

# NCS NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter of the Norland Conservation Society

June 2006



*View of Norland Square, from the south, which is going through a process of enhancement while the new perimeter railings are being erected*

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2005/6 has been a year of further progress - both in terms of membership and conservation actions.

Potentially much the most important achievement in terms of enhancement is the decision of the **Norland Square** Garden committee and residents to replace the chain-link fence around the gardens with some fine iron railings - with financial and Gift Aid support from the Norland Conservation Society. This Gift Aid support, achieved through our Charitable status, will be worth some £1,000s. This will enormously enhance the Square, and, in fact, the whole Norland area, at this major entry to London. They are to be congratulated on taking such a major enhancement decision. (More details inside.)

Over the long run, vigilance and action on a whole raft of small issues is probably just as important, though less high profile, in preserving and enhancing

the area - as you will see in reading the reports on Planning and Licensing. Of particular importance is to ensure that there are adequate controls over undesirable development of unlisted buildings in streets which are extremely important to the whole character of the area, such as the southern half of Addison Avenue.

The **West London Tram**, proposed by TfL, is potentially a major threat, as you will read in the report inside. The **CC Zone Extension** seems now to be beyond consultation: Livingstone has simply decided to ride roughshod over the views of Londoners and of the Council of the Royal Borough and its residents; as reported previously, in our view, this will be to the disadvantage of Norland and our Members.

**Queensdale Road/Addison Avenue junction:** Having consulted with Ward Councillors and Traffic Engineers, RBKC propose to

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and SUMMER PARTY 2006

Wednesday 21 June 2006  
at 7.30 pm in  
St James Norlands  
Church  
St James's Gardens,  
W11

All residents of the Norland Conservation Area are welcome to attend.

(Non-Members will be asked to join at the door). Please join us, after the meeting, for food and wine.

There is no charge for this! Come and meet your neighbours and make new friends

## AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Chairman's Report
3. Planning Report
4. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Annual Accounts
5. Election of Executive Committee
6. Any Other Business  
- Discussion Forum

To join or to renew membership of the Society please send or deliver a cheque, made out to "Norland Conservation Society" to your Street Representative, as listed on the back page of this Newsletter together with the annual subscription rates.

install a raised granite-sett mini-roundabout to replace the current white "blob". Unlike other suggestions considered, this relatively uncontentious solution is favoured in order to allow the passage of larger and emergency vehicles.

A sub-committee considered and responded to the Issues and Options relevant to our remit as a Conservation Society, set out in the Council's **Local Development Framework** consultation paper. We also suggested to all our Committee and E-mail Members that they should do the same, since the Council was looking for as wide a range of views as possible.

**A key issue for the Norland Conservation Society is finding people (particularly younger people)** sufficiently aware of the importance of what we do, sufficiently public-spirited, and sufficiently committed, to dedicate a small amount of their time to help achieve our aims.

We have had a number of resignations from the Committee, and new people have taken on important roles in running the Society: Nonie Wolff has taken over as Membership Secretary; Libby Kinmonth, as Meetings Secretary, and has also replaced John Murlis as Street Representative for Royal Crescent; Tony Perry has taken over Portland Road, replacing Caroline Yardley.

But, sad to say, from my personal point of view, we have yet to find someone to join the Committee with a view to eventually becoming Chairman! Over the last three years since I agreed to be Acting Chairman, we have tackled some contentious issues. Things seem to be running more smoothly now. Perhaps I am fooling myself. I hope this Chairman's report will encourage some of our more energetic and public-spirited Members to get involved in running the Society. I look forward to hearing from you.

**Clive Wilson**

## Membership

Our size of membership gives us credibility and strength in our representations to the Council and other authorities.

Our current Membership (as at May 2006) is 340; this consists of 188 (55%) Life Members and 152 (45%) non-life members. This is less than last year as those who have not renewed since 2003 have been taken off our active membership list.

We no longer offer life membership, as this has the long term effect of reducing our income, but we continue to recognise those having existing life membership.

We are very grateful both to those existing Life Members, and other Members who make annual donations in addition to their subscriptions, as this helps to increase our income by about 30%.

