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 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
- Advent Windows & Raffle December

Planning





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:

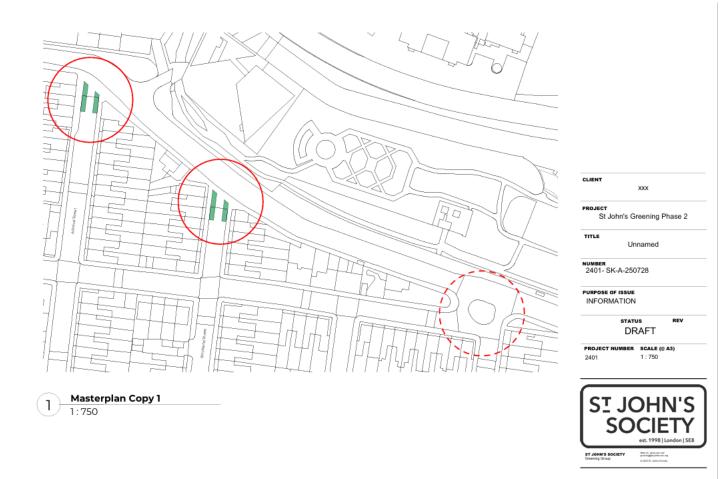
- Sites Brookmill Road end of Strickland and Admiral streets
- No traffic alterations
- Looking for Highways approval prior to funding application
- Loss of 4no. car parking spaces to be replaced with rain gardens
- Future site Brookmill / St John's Vale roundabout
- More complex site which would be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





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Other SuDs location

Friendly Street

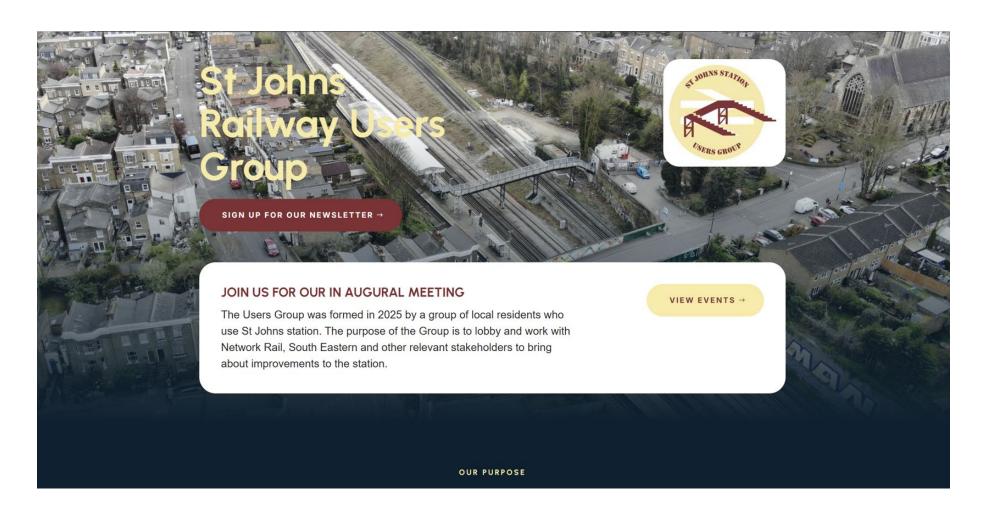


Any Other Business (AOB)





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



Date of Next Meeting





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