

SUDBURY TOWN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (STRA) NEWS LETTER MAY 2011

**Together we can make a Difference
Please join us to achieve this aim
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OBJECTIVES

The objectives of STRA are to serve and encourage wider participation by the community (including the shops) in the restoration of a clean and safe environment within Sudbury. STRA will work closely with Brent Council and other authorities to improve the conditions and safety in the area. STRA is a non-party political and non-sectarian organisation.

This newsletter brings you up to date on current issues and their progress.

- **PANN SPITTING AND SPITTING**
STRA believes that this behaviour is antisocial, disrespectful and unhygienic. Because Paan spitting damages the pavements, walls and street furniture it is classified as criminal damage.

Following STRA representation Brent Council has now put three posters up in Sudbury Town. The Police have

issued approximately forty £80 fines since January 2011.

- **CRIME/ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**
STRA regularly liaises with the Sudbury Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT). The SNT is located at Vale Farm. STRA report trouble spots and incidents as and when they are brought to our attention. You too can contact your the Safer Neighbourhood team directly on 0207 161 8065 or email them at Sudbury.snt@met.police.uk.

Renu Kaul Vice Chair Person of STRA is now a member of the Ward Panel. The purpose of the Sudbury Ward Panel is to be representative of the community in managing partnership activity with a view to improving the quality of life for those who live, work or visit the ward. This is underpinned by public consultations.

- **CLEANLINESS / GRAFFITTI / LITTER / DUMPING**
STRA has constantly reported fly tipping and litter on the streets of Sudbury Town.

STRA reported to Brent's Graffiti Team the location of graffiti found above Hamptons, C K Pharmacy, Newsagents, Paddy Power and Panesar shops in Sudbury Town. They promised to remove the graffiti early in June 2011.

STRA reported a pile of waste behind the Insurance Company at the corner

of Eton Avenue and Watford Road to Brent. Brent has issued a notice to the owner to remove the now bagged up waste at the corner of Eton Avenue and Watford Road.

- **BE PROUD OF YOUR HIGH STREET**
Tony Martin, Head of Street Care for Brent, has promised to tidy up Sudbury Town High Street.

Street cleaning:

The MAIN ROAD and about 50 metres in from the main road should be swept and all litter removed twice a day 7 days a week:-

Other street cleaning times

Compton Avenue

Rugby Avenue to Repton

Eton Avenue to Repton

(Mondays and Wednesday)

Rugby to Sudbury Avenue

Eton to Sudbury Avenue

(Tuesday and Friday)

For all other Roads

(type your address into the Brent website and find out when it should be cleaned).

Collection Services

Brent Council collect 5 items of household waste, for example sofas, fridge beds, mattresses, etc. 3 times a year FREE. All you have to do is call the Council on 020 8937 5050 and book a collection. You must be an owner or a tenant. You must provide a list of the five items along with your name and telephone number your

address and postcode. Brent will provide you with a reference number and a date for collection.

BETFRED LICENSE APPLICATION

Gambling: Following an application from the owners of 775 Harrow Road for a Betting Licence, members of STRA had collected over one hundred signatures petitioning Brent Council Licensing Department to reject this application outright.

Despite a massive objection from STRA members at the hearing on Thursday 26 May 2011 Brent Council granted a licence to Betfred Betting Shop. This will be the third betting shop in Sudbury Town.

STRA will continue to observe the antisocial behaviour in front of betting shops and take appropriate action. If you notice any unacceptable behaviour please report to one of the STRA Members.

Drugs: STRA discovered drug dealing and drug usage in the undergrowth between Compton Avenue / Vale Farm and behind the shops at the junctions of Eton Avenue and Watford Road, Rugby Avenue and Harrow Road and Elton Avenue and Harrow Road. This has been reported to the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) at Vale Farm. The SNT are investigating and will report back to STRA.

Alcohol: As a result of STRA's report to SNT of excessive drinking on the High Street posters will be placed along the Harrow Road.

STRA is constantly looking at ways to stop the excessive drinking that takes place on Harrow Road during the week and weekend especially on a Friday and Saturday night. STRA has campaigned hard to stop this and the SNT agreed to step-up enforcement and put up posters.

STRA will be meeting PC Tommy Hughson and PC Ian Walker to help in putting up signage/posters on Thursday, 2 June 2011 – WATCH OUT!

Burglaries: Burglaries' are on the increase. Since Jan 2011 there has been a spate of reported burglaries in the Sudbury Ward. You can check this out by going into www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods and all you need to do is key in your postcode.

We are working jointly with Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) to promote awareness. We are in the process of starting a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the area. Half the neighbourhood have already signed up. If you have not signed the form as yet please call Renu Kaul Vice Chair Person of STRA on 078 4040 91 42 to sign up. This is a nationwide scheme that has been very successful in reducing crime. Another advantage is

your house insurance is reduced if you are a member of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

If you suspect any unusual activity please inform SNT on 02071618066 or e-mail Sudbury.SNT@met.police.uk with details such as street name and location. In an emergency always dial 999.

Fast Food: STRA will also be looking at ways to encourage the fast food outlets into healthy eating and safe disposal of their polystyrene boxes.

GRASS VERGES AND ABUSE TO PUBLIC SPACES AND AMENITIES

STRA has noticed the forced removal of some bollards from the grass verges. It costs a minimum of £75 per bolder to install and it is important these are left to protect the verges. We are working with Brent Council Street Care Department so that any vandalism of the bollards is reported and actioned. Please protect your green spaces and report any vandalism to STR or Street Care on 020 8937 5050.

SUDBURY AND HARROW ROAD URBAN ROAD REALM SCHEME

You can access it on their website at www.brent.gov.uk/consultation.

There is a new road scheme being put in place for Sudbury Town. Please refer to the website for further details.

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The STRA membership fee for the
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