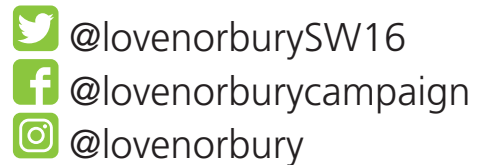


*Loving the area we live in*



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## What is Love Norbury?

Love Norbury is a community-led initiative (an umbrella group of four local residents' associations) working to promote and improve Norbury. The residents' associations are:

- **Norbury Village Residents' Association (NVRA)**
- **Scots Estate Residents' Association (SERA)**
- **Norbury Green Residents' Association (NGRA)**
- **Pollards Hill Residents' Association (PHRA)**

Since Love Norbury's launch in 2014, we have been joined by the Friends of Norbury Park, Friends of Norbury Hall Park, Norbury Bowling Club, the Cassandra Centre and the Community Land Trust. We also work closely with Litter Free Norbury and Knitting Norbury Together who both do excellent work in making Norbury a more attractive place.

## Aims

Our mission is to make Norbury a better place to live and do business by enhancing the local environment, building a sense of community spirit and pride in the area and developing partnerships between local residents, businesses and other key organisations.

The Love Norbury Committee consists of unpaid volunteers who give their time and expertise for the benefit of Norbury. We undertake a range of activities each year including:

- **Events:** As you will see in this newsletter, we organise regular events including our Christmas Fayre and Summer Fete. This year we also organised a hustings event for the Mayoral elections. We are pleased to say that the successful candidate, Jason Perry, will be joining us for our AGM on 21 September.
- **Supporting our High Street and Retail:** we engage with local businesses and, through the introduction of a 'Love Norbury' loyalty discount card available free to all Love Norbury members, we encourage residents to shop locally. In return, our local shops are encouraged to sign up to the 'Love Norbury' ethos, for example, by agreeing to dispose of waste responsibly. We also organise the annual festive lights that you see brightening up our high street every December.
- **Consulting** with and lobbying the Council, Mayor, TfL, Police etc on issues that affect Norbury.

## Love Norbury Annual General Meeting

**Date:** 21 September, 2022

**Time:** 7.30pm start (doors open 7pm)

**Venue:** Norbury Methodist Church Hall, 2a Pollards Hill North, SW16 4NL

Help elect a new Love Norbury Committee and set our priorities for 2022-23.

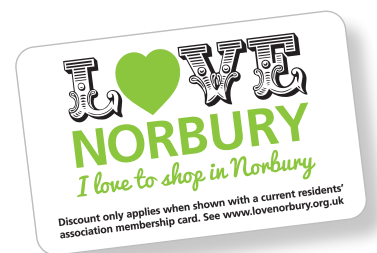
Mayor Jason Perry, Executive Mayor Croydon and your local Councillors will be in attendance to update you on local issues and answer your questions.

**Everyone welcome!**

## Shop Local

We're looking to restart the Love Norbury Discount Scheme and are in talks with all local shops to see what discount they are prepared to extend to resident association members in 2023.

During Covid-19, the scheme fell by the way side but we hope to have it back up and running soon. Shop local to boost the local economy. Remember, use 'em or we'll lose 'em.



As you will see in our Member Updates, our residents' associations are in desperate need of new blood in order to survive and thrive. Unfortunately, a recurring theme we hear is a lack of people willing to commit time and effort towards their local community and neighbourhood. As always, the mantra has to be: the more people who get involved the more we can achieve!

Whatever time/skills you are able to commit, you can be assured that you will make a difference and that you will find it extremely rewarding!

**WE NEED  
PEOPLE  
LIKE YOU**

## News from our Love Norbury Member Groups

**NGRA** has played a positive part in holding local councillors to account and highlighting the concerns of local residents including protecting the green on Semley Road and Hatch Road from misuse and saving the library from closure. Like lots of voluntary organisations, the pandemic has impacted on the Committee and wider membership numbers. New ideas and drive are needed to keep the NGRA alive and ensure that the voices of residents are heard. Without new active members we may need to wind up the association. If you would like to be involved in any way: leafletting, organising events, being part of the Committee, then please email us at [contact@norburygreen.co.uk](mailto:contact@norburygreen.co.uk).

During the Pandemic, **NVRA** continued to produce newsletters to keep in touch with its members. It has also supported the planting of a Rowan tree on the corner of Stanford Road and supported residents when there was a large traffic problem along Oakhill Road. It has also campaigned for road traffic calming along Stanford Road and was delighted when the car free time was introduced in Abingdon Road outside Norbury Manor Primary school. We are currently working to oppose the demolition of a house and other buildings in Bishops Park Road to make way for a 9-storey block of flats. Please email us at [norburyvillage@gmail.com](mailto:norburyvillage@gmail.com) or c/o 6 Oakhill Road SW16 5RG. Tel: 07841 576585.

