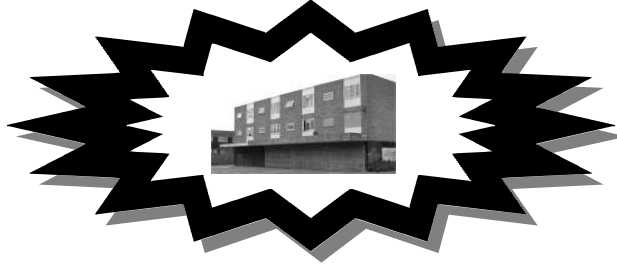


# CHANNEL ISLES & DISTRICT TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



**DO YOU WANT  
IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR AREA?  
FACILITIES FOR OUR KIDS?  
TO FIGHT CRIME AND VANDALISM?  
BETTER PARKING AND LOCAL SERVICES?  
*IF SO SUPPORT THE NEWLY FORMED  
TENANTS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION***

**If you don't come out and support us. Don't complain if things are done that you are not happy with.**

**I have lived in the area for about 30 years and am fed up with having to put up with the above issues and generally lack of respect for people and property. I know we have a very strong community but one that doesn't like to get involved. I hope you will take the time, come out and help the 11 strong Association to try and deal with these problems. There are plenty of spaces on the committee for more members if you are up for it, come to the open meeting on the 13th November (details on page 3)**

**We will be setting up a big open meeting and introducing us as soon as we get funding sorted. Until then this newsletter is the only way to communicate what we are doing, unless anybody can get a hall for free. (Association contact details are on page 4)**

**We are finally up and running. Thanks to all the committee members for all their hard work, it's been a very busy few months setting the constitution and working out the best way to represent the area. Thanks especially to their partners for their patience and support. A special thanks to my wife who never see's me any more.**

**The housing offices, Police and Council departments now know of our existence and have started to communicate with us. Now we have an Association the Council departments must come through us if they plan to do anything in this area.**

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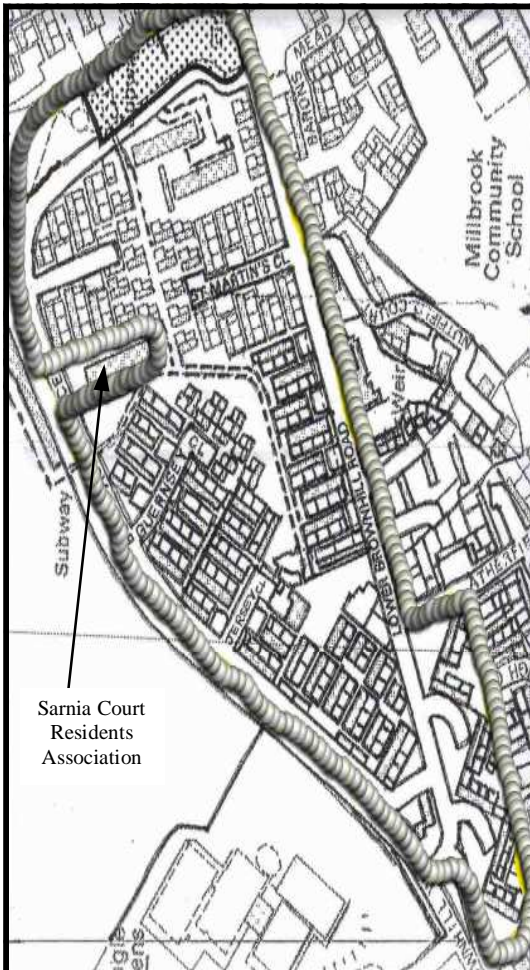
**THE  
COMMITTEE**



**Gary Waters (Chair)**  
St Helier  
**Jo Van Trigt (Vice-Chair)**  
Jersey Close  
**Sylvia O'Halloran (Secretary)**  
Lower Brownhill  
**Jacky Issac (Treasurer)**  
St Helier

**Committee Members**  
**Terry Brackstone - Lower Brownhill**  
**Edward Lang - St Martins**  
**John Brewer - St Helier**  
**Paul Hennessey - Guernsey Close**  
**Diane Brown - Lower Brownhill**  
**Karen Hunt - St Helier**  
**Mark Russell - Guernsey Close**

## THE AREA



Sarnia Court  
Residents  
Association

**The committee is independent from the Council and has now joined the Council Tenants & Residents Federation . This will give us much needed support and a vast knowledge base of 30+ experienced groups which will be invaluable when dealing with the council.**

### Aims

- **To promote the interests of all residents of the area, and to assist in maintaining good relations between all members of the community.**
- **To promote all residents rights and the maintenance and improvement of housing conditions, amenities and the environment.**
- **To work towards the elimination of all forms of discrimination within the community by encouraging all members of usually excluded groups to participate in the Association.**
- **The Association shall be non-political.**

**Representatives from the local Housing Offices, Police and local councilors will be invited to the regular meetings.**

**An open meeting will be held quarterly.**

**Open Meetings of the Association are open to all members to speak and vote. The decisions of the General Meetings will be carried out by the Committee.**

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### JERSEY CLOSE AND PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

62 residents came to the meeting at Millbrook School (approximately 30 (4%) out of a total of 717 of homes in the area ).