If any Members who have not yet renewed their subscriptions still live in Norland, we do hope they will renew, either right away, by contacting their Street Representative (listed on the back page), or at the **AGM on 21 June 2006**.

We would also be grateful if all Members, who pay income tax, would sign the Gift Aid form as this adds to the value of annual subscriptions and costs individual members nothing.

Higher rate tax payers can reclaim tax relief on a gross donation at 18% (e.g. the difference between the higher rate tax at 40% and the basic rate at 22%).

Members are urged to pay by Standing Order: currently 48 (27%) pay by SO and 130 (70%) by cheque/cash. SO payments save us time and cut down on unnecessary administration.

**E-mail addresses:** We now have e-mail addresses for some 150 Members. This enables us to communicate quickly about any up-coming issues, and remind you

of Society events. If anyone is on e-mail and has not let us have their e-mail address, we would be most grateful if you could send it to the Membership Secretary, Nonie Wolff at:

**noniewolff@hotmail.com**

We are most grateful to David Campion, Chairman of the Pembrokeshire Association conservation area, and a long-standing Member of the NCS Committee, for his work in setting up and maintaining our Membership database, creating and updating our website and composing the artwork for our annual Newsletter.

**Nonie Wolff**

## Treasurer's Report

The accounts for 2005 show a surplus of almost £500 following a deficit of £138 in 2004.

This was achieved in spite of a reduction in income from subscriptions and donations of about £500.

There was a small reduction in the cost of the newsletter. Printing, stationery and admin costs were reduced by more than £1,000 after the abnormally high expenditure in 2004 when the Society's stock of stationery had to be replenished.

The annual lecture at the Synagogue was sold out and made a profit of £90 after our donation. Interest income was increased after we moved our deposit to a more favourable account.

The Norland Square Railings Fund attracted more than £11,000 in donations. The fund will have benefited from more than £3,000 of Gift Aid.

In 2006 the Society should benefit from the increased subscription rates.

Expenditure is expected to be close to that in the previous year, but the Society intends to make a special contribution to the Norland Square railings project.

**John Hodgson**

## PLANNING 2005-2006

Some 50 planning applications have come forward within the Conservation Area this year, about 20 fewer than previous years. We have made some 20 objections.

Applications have related to the familiar mix of ground floor extensions (conservatories or otherwise), mansard roofs (usually to match adjacent mansards), repairs of front steps, new rear French windows, temporary wheelchair lifts and associated temporary modifications to railings, shop signage, and change of use. Many of these were acceptable, and even excellent; some were an imaginative or overdue use of undervalued space; and a few were, predictably, attempts at gross and unacceptable overdevelopment.

Excavations under houses and gardens continue to exercise us. We will, supported by the Kensington Society, make sure that the subsidiary documents of the new Local Development Framework incorporate proper control over such works, potentially damaging as they are to the water table and to the stability of adjacent properties.

18 Addison Avenue is very much a case in point, with a large newly excavated area, undue extension at the rear, and a despoiled west elevation facing the architecturally unique Addison Avenue.



18 Addison Avenue

The Society was able to secure RBKC enforcement action on the over-emphatic railings, but more within planning law was not available to us. For this reason we have sought an Article 4 Direction on the unlisted

section of Addison Avenue south of Queensdale Road; now in place, this should prevent further such depredations.

The same property obtained an impractical permission to install double garage doors at its rear on Queensdale Walk. As we predicted, the turning circle within this narrow cul-de-sac is insufficient to permit entry by cars to one of the garage doors. One door is therefore blocked-in from the garden. This has meant that a section of handsome and redolent old brick wall has been destroyed to no purpose at all. RBKC Planning Department please take note.

Objections to the proposals for the residential replacement of the architectural offices at 24 Addison Place led by the owners of neighbouring properties were fully supported by this Society. These objections, which related *inter alia* to roof pitch and materials, downpipe drainage, and party wall problems including stability of house and garden walls, were in due course largely met by the developer. Accordingly, after some three years of negotiations, the revised proposals have been passed by RBKC.

We continue to be concerned by a new proliferation of For Sale signs. Unfortunately we can do nothing to control these except through an Article 4 Direction, only obtainable for a specific area once sufficient evidence has been obtained of incidence and excess. Photographs and dates of manifestation and (if possible) of length of stay are essential. Blanket orders covering (say) a whole Conservation Area are not available. Please send suitably annotated photographs to one of us.

