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The Newsletter for Riverside Avenue users and residents

**“Unity and understanding brings friendship”**

**Meeting highlights:**

- Good meeting with great attendance
- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme up and running
- Plenty of ideas to improve our road
- Website Launched with lots of local information
- Committee elected

**News**

With the current spate of civil unrest and rioting, it is a worrying time for residents, especially the old and infirm. Please do check on your neighbours and make sure they are OK. Riverside avenue would not make a great venue for looters, but it is easy for the vulnerable to become scared and overly concerned. Lets keep an eye out for them!

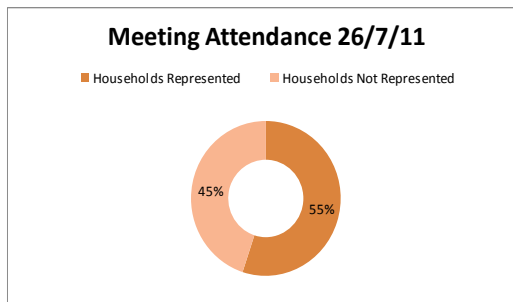
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**Meeting 26th July 2011**

Thanks to the many residents that managed to attend the meeting at the Broxbourne Rowing club! It was good to hear your views and even better to realise that so many of you have a like minded passion for protecting and preserving our locale. Dave, Steve and I would like to thank

holds. Many issues were discussed, so rather than detail them here you should find the minutes of the meeting attached



all of you who attended, which by my calculations were 55% of all house-

to this newsletter, if not you can always download then from the 'RaRa' website: [www.rarauk.org/](http://www.rarauk.org/)

Downloads.htm Please do use the contacts page to put forward any ideas/concerns etc. that you would like on the agenda for the next meeting. We are always pleased to get feedback, good or bad, as it will eventually determine our direction as an Association. Remember, the Association is ALL of us, which means involving ALL of us!

**Riverside Avenue Neighbourhood Watch**

We were fortunate enough to be given a talk by Mr. Colin I. Freeman MInstF. MIDPE. MITOL. RPII, The Essex Neighbourhood Watch Administrator - Western Division and member of the Essex Security & Fire Protection Association from Epping Police. He has got us started on our neighbourhood watch scheme, and if any residents have not joined this yet, I would urge you to do so. The form can be downloaded from the RaRauk.org website. Go [http://](http://www.rarauk.org/)

[www.rarauk.org/Downloads.htm](http://www.rarauk.org/Downloads.htm), print the form out and fill it in. You can then either post it to the address on it, or pop it through my door (Glenbara). There is lots of information about local crime trends on our website as well as some new 'scams' which are worth making yourself aware of! Go to <http://www.rarauk.org/Neighbourhood.htm>. What Colin was saying in essence is that we all need to be more aware of our

surroundings and look out for each other. We need to tell our neighbours when we go on holiday and watch their homes when they go on holiday.

There is a new non-emergency number for contacting the police which is 101, however, if you spot any suspicious activity please dial 999, and try and do so from a 'land line' as one of the residents was told by a reliable source the dialling 999 from a mobile may delay the response! Good tip!

"The objectives of the Riverside Residents Association are to promote a friendly and neighbourly outlook towards fellow residents, protect and promote our investments and ensure the safety and security for visitors and residents alike. Above all, a mantra of 'Live and let live' is paramount to achieving this"

**Riverside Avenue  
Residents Association  
Newsletter**

We're on the Web! go to [www.rarauk.org](http://www.rarauk.org) for news and what's happening!

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Remember:  
It's YOUR road!

Get your Riverside Avenue Residents Association map of your road complete with house names. Don't get caught out by delivery drivers asking where a particular house is again! Download it from [www.raruk.org/Downloads.htm](http://www.raruk.org/Downloads.htm)  
There are 2 versions - a simple .PDF document (Requires Adobe reader which is a free download at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)) or a high resolution Bitmap (.BMP) image file which will open with Windows 'Paint' The 'High res' version is a big download at 10Mb, but worth it for the extra clarity. Please let me know if you spot any errors and we'll correct them!

## Christmas Party

We know what you are thinking: It's far too early to be considering Christmas activities! Normally, we would agree with you, but unfortunately unless we DO think about it now we are liable to be disappointed when we come to book a Christmas Event.

It was suggested that it may be an idea to have a Riverside Avenue Residents Association Christmas event at the Rowing

Club and book a band. Naturally, Nobby, sorry – John Dalton, the well known ex-resident of Riverside Avenue and ex-bass player with 'The Kinks' came to mind. We are not suggesting that he will be available, because we haven't asked him yet, but we wondered how many people would be interested in such a venture?

If you could express

your interest, either by email to [deputychairman@rarauk.org](mailto:deputychairman@rarauk.org) or a note through the door of 'Glenbara' it would be appreciated. If there is enough support, it may be an excellent time to do yet more socialising and get to know your fellow neighbours!

## This Newsletter

I am rather hoping that this newsletter will be a regular feature and a useful vehicle for keeping you all up to date on what RaRa intends to try and do, and later on, actually achieves. I am also hoping that on receipt of this publication, those of you with email addresses will save my poor aching feet, by going to the [www.rarauk.org](http://www.rarauk.org) Website and subscribing to the electronic version! I can then deliver any future issues directly to your email inbox and avoid getting

chased by your dog!

I promise you that your email address will not be used for any other purpose other than sending the newsletter and keeping you informed of any news to do with your road, however, if you don't wish to divulge your email address (and I can quite understand your reticence, as I have to deal with far too many emails myself already, and most of them are spam!) I will make

sure any newsletter is posted on the website for you to download as soon as it is completed.

I would also invite you to contribute to this newsletter with any views, ideas or proposals that may be of interest to other residents. Please email [deputychairman@rarauk.org](mailto:deputychairman@rarauk.org) or pop it through my door.  
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