

Annual Report for 2015

On behalf of the Committee this is to let all our members know what we have been involved in for the past twelve months.

Several noticeable changes in the gardens include the removal of the old cherry trees in the rose garden. Nearly all were already past their best and although we would like to replace them, it was decided that nothing would survive well in that area. The plan instead is to add some new healthy trees to the east side of Palmeira Gardens. A request has also been made for some of the trees on the west side be pruned to improve the appearance of the area and to give more light to the properties. Funding is an issue nowadays and this remains an objective, but nobody can say if it will be done.

Also, sadly, the composting initiative, which was so well supported, has had to be discontinued due to on-going problems in that area. We very much appreciate everyone's involvement in this endeavour though and it is a shame it has had to be stopped.

Once again we were part of the Brunswick in Bloom competition and the area won a Silver Gilt award, with Palmeira and Adelaide considered to be improving. This is rather out of the control of members and is connected to the gardening cutbacks. A great deal of credit must go to all the other associations for the Silver Gilt success.

Two of our Committee regularly attend the LAT meetings at the Cornerstone and raise issues with the Police supported by our Ward Councillors. We have a good relationship with this group and if any members would like to join a meeting please do.

The other group we are associated with is Brunswick and Adelaide Residents Group (BARG). This is a combined group of representatives from all local associations. As a part of this, one member attends the Conservation Advisory Group meetings (CAG) discussing planning issues in this area. There is currently a proposal to rename this group The Brunswick Town Association, for stronger and better organised representation on behalf of our area.

The issue of rubbish collection is again being discussed by City Clean because they have found it difficult, and sometimes unpleasant to deal with rubbish from this area. They have requested a meeting with as many members as possible to discuss a way forward.

Last but not least our social events were much enhanced by an excellent Summer picnic, which was not only very well attended, but held on a beautiful sunny day. Several glasses of Pimms and picnic food were all enjoyed in Adelaide gardens. At the time of writing the Christmas Party is also being planned, and although not held in 2014, we have hopes of success in 2015. No coffee mornings were held in the last twelve months, so this is also a request that someone might like to host one in 2016.

Thank you to all members of FOPA, we very much appreciate your support. Also, many thanks to all the Committee members for everything they do for Palmeira & Adelaide.

Susan Hunter – Acting Chairman

FOPA ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2015

Income and Expenditure 6.1.15 - 31.12.15 (cut off 30.11.15)

INCOME	
Donations 2015	£ 232.20
Christmas party 2015 to date	£ 200.00
Bank Interest - Police Property Fund	£ 00.30
TOTAL INCOME	£ 432.50

EXPENDITURE	
Annual General Meeting (10 th January 2015)	£ 97.96
Christmas Party 2015 to date (room booking)	£ 40.00
Southern Water Garden Supply (6 months Dec 2014 – June 2015)	£ 13.38
Gifts	£ 30.00
Cornerstone meetings (Feb, July, September & October 2015)	£ 80.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£ 261.34

INCOME ABOVE EXPENDITURE	£171.66
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BANK ACCOUNTS	As at 30.11.14	As at 30.11.15	
HSBC - Current Account	£ 1,071.17	£ 1,242.53	
HSBC - Police Property Fund	£ 524.76	£ 525.12	
TOTAL FUNDS	£ 1,595.93	£ 1,747.65	+£0.20

Sue Hitching, Treasurer and Membership Secretary
30th November 2015