We note with some satisfaction that at last our representations both in person and in writing to Mitchells & Butlers, the owners of the Prince of Wales pub in Princedale Road, have borne fruit. On 1 February the building was shrouded in scaffolding for what became a pleasing if possibly superficial

refurbishment of a dingily painted and long un-maintained west elevation on Princedale Road, an elevation which also showed some sign of structural stress. Though we have pressed for a return of the traditional pictorial signboard, this has not materialised, and the southern upper flank wall remains untouched.

The Tesco on Holland Park Avenue, though lying outside our area, has mightily concerned us in relation to its glaring design, the loading and unloading of lorries, the excessive and obstructive size of those lorries, the non-compliance of Tesco with planning conditions in relation to its Holland Park elevation, and the siting of the cash machine.



Tesco, Holland Park Avenue

Working through the Kensington Society, we have made our views trenchantly known. Some slight amelioration has taken place. However, following a recent meeting with PR and design senior staff of Tesco we are encouraged to hope that Tesco has at last recognised the unique nature of its London context. We believe that in due time significant modifications will take place to this and to other Tesco outlets in London.

In early November we met with the Ladbroke Association and the Pembridge Association to discuss common concerns such as overdevelopment, Tesco, the LDF, licensing, trees, and Holland Park School. Common understanding and action gives us all greater strength in negotiations and we hope to hold further such meetings. All members please stay alert and inform us at once of anything relating to planning which seems inimical to the maintenance of our handsome and unique residential area.

**Amanda Frame & Robin Price**

## PLANNING CONTROLS

We are very concerned about The Householder Development Consent Review proposals by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) which will have the effect of exempting alterations to private residential accommodation from planning controls. While this is based on the fact that 90% of such planning applications are approved anyway, it ignores the possibility that the balance of 10% of such works could have a disastrous impact on the street scene in conservation areas.

David Campion

## The Annual Lecture

From Magic Lantern to Multiplex

This year's talk, which was given by Richard Gray of The Cinema Theatre Association at the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School on 14 March, traced the history of the cinema through the ages. It was in 1895 that Auguste and Louis Lumière, photographic platemakers from Lyons, gave the first projection of their *cinématographe* at the *Plaque café* in Paris. London was quick to follow with a projection in 1896 in the Marlborough Hall of the Polytechnic, Regent Street. The new medium soon caught on and entrepreneurial travelling showmen exploited it showing moving pictures in public halls throughout the country and even in fairgrounds.

Advantage was also taken of the theatre boom in the 1890s to show films in existing theatres, particularly variety theatres, as part of their programmes. In fact, the *Coronet*, Notting Hill Gate, which was designed as a theatre by W.G.R. Sprague in 1897, ran film interspersed with live performances from 1916. Despite a distinguished theatrical launch, including the only appearance of Sarah

Bernhardt and Mrs Patrick Campbell on the stage together, the *Coronet* was never a great success as a theatre and from 1931 became a full-time cinema. It was acquired by Gaumont British in 1931 and renamed the *Gaumont* in 1950, but reverted to its original name in 1977. It was listed Grade II in 1989 and a second screen was built on the disused stage in 1998.

Other building types were converted to cinemas, and one of these was a restaurant at Notting Hill Gate called the *North End* and *Harvey Dining Room* built in 1861; it later became the *Golden Bells Hotel*, *Coffee Palace* and *Restaurant* with fifteen rooms above reputed to have had 150 gentlemen visitors a day! It was converted to a cinema called the *Electric Palace* in 1911. After going through further changes as the *Embassy* news theatre in 1931, it became a repertory cinema known as the *Classic* in 1957. The front was shaved off for road widening in 1962 and it became the *Gate* in 1974 being listed Grade II in 2000.

One of the early purpose-built cinemas was the *Electric* in Portobello Road, which opened on Christmas Eve 1910, the name intended to express the modernity of film. It was part



*The Electric Cinema,  
Portobello Rd*

of the London and Provincial Electric Theatres organisation which by this time was operating ten cinemas. It became the *Electric Cinema Club* between 1968 and 1983 after which it became very run down until it was restored both inside and out by Sacha Gebler in 2001. It is now run in collaboration with the adjoining club and is listed Grade II.