The **PHRA** committee needs new members if it is to continue as a viable association. There is much satisfaction to be gained from serving your neighbourhood as a residents' association committee member – if you live in our area (see back page), why not give it a go? Contact us via our website: <https://www.phranorbury.co.uk/contact>

**SERA** continues to support our members and the community at large by taking up various local issues from the illegal actions of car dealers, unauthorised building works, and objecting to planning applications e.g. which would involve the loss of family homes.

84 people had a great time at our barn dance in April - a higher attendance than at pre-Covid events. For those who prefer something a little less energetic, why not come along for a chat and a cuppa at one of our coffee mornings? Contact us via our website: <https://seranorbury.wordpress.com/>



## Friends of Norbury Park (FNP)

FNP met with Xabier Mendez, Croydon Parks Team Leader, in the park in July and we agreed on a grass cutting regime, leaving certain areas uncut to encourage general wildlife, whilst the footpaths will have a metre-wide cut either side, as will the perimeters of the park to protect residents' wooden fences from fire hazards. It was agreed that park footpaths should have pedestrian priority over cyclists to protect the more vulnerable in the community.

At the time of writing, the rough sleepers and their encampment are still in the park but recently the police have spoken to them again and will work to find solutions. There is now a dedicated group of park litter pickers who are connected via WhatsApp and enjoy meeting regularly on Thursdays at 5pm. Email: [fnorpark@outlook.com](mailto:fnorpark@outlook.com)

## Friends of Norbury Hall Park

Use Norbury Hall Park? Or just live nearby and keen for it to be looked after?

We are holding a meeting for all to discuss how we can make improvements to, and better look after, our beloved green space. We have lots of ideas and we're sure many of you do too – so please come along. Join us on **Monday 10 October 2022 @ 7pm at Norbury Tennis Club** - entrance by 55 Ederline Avenue, SW16 4RZ. <https://norburyhallpark.org.uk/>

## Norbury Bowling Club

NBC is a lawn bowls and social club, which prides itself on its excellently-maintained facilities and, in particular, the friendliness of its members. During the summer months we open our doors on Saturday mornings to those who would like to try their hand at the game. There are usually experienced players on hand to offer advice. Numerous social events are also held throughout the year, and the club house is open on Tuesday afternoons, all year round, for an informal "get together" for both players and social members. Contact Jeff Slough on 07523 576131.

## Cassandra Centre News

The Centre supports women and girls who are survivors of abuse and works with young people 13-25 to identify and tackle domestic and sexual abuse in their relationships. During lockdown we delivered hot meals to support people in need. We run an over 50s lunch club (Thursdays) and a 13+ youth club (last Friday of the month). Please check our website for details of upcoming events. <https://cassandracentre.org.uk/>

## The Community Land Trust

The Norbury Community Land Trust AGM on 6 September is considering its future in the light of the rejection of its bid to manage Harlow Hall. The Trust has asked the developer of the former British Legion Hall if it could take on the management of the proposed renovated ground floor community hall. It is also working up a proposed Norbury Heritage project linking improving information and knowledge about Norbury's history along with improved signage along London Rd and plaques. The Trust website is at <https://norburylandtrust.org.uk>

## Litter Free Norbury



Litter Free Norbury organises regular clean up events across Norbury. The group, boasting 250+ members, engages with residents about the issues they are seeing on the streets and looks at the causes and solutions, e.g. at specific fly-tipping hot spots. It frequently takes the Council to task on issues such as the performance of the cleaning contractor, missed collections and delays in the replacement of household bins and pushes for enforcement action against fly-tippers. [contact@litterfreenorbury.org](mailto:contact@litterfreenorbury.org).

## Ho-ho-ho



*Heidi Tompson from Sugar & Spice with ex-mayor Sherwan Chowdhury at last year's fayre*

We look forward to welcoming you to the **Love Norbury Christmas Fayre on 26 November** from 12.00 at the Norbury Methodist Church. The big man in red, Santa that is, will be in attendance and situated in his grotto, surrounded by toys and ready to meet Norbury's little ones. As it's a family event, there'll be lots of activities for kids including: write a letter to santa, face painting, decorating gingerbread and drawing.

For the grownups, start your Christmas shopping here and pick up presents from a range of stalls selling cakes, cookies and other seasonal sweet treats, savoury food, books, jewellery, accessories, candles, plants, clothes, as well as a raffle and much, much more.

