



ridley avenue
residents association &
neighbourhood watch

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Constitution Of Ridley Avenue Residents Association and Neighbourhood Watch ('RARA')

1. Aims and Objectives

First and foremost, RARA aims to act as a Neighbourhood Watch group, providing residents with the latest crime statistics for the area, passing on crime prevention information and providing a link between the Metropolitan Police and the local community. RARA also aims to provide residents with a link to the borough-wide Neighbourhood Watch organisation.

In addition, RARA aims to:-

- provide a forum for the residents of Ridley Avenue to get to know each other;
- provide a forum for the resolution of local issues;
- act as a facilitator to direct residents to the appropriate place for resolution where issues fall outside the immediate vicinity of Ridley Avenue, or are otherwise outside RARA's remit; and
- coordinate sub-committees as appropriate should residents so require

2. Membership

RARA shall be apolitical and non-sectarian. Membership shall be open to all residents of Ridley Avenue. (Membership may be offered to residents of neighbouring roads on the basis of proximity and at the discretion of the Coordinating Group). There is no membership fee.

3. Meetings

Four General Meetings of members shall be held each calendar year, the last of which shall include an Annual General Meeting. No more than 15 months should elapse between Annual General Meetings. Minutes will be kept of decisions made.

Coordinating Group Meetings will be held as required and minutes kept of decisions made.

4. Coordinating Group

The Coordinating Group should consist of a Coordinator, Vice-Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer (the latter position being required only if and when monies are handled) and a maximum of 4 further Coordinating Group members.

The Coordinating Group members are to be elected (or re-elected) annually at the Annual General Meeting. Coordinating Group members may also be elected at other General Meetings.

A quorum shall be three-quarters of the total Coordinating Group. Each Coordinating Group member present at a Coordinating Group Meeting shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of a tied vote, the Coordinator shall have the casting vote.

There may only be one Coordinating Group member per household and Coordinating Group membership shall lapse if a member does not attend three successive meetings (taking into account both General and Coordinating Group Meetings). Coordinating Group members must be residents of Ridley Avenue.

5. Financial Arrangements

Any bank account shall be in the name of the Ridley Avenue Residents Association and each cheque shall bear the signature of two Coordinating Group members. The Treasurer will keep accounts and a payment and receipts account will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

6. Winding Up

In the event of the Coordinating Group proposing to wind up the Association, a General Meeting shall be convened and the decisions of the General Meeting regarding any matter, including distribution of resources, shall be final.