Mr Gray's fascinating lecture brought home the importance of protecting not only our local but also our national heritage of cinema buildings. The Cinema Theatre Association plays a valuable role in this work often being consulted by local planning authorities and advising amenity groups. It has successfully obtained listed status for many cinemas sometimes preventing demolition. Its address is 128 Gloucester Terrace, London W2 6HP.

Kathleen E Hall



*The Coronet Cinema, Notting Hill Gate, W11*

## 72 years in St. James's Gardens

88 year-old Patrick Daly came from Ireland to 36 St James's Gardens in 1934 at the age of 15 and has lived in the square ever since. Residents may remember him as a self-employed watchmaker, with his own clientele, working from home in the basement of No. 38 (where he moved subsequently). He is now in the Harrison Homes and has his own flat in No. 49.



*Mr Daly in the garden outside his flat at 49 St James's Gardens in 2006*

Mr. Daly says the square was always tranquil and peaceful. However, in pre-war "Norland" he remembers many stables and horses in all the mews, including Pottery Lane which had stables on both sides. There was still a good deal of horsedrawn traffic including a fire-engine, housed in Clarendon Cross. There were at least 6 bus routes going along Holland Park Avenue but transport was expensive. It cost 2d (two old fashioned pennies) to get to Marble Arch by bus, but Mr Daly could not afford this, so he bicycled to work.

In the 1930s, the houses in multiple occupancy, many on the north side of the square, housed what Mr Daly called "a mixed bag" of people, some of whom worked in catering and the hotel trade. His aunts owned a

lease on part of the house at No. 36 and he lived there with his widowed mother and sister (who was to become the Head Linen Keeper at the Dorchester). The south side was a "snob area - a people apart - owner occupiers, in business" with nannies and prams.

There were many corner shops, a big grocer called the "Maypole" in Princedale Road, butchers and a fishmonger, a local baker in Portland Road who made "beautiful hard rolls". There was also the Norland Market but everything could be delivered by boys on bikes. Everyone wore hats, whether bowler hats or caps, and women had, what Mr Daly delightfully called, "exaggerations on their heads".

Mr Daly remembers that it was on the whole an "orderly society". Only a minority behaved badly; there might be occasional bouts of drunkenness but people didn't have the money to drink. There were no hooligans and the police were in control. The "bobbies" walked in pairs, patrolling the beat. It was not unusual for them to "take a lad round the corner up the street and beat the living daylights out of him. He'd get a thick ear" and think twice about misbehaving again.

When asked if Mr Daly had ever "played in the square gardens as a boy", he said he didn't have much spare time for that. Sunday was the only day off and Sundays were very quiet. In those days, no shops were open of course. The churches were very well attended. For entertainment Mr Daly went to films at the Coronet and the Embassy. There was a music-hall at the Shepherd's Bush Empire, but this was a special treat.

But he remembers the terrible unemployment of the 1930s. The "youngsters" could find jobs, because they were cheap labour, but adults could not get employment. There was a Labour Exchange off Shepherd's Bush

Road where there would be a queue two miles long of dishevelled people, so malnourished that one wondered if they would make it home - and there was a "terrible sickly feeling of despair". The dole was only half a crown a week and "you couldn't live on that". But after the War everything changed: the pre-war long hard hours, the poor food and the Dickensian conditions became better.

During the War, having served in the British Army in REME (Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers), Mr Daly was taken prisoner by the Japanese in 1942. He worked on the Death Railway in Burma and Thailand and later in Japan. But he survived 4 years ("the Lord was good to him") to return home weighing only 5 stone 8 lbs - he had also lost two and a half inches in height. He often thinks of his comrades, "beautiful chaps who were murdered by the Japanese".

In the 1930s before the War the square had "a good appearance". But when Mr. Daly returned in 1946 he found all the railings had gone (melted down for the War effort) and the square gardens were like common ground. The houses were very dilapidated and shabby: no repairs had been done and no possibility of labour or materials.

