

St Johns Society & Friends of Friendly Gardens

Quarterly Meeting

29th July 2025



Agenda



- **1. Welcome and Apologies**
- **2. Chairperson's Report**
- **3. Treasurer's Report**
- **4. Community Projects & Events**
- **5. Planning**
- **6. Member Updates**
- **7. Any Other Business (AOB)**
- **8. Date of Next Meeting**

Welcome and Apologies



Chairperson's Report



- Greening talks held during Jan to Apr 25
- SJS became GDR compliant – Apr 25
- Rail Disaster Event held at the Brookmill – Jun 25
- Thornville Street mural funds raised, and project delivered successfully – Jul 25
- Progressing email communications ability with a target of Aug 25
- Scoping for new SUDs in St Johns and bid to be submitted by end of Aug 25
- Friendly Gardens upgrade with a target for scope / funding alignment by Aug / Sep 25
- Progressing SJV and FS new waste bins with a target installation for Oct 25
- 3 x trees awarded to St Johns from STfL with target planting date for Oct 25
- Progressing SJS website upgrade with a target of Nov 25
- Issues continue with litter, fly tipping, dog excrement and e-bikes

Member Updates



- **Active members (14):**
 - Paul, Sabine, Christine, John, Alma, Nick, Anastasia, Sebastian, Sean, Bernd, Claire, Rosie, Kim and Jo
- **New members (2):**
 - Freddy and Kuran (as of 29/07)
- **Non active members (2):**
 - Tom, Tim
- Decision to move away from dedicated workstreams to a dedicated pool of subcommittee members and community members, that based on aligned vision, approved projects and workload shall determine the focus and direction of the Society in line with the benefit to the residents.
- Categories and activities remain as Greening, Planning, Transport, Arts, Waste and Inclusion, however this does not limit other areas of interest being considered when raised – all subjects can be focused on where resources and capability allow.
- A quarterly newsletter will soon be launched using email to enable a wider community reach.

Treasurers Report



Cash in bank (28/07/25)

- St Johns Society: £740
- Friends of Friendly Gardens: £500

Society funding and forecast:

- Resident donations – all year round (to be reviewed and ideas welcome)
- Lewisham Lottery – all year round (to be reviewed and ideas welcome)
- St Johns merchandise (to be reviewed and ideas welcome)
- Greening Talks- September / November
- Street / Garden Sale - September
- Advent Windows & Raffle - December

Community Projects & Events



- Waste
 - Waste bins on SJV and FS
 - Litter pick relaunch (details to be published)
- Greening
 - Trees
 - SUDs
 - St Johns garden
 - Network Rail land
 - Friendly Gardens upgrade
- Planning
 - Healthy Neighbourhoods
 - Planning applications
 - Character appraisals
- Arts
 - Murals and sculptures
- Transport
 - SJ Train Disaster Plaque
 - E-Bikes Management
 - Supporting the set-up of the SJ rail users group
- General
 - Society networking - CPZs, Healthy Neighbourhoods - September
 - The Rail Users Group - September
 - Street / Garden Sale - September
 - Greening Talks- September / October
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Brookmill Road / St John's Character Appraisals

- Both are currently under review by Lewisham and 3rd party consultants
- Walkaround of two Cas in May, attended by Anastasia
- Additions / removals of parts of conservation areas discussed
- Questionnaire - comments collected from SJS committee and submitted at end of June
- Public consultation expected later in 2025 (to confirm with Lewisham Planning and publicise

Projects, Funding and Bids

Green Roots Fund application:

- Sites - Brookmill Road end of Strickland and Admiral streets
- No traffic alterations
- Looking for Highways approval prior to funding application
- Loss of 4no. car parking spaces to be replaced with rain gardens
- Future site - Brookmill / St John's Vale roundabout
- More complex site which would be easier to apply for funding once other two sites have been greened.
- Submission deadline is **21st August @ 2pm**



Projects, Funding and Bids



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Other SuDs location

- Friendly Street



Any Other Business (AOB)



Launch of the St Johns Rail Users Group – further details to be published

St Johns Railway Users Group

[SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER →](#)

JOIN US FOR OUR IN AUGURAL MEETING

The Users Group was formed in 2025 by a group of local residents who use St Johns station. The purpose of the Group is to lobby and work with Network Rail, South Eastern and other relevant stakeholders to bring about improvements to the station.

[VIEW EVENTS →](#)

OUR PURPOSE

The banner features an aerial photograph of St Johns railway station and the surrounding residential area. The station tracks, platforms, and a bridge are visible. To the right, a church with a large spire is partially visible. The text "St Johns Railway Users Group" is overlaid in a large, bold, yellow font. Below it, a dark red button with white text says "SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER →". Further down, a white box contains the heading "JOIN US FOR OUR IN AUGURAL MEETING" in bold, followed by a paragraph of text. To the right of this box is a yellow button with black text that says "VIEW EVENTS →". At the bottom of the banner, the words "OUR PURPOSE" are written in a small, white, sans-serif font.

Date of Next Meeting



- Committee Meeting - September 2025, 8pm - Brookmill
- Committee Meeting - November 2025, 8pm - Brookmill