The Council will class the other 96% as yes to the development.

All the residents at the meeting apart from 4 refused to choose one of the three plans. It was good to see the residents having a chance to air there views to the Council and Swaythling housing society. The following people were also at the meeting :

Architects, Neighbourhood partnership , Play areas Official , area housing official.

### WEST NEIGHBOURHOODS PARTNERSHIP CO-ORDINATING GROUP

Group made up of council officials, Police, Fire, councillors and residents to discuss the global issues in the area. Three working sub-groups looking into the 3 priorities identified by local people. These are Youth, Community safety and Housing and the living environment.

#### More Play Areas

The Association is talking to the Shirley regeneration about a few sites for extra play areas for the kids.

#### Oaklands Youth Club Every per month

#### Maybush Youth Club

The association is working with the Shirley regeneration and the landlord of the Saints pub to see if it's possible to setup a Youth club.

### NEW TWO BIN COLLECTION SCHEME

Thanks to all the members who signed the petition against the 2 weekly bin collection, it was given to the Echo and included in the 4000 petition the Echo presented at the Council meeting. Even though the councilors voted against the scheme the Lib-Dems are still running with it. The scheme is starting in Bassett and the Association will be watching this and speaking to the local Associations in that area.

### TEENAGERS WANTED

Sit on a sub committee and represent the kids in the area. Contact the Association to find out more.

### COUNCIL TENANTS WANTED

To join the committee

The committee needs an equal balance of tenants and house owners, currently we need 3 tenants to make up the numbers.

Being a Council tenant you can also sit on the Council boards via the Federation. Boards such as rent setting etc...

Come to the open meeting (see below). Find out more and be elected.

### SARNIA COURT FENCE

Some members have approached us to look into the proposed metal fence that will close in Sarnia court and it will take away some communal land. The council has put this plan on hold until the Association looks into it.

### STREET LIGHTS, PAYHS ETC..

The Association has organised a regular walk around the area with a council official to pin point all the repairs needed

### 4 NEW BINS

The west neighbourhood partnership have decided to put fire proof bins in the west area to try a tackle the areas litter and our area are getting 4 to try and help the litter problem..

### OPEN MEETING

At Rozel Court community room  
7-9pm Thursday 13th February

Some interested residents were on holiday at the first Meeting so we are having another meeting to elect more members and sign off the constitution.

#### Agenda

- Introduce the committee
- What does the committee do
- Sign off the constitution
- Elect new committee members

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Association has spoken to the Police about setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme in the area. The scheme must have at least 50% of members interested and it has been proven in many areas to reduce crime. The Police are willing to come and talk about it at our first big open meeting.

### How does neighbourhood watch work?

It works by a network of neighbours who supply neighbourhood watch coordinators with information about any suspicious activities in the area. These coordinators then talk and supply the Police with the information (about one coordinator per 20 properties). The Police then use this information to target and link crime with people. I know it sounds a bit like nousey neighbours but information is the key to fighting crime. If you want to stop crime "You have the power, use it or put up with it".

## FUTURE

The Association is looking into what funding we can get for future projects such as CCTV, Play areas, community activities and improvements to the area. There is a lot of money out there but we need a particular project and goal before we can receive any.

**ANY IDEAS?**

## CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION

- You can contact us through the local housing offices
- As you will appreciate we don't want to give out our private numbers so we now have a mobile phone, initial contact can be made through this phone 07717324010
- Email: [cidtra@ntlworld.com](mailto:cidtra@ntlworld.com)

## HOW CAN YOU HELP TACKLE CRIME IN THE AREA

**"Report the crime"** Did you know that the Police work on the crime statistics. The areas with high statistics get the most Police present. If crime is not reported in the area then the local statistics will not represent the true crime levels.

The police have a lot of mobile task forces which can get deployed, mobile CCTV units etc..

Take the Motorbike problem. If more people reported the bikes the Police would have a better indication of how bad it is. The reported calls will help the Police work out the best time to catch the individuals. A task force can then be deployed.

**POLICE NUMBERS.**

Tel: 0845 0454 545

But in an emergency dial '999'

## SERIOUS NOTE

I was a bit upset to find out when the committee members walked around the doors with the petition a few members were very rude. I would like to point out the Committee members give up their spare time and are working hard to make this area a better place to live

## LATEST CRIME INFORMATION

- Some members have had their petrol lines cut and petrol stolen (to fuel those Scramble Bikes plaguing our area).
- Some windscreens have been smashed by a gang of kids with sling shots this gang has also been seen smashing street lights.
- 3 youths were caught and their air rifles confiscated after shooting at cats and an aviary.

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