After the War Mr Daly did a course on watchmaking and later became a self-employed watchmaker which he has been for forty years. In 1951 he married Mrs. Daly, who had come from the same village where he was born in Ireland. They lived at No. 38 St James's Gardens and had three clever and successful daughters. Sadly, Mrs. Daly died 5 years ago. However, we hope very much that Mr Daly will stay with us, as a treasured resident and lively narrator of the changing scene in Norland over the last seventy-two years.

**Catherine Wilson**

## Licensing Act 2003

The Licensing Act 2003 came into force on 24 November 2005. The Act extends the permission of the sale of alcohol to 24 hour opening and 'late night entertainment'. When first reviewing the potential for late night drinking and revelry within our area most of the Norland residents were not concerned for from the outset no one recognised the number of licensees within our area.

The Norland Conservation Society has constantly monitored the applications from the many licensing holders. It is important to note that if a licensee did not wish to change his license restrictions, no application was required; therefore when reviewing the applications received one must remember there are many which did not apply for a change.

The following is a list of the applications thus far received for the Norland Area (not necessarily within the conservation area):

- **The Castle**  
Holland Park Avenue
- **The Prince of Wales**  
Princedale Road
- **Princedale News**  
Princedale Road
- **Holland Wine Bar**  
Portland Road
- **Mandeep News**  
Addison Avenue
- **Bombay Bicycle Club**  
Holland Park Avenue
- **Nicolas**  
Holland Park Avenue
- **Cowshed** (formerly Orsino's)  
Portland Road
- **Rugby Club**  
Walmer Road
- **Stewart Arms PH**  
Norland Road
- **Kenilworth Castle PH**  
St Ann's Road

In August the NCS took advantage of the Email addresses of NCS members and notified its

members of four applications. Only three replies were received. It is important to note that a refusal must be supported by local residents. Without support against an application, the application will be accepted. The Prince of Wales was the most concerning and contested application received by Council. The local residents on all sides of the pub moved into action and it was duly refused.

All applications within the NCS area other than the Prince of Wales have been accepted without objections.

We know of no concerns over the licences granted to date. However, if there are problems, the Act does provide certain rights of appeal. A local resident has a right to appeal against the decision of the licensing authority.

**Amanda Frame**

## West London Tram

The local Council elections on May 4 changed the prospects for the WLT dramatically.

The Save Ealing Streets (SES) campaign swept Labour (who supported WLT) from office in Ealing Council. The balance on the Council was Labour 48 vs Conservative 17. Now it is Conservative 37 vs Labour 29. No one can doubt that this dramatic change was due to the tram being the point of focus in the election. SES now looks to the Conservative party to make good its promise to oppose the West London Tram aggressively.

All three councils on the route - Ealing, Hillingdon and Hammersmith & Fulham (also a swing to conservative) are now opposed to the tram. Local people feel their voices have been heard at last.

TfL's public consultation on the WLT scheme in summer 2004 showed 59% of respondents opposed the scheme and only 30% supported it; 47% said that the main disadvantage of the proposed tram development is

that it would divert more traffic onto residential streets. Paying no attention, TfL started local consultation on detailed implementation.

The Tram is opposed by Save Ealing Streets, Save Shepherds Bush Streets, (and, we understand, local MPs). Hillingdon Council led the way, voted against it, and instructed its officers to withdraw from any work related to progressing the tram proposals. Hammersmith & Fulham were still pro the tram but not with the plans in their present form. On past history, it seemed very unlikely that TfL would answer their concerns.

London TravelWatch (felt to be very much in TfL's pockets) supported it, but raised so many conditions for their support that it is hard to see them being met. Ealing Council was isolated in its support.

Originally, Livingstone said all 3 Councils along the route would have to support it for it to go ahead, but campaigners against it felt that it had become toxic for Livingstone. So no surprises if he ditches that commitment: apparently he is determined to push it through whatever the Councils say.

With the Local Council changes, it is hard to see how the project can progress without any local support. The government has recently refused to fund tram proposals around the country; so it seems unlikely that they will give funding. Fingers crossed!

The consultation has effectively excluded Kensington and the whole of West London that would be seriously affected by congestion resulting from the re-routing of traffic round Shepherd's Bush. The effect on Holland Park Avenue (and hence on the Norland Area) is only too easy to imagine. Though all popular protest to the Mayor's schemes seems to be disregarded, Norland Conservation Society will continue to object.