David Clark was a long-time member of NVRA and, though never a committee man, did much to help build it up in the early years. He also worked hard persuading shops and businesses to join the Love Norbury discount scheme. David was well known in the area for his work on Norbury history. He led walks, gave talks and produced a number of pamphlets including the series of Norbury Histories. David was a valued member of the team at the local Cancer Research Charity Shop and fundraised by looking after bookcases in Nat West and at Norbury & Streatham Common stations. He also loved gardening, looking after flower beds at Harlow Hall on Stanford Road and those at Norbury Station. David lived in Norbury for more than 50 years and really cared about our community, contributing to it a great deal. He will be missed. Our sympathies go to his wife Linda and all his family and many friends.



*A Knitting Norbury Together Installation*

## Lovely Jubilee

The Love Norbury Jubilee Festival in June was a success with hundreds of people coming throughout the afternoon. The kids loved the range of activities such as the puppet shows, the fire engine, the bouncy castle, the face painting, the sand pit and other activities. The raffle had a wide range of prizes donated by individuals and by businesses along London Rd. The stall holders did a good trade and several have said they look forward to next year's Festival.

It was described as "a fantastic event. I've never seen so many of my Norbury friends in one place before... Brilliant!"

## Norbury Library

After many years of campaigning, residents were delighted to see Norbury Library refurbished and re-opened in July 2021. The children's library looks especially good. We were also pleased to see the upper room ready for use given the shortage of meeting places in Norbury. However, things have not been so good since. A flood in the main library in August 21 has still not been repaired and the upstairs room has barely been used. Most disappointing of all is that our library is now open only three days a week – and there is no Saturday opening. In the meantime, we have written to Mayor Perry expressing our concerns. Norbury Library could and should be at the heart of the area's cultural activity.



## Roads by Residents Association



### PHRA:

<https://www.phranorbury.co.uk/contact>

**Area covered:** Pollards Hill Park • Beatrice Avenue • Beech Road • Briar Road • Cranbourne Close • Ena Road (between Norbury Court and Pollards Wood Road) • Forrest Gardens • Highdaun Drive • Hill Drive • Norbury Court Road (optional) • Pollards Crescent • Pollards Hill East • Pollards Hill North • Pollards Hill South • Pollards Hill West • Pollards Wood Road and Tall Trees

### NGRA:

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**Area covered:** Bavant Road • Darcy Road • Elgar Avenue • Hatch Road • London Road • (West)/Norbury Court Road • Norbury Rise • Norton Gardens • Semley Road • Tylecroft Road • Bennett Gardens • Ena Road • Granden Road • Isham Road • Newlands Road • Norbury Cross • Northborough Rd • Palmers Road • Tisbury Road



### NVRA:

[norburyvillage@gmail.com](mailto:norburyvillage@gmail.com)

**Area covered:** Abingdon Rd • Acacia Rd (1-31) • Bishops Park Rd • Colebrook Rd • Croindene Rd • Fairview Rd • Lloyd Avenue • London Rd (west side) • Oakhill Rd • Roche Rd • Scott Close • Southbrook Rd • Stanford Rd (1-163) • Turle Rd (1-39) • Upwood Rd • Woodmasterne Rd (Croydon only)



### SERA:

<https://seranorbury.wordpress.com/contact/>

**Area covered:** Ardfern Avenue • Craguish Avenue • Dalmeny Avenue • Dunbar Avenue • Ederline Avenue • Kilmartin Avenue • Kintyre Close • London Road • Melrose Avenue • Norbury Crescent • Strathyre Avenue • St.Helen's Crescent • St.Helen's Road



## Useful Contacts

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020 8665 1214

### Jason Perry,

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### Safer Neighbourhood Team:

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**Croydon University Hospital** 020 8401 3000  
**Norbury Library** 020 7884 5215

### Knitting Norbury Together:

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### Norbury Watch:

<https://norburywatchblog.wordpress.com/>  
(Regular blog about events, news & issues effecting Norbury)

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07562 430 010 | [leila.ben-hassel@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:leila.ben-hassel@croydon.gov.uk)

## Key Dates for Your Diary

- **Love Norbury AGM**  
21 September 7.30pm at Norbury Methodist Church
- **Friends of Norbury Hall Park General Meeting**  
10 October, 7pm at Norbury Park Tennis Club
- **Love Norbury Christmas Fayre**  
26 November, 12-5pm, Norbury Methodist Church, 2a Pollards Hill N, Norbury, London SW16 4NL



**NORBURY FESTIVE LIGHTS  
WILL BE BACK FOR 2022**

Festive lights will be installed along London Road and outside Norbury Train Station (on Norbury Avenue) and will be switched on around mid-November.

We hope they will bring a little bit of sparkle and cheer to all.

