

Merstham Matters

A Newsletter from New Merstham Resident's Association

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New Merstham
Residents Association

Working with you & for you



Message from the chair

Hello, and welcome to a new issue of the New Merstham Residents Association newsletter.

The aim of this newsletter is to bring you information about the activities of the Association and other news and events from around Merstham.

As the year progresses we are sure that the newsletter will become fuller and we welcome any articles that Residents would like to see published. (All articles will be published subject to Editorial approval)

The newsletter will be published every quarter to start with, and as demand and news increases then issues may become more regular.

The next issue will be published in May, so if you have a school, local group event or any other news article you would like included, then please get in touch.

I am often out and about around Merstham, so please feel free to stop me and have a chat.

Best wishes for the New Year

Graeme Crome - Chair

Pedestrian Crossing on Portland Drive

After many long months of work and campaigning by The Portland and Purbeck Residents Association, the long awaited and very much needed crossing is being constructed on Portland Drive.

This should provide a much safer means of crossing this very busy road.



Merstham in Bloom

Organised by New Merstham Residents Association

February will see the launch of 'Merstham in Bloom'

This event has been organised by New Merstham Residents Association in an attempt to bring some colour, fun and community spirit to Merstham.

Posters will be going up in local shops and other areas to advertise the event and entry forms will be available from most shops in Merstham.

Categories will be;

Best Front Garden
Best Balcony or Window Box
Best Allotment
Best Pot or Planter
Best Communal Area

The competition is FREE to enter and the closing date is Saturday 1st June 2005.

The event has been kindly sponsored by, Reigate & Banstead Housing Trust Reigate & Banstead Borough Council and Surrey Police.

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Community Centre Project

The NMRA are currently working with RB Housing Trust and local residents to bring a community facility to Portland Drive, utilising one of the currently empty shops.

The idea is to provide a simple and adaptable space for a variety of groups and organisations to come and use. The main criteria being that, whatever services they provide must be of direct benefit to the Residents of Merstham.

This may include such activities as, an Internet Café, Adult Education Workshops, Job Club, and many more. It will also be able to provide a flexible meeting space for local groups (The NMRA will hold it's meetings there in the future).

If you would like to see a particular service in the centre, please get in touch, we will see if we can arrange it.

The NMRA hope that as many local residents as possible will get involved in the fitting out of the centre. The plan is to give the opportunity for Residents to gain skills and possibly some kind of formal qualification in such skills as Plumbing, Carpentry and Electrics. We want the centre to be built by the Residents for the Residents.

If you like the sound of this project and would like to get involved, please let us know, you can contact either the NMRA at the address below or through Andrew Furtek at the RB Housing Trust, Raven House, Linkfield Lane, Redhill, Surrey.

**GET INVOLVED,
YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

What do you want us to do for you?

If you have an issue you would like help with, and you think that the NMRA can help, please get in touch.