**Clive Wilson**

## THE WORK OF THE SOCIETY

Our Chairman's hand has guided  
The Committee from stage to stage,  
The marvellous work achieved here,  
Is clear on every page.

We all try with helpfulness  
And here our deeds record  
Our Members all bear witness  
The results are well assured.

The work we do brings tidings,  
To greatest and to least,  
The Committee all make efforts,  
So Norland eyes can feast.  
And with our Chairman's guiding  
words ringing in our ears,  
Our efforts all proclaiming  
Continue through the years.

Through early days of darkness  
Through early days of strife  
The committee all fought bravely  
To keep our way of life  
Their work has all proved fruitful  
As everyone can see  
And this must still continue  
If Norland is to be.

This area that we live in,  
Is enhanced by what we do  
We keep an eye on buildings,  
If Council plans fall through.  
And if you have a problem  
On up and coming plans  
Let your local member know,  
Leave it in their hands.

The NCS won't fail you,  
Nor leave its work undone  
With the Chairman's hand to guide us  
The victory will be won.  
And then, for all to see here,  
The Norland look will rise,  
And this shall be our motto,  
"Norland is our prize"

(With apologies to Edward Plumtree  
1821-91)

**Veronica Scott**



Norland Conservation Society

## THE COUNCIL'S E-MAIL ALERT SERVICE

The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea Council enables those who are interested to subscribe freely to its weekly E-mail Alert/Notification Service which provides selectable details of planning and licensing information within a Ward or a Conservation Area or in up to ten individual streets. Anyone with access to the Internet can sign up to this service using the url:

[www.rbkc.gov.uk/emailnotification](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/emailnotification)

and they will then automatically receive a weekly E-mail giving them the latest information for the topics of interest and the areas that they have requested.

**David Campion**

## New Railings for Norland Square

As reported in last year's Newsletter, at an EGM of the Norland Square Garden Committee, on 9 March 2005, it was agreed to proceed with the re-instatement of the railings, the original railings having been torn down in World War II. At this meeting it was decided to re-tender for the project as six months had elapsed since the previous tender; there was now certainty as to the timing and financing which was now in place. This exercise was successful and the price of the project was reduced by around £35,000.

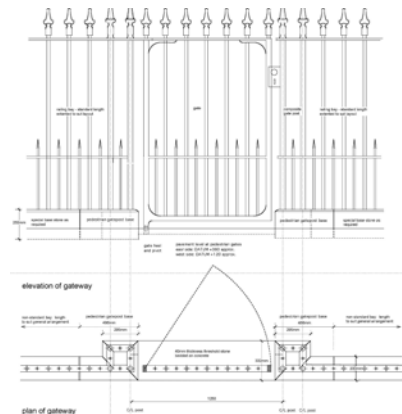
Work on pruning back the hedge was completed in February and the main project is underway. The contractor is The Cast Iron Company who recently completed the new railings at Avondale Park. Their plan is to start at the new gates in the south-east corner continuing clockwise via Holland Park Avenue. This will enable the Holland Park Avenue side to be used as the 'test bed' before reaching the sides that affect residents most. There will be a new third gate on the north side of the Square and it is proposed to abandon keys and to install an electronic access system which will be much cheaper in the long run, will avoid the need to change locks and keys every few years and will improve security.

It is hoped that the project will be completed by early autumn. The 2005 London Garden Square Open Day was a great success with a higher attendance than in 2004. The garden will be open again this year, on Sunday 11 June, with many attractions for children when visitors will be able to see the work in progress.

