



# Camden Residents' Association October Bulletin

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## The Council's Liveable Neighbourhoods will make us busy next year.

There will be at least one Liveable Neighbourhood (LN, for short) chosen by the Council and we aim for Camden to be on that list of candidate areas. This is our goal. We've already got 152 signatures on our campaign.

There are many benefits for our residents if Camden were to be selected including much quieter roads, clean air and increased safety. All these are things we've wanted for many years. No more 'a neighbourhood divided by a road'.

**O**ur committee has 10 people on it. Most of us are willing to stand again but according to the constitution we are all subject to-re-election. This is a very healthy position as there must be among our diverse 1,000 residents a rich mine of talent and expertise on the street which we could tap into at this really exciting time for our locality. So do please consider standing for any post.

The closing date for putting yourself forward is **12/11/20** for the virtual AGM on 26/11/20. Just apply to the Committee Secretary, Louise Coates by email at [thecoatesp@gmail.com](mailto:thecoatesp@gmail.com). If you would like to chat about it then ring Jeremy, Chair (07966 717013), or Louise Coates, Secretary (07786 705507).

**W**e need people not just for the main committee, which meets every six weeks or so, but others to support our three main initiatives:

- a. **Liveable Neighbourhoods:** to minimise through traffic from elsewhere and making the streets round here quieter, friendlier and safe.
- b. **'Camden Lawn':** to turn this area into something more presentable as befits the Grade 1 listed crescent.
- c. Making the street more **social and sociable and looking better** – something we can take pride in. We have our annual carol singing; we've got more vulnerable residents looked after better than ever; we've a great pub; we've banged and clattered for frontline workers on Thursdays during lockdown, but could we not do more?

**Why not stand?**

Here are some answers to people's first response to getting asked about this.

**Is it a 'life sentence'?**

No, you just commit to serving for one year. We have potentially over 1000 residents out there so there should be no shortage of talent if you had to step down.

**I don't like committees!**

If they achieve very little then we can understand that. We do achieve tangible results and learn a lot about how to get things done in a local democracy.

**I can't commit much time.**

We meet every other month or so and each of us takes responsibility for one activity or mini project – that's all. We do need to understand and represent the views of busy people like you.

**I'm not sure what use I'll be?**

We often have hidden transferable skills and experience or have relevant hobbies – you'd be surprised!

**I prefer projects rather than admin!**

Many of us are like you. We've run various projects which have done really well and are very satisfying.

**I'm not here much.**

That's okay – there are probably quite a few like you and we need to represent all types of residents and need to understand your perspective. With modern communications much can be achieved without meeting in person all that much, and besides you may have other experiences from elsewhere.

**Do we have fun?**

Yes, we try to! Clearing snow and gritting in times of need is pretty rewarding. Working together to make local democracy work is quite fun too.

This coming year could be very exciting for those living in the Camden neighbourhood. We need your help

Do give it some serious thought. We are at a very exciting point with the possibility of Camden becoming much more neighbourly and the streets being a meeting and congregating place rather than intimidating and busy.

Here is a list of the positions available. You can find more about the committee roles here:

<https://camdenresidentsbath.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/CRA-Constitution-o.6.pdf>

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	Position	How appointed	I wish to stand (tick)
Main Committee	Chair	Elected	
	Secretary		
	Treasurer		
	Web-site manager		
	Ordinary committee member (x6)		
Sub-groups	Liveable Neighbourhood	Appointed by Main Committee	
	Camden Lawn		
	Social and sociable		
	Your idea for a sub group		

Please complete and deliver to Louise Coates, Thorham Villa, City View, Camden Road. It has the palm trees in the front garden, next to Camden Lawn. In due course you will be invited to write a few sentences about why you would like to stand.