**David Potter** Chairman, Norland Square Garden Committee

## Garden Squares

Royal Crescent Garden, (left) is an example where the replacement of the railings around the garden represented a major improvement. The gates that are being erected for Norland Square are shown on the right



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2005 - 2006

Chairman:	Clive Wilson	52 St James's Gardens
Hon Treasurer:	John Hodgson	147 Portland Road
Hon Secretary:	Libby Kinmonth	32 Royal Crescent Mews
Membership:	Nonie Wolff	28 St Ann's Villas
Planning:	Robin Price	Flat 2, 5/7 Princedale Road
	Amanda Frame	23 St James's Gardens
Annual Lecture:	Kathleen Hall	6 Taverners Close
Newsletter/Web/IT	David Campion	12/13 Pembridge Crescent
Other Members:	Rosemary Bauccio	20 St Ann's Villas
	Keith Hunter	19 Queensdale Road
	Anthony Perry	10 Penzance Place
	Gregg Sando	52 Norland Square
	Veronica Scott	24 Addison Avenue
	Tara Stack	31 Princedale Road
	Catherine Wilson	52 St James's Gardens
	Wendy Woolf	31 St Ann's Villas

## STREET REPRESENTATIVES

The members of the NCS Executive Committee who represent the various streets within the conservation area, and are the primary contacts for membership and subscriptions, are:

Addison Avenue & Addison Place:  
- **Veronica Scott**

Norland Square & Norland Place  
- **Gregg Sando.**

Portland Road  
- **Tony Perry.**

Princedale Road & Pottery Lane  
- **Tara Stack.**

Queensdale Road, Queensdale Place & Queensdale Walk  
- **Keith Hunter.**

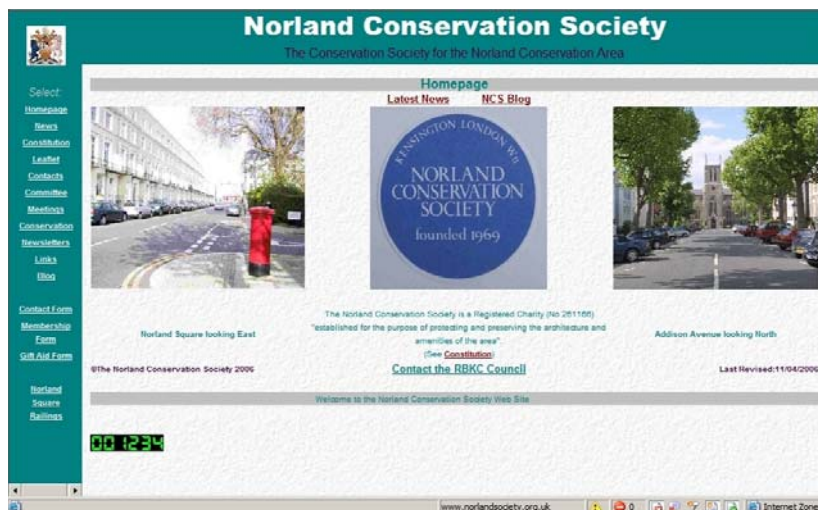
Royal Crescent & Royal Crescent Mews  
- **Libby Kinmonth.**

St Ann's Villas  
- **Rosemary Bauccio.**

St James's Gardens, Darnley Terrace, Penzance Street & Penzance Place  
- **Catherine Wilson.**

Taverner's Close & Outside Norland  
- **Kathleen Hall.**

## THE NORLAND CONSERVATION SOCIETY WEB SITE



A large number of local societies across the country now have websites that are used to provide information for their members and anyone else who wishes to find out about their objectives. More locally we are in good company with the Kensington Society, the Ladbrooke Association, the Pembridge Association and the Friends of Holland Park who all have their own websites

A website can be updated with new content so that members do not have to wait for the next issue of a Newsletter. The Norland Conservation Society website can be viewed at:

**[www.norlandsociety.org.uk](http://www.norlandsociety.org.uk)**

This contains copies of the current and previous Newsletters as a source of historical information. (You will need a copy of the Adobe Acrobat Reader software on your computer to display the latest Newsletters).

The NCS website has been further improved this year by adding a "blog" facility to it. This is accessible from the main menu on the homepage but also, independently, from the following URL:

**<http://norlandsociety.blogspot.com>**

This enables authorised committee members to E-mail "blogs" to it and, as importantly, it allows members and local residents to send comments on the "blogs" to provide feedback to the Society. This can cover both events and town planning issues which arise.

**David Campion**

## Membership Subscriptions

The basic subscription is now £10 per person but with £5 per concession. For couples it is £20 but with £10 for concessions.

It is hoped that as many Members as possible will switch to payment by a Bank Standing Order so as to minimise our annual administrative task involved in collecting subscriptions.

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