

REGENCY SQUARE AREA SOCIETY

The Regency Square Area Society was formed at a public meeting held last month in the Portland House Hotel. About 70 people were there, mostly residents and business people from the area.

Councillor John Smith spoke about the importance of local societies: he said that as a councillor representing the area on the Borough Council he found them very useful in helping him to keep in touch with his constituents.

The other main speaker was John Small who is chairman of the nearby Montpelier and Clifton Hill Association. Mr. Small, who is an architect by profession, talked briefly about the history of the Square and said that his association welcomed the formation of this new society just across Western Road.

The meeting developed into a general discussion of ways in which the Society could do things to improve the area. A formal Constitution was presented to the meeting and adopted with one or two amendments - and the new Society was born.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The Society's officers and an executive committee were elected at the meeting. The officers are:

CHAIRMAN - Eddie Edwards
38, Regency Square.

SECRETARY - Carol Clipsham
Adelaide Hotel,
51, Regency Square.

TREASURER - Roger Hinton
38, Regency Square.

Anyone who wants to find out more about the Society is welcome to contact any of them. Copies of the amended Constitution are available from the Secretary.

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WHAT IS THE SOCIETY FOR ?

The Society has been formed with a number of aims in view as is made clear in the Constitution. These are:

- to pursue matters of common interest
- to preserve and improve the character and environment of the Area
- to encourage good neighbourliness
- to contribute as a local community to the life of the town.

OVER 40 MEMBERS !

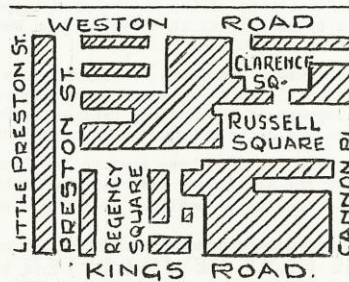
The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the group of people who had done all the work in getting it organised. Coffee was served while people queued up to get their names on the list of founder members.

At the end of the evening the Treasurer reported that the Society had already got 40 paid up members.

THE AREA.

The original proposal had been for a Society just for Regency Square and Queensbury Mews. But a number of people at the meeting suggested that a wider area should be included.

This idea was discussed by the Committee at its first meeting and it was agreed to extend the area. So the amended Constitution now defines the Regency Square Area as "...the area of Brighton bounded on the South by Kings Road, on the East by Cannon Place, on the North by Western Road and on the West by Little Preston Street."



SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you live in the Area and are 18 or over, you can join the Society as an ORDINARY MEMBER for £2. Those aged between 8 and 18 can join as JUNIOR MEMBERS for 50p and a family of two adults and any number of children can have a FAMILY MEMBERSHIP for £2.50.

Those who do not live in the Area but are in business in it can have a BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP for £5. Others can have an ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP for £1.

To Roger Hinton, Treasurer, Regency Square Area Society,
38, Regency Square, Brighton BN1 2FJ
Please enrol me/us as a member of the Regency Square Area Society.

Category of membership (please tick):	Annual Subscription
Ordinary - for residents aged 18 and over	£2.00
Junior - for residents aged between 8 and 18	£0.50
Family - two adults and any number of children	£2.50
Business - for businesses with non-resident owners	£5.00
Associate - for non-residents who would like to keep in touch with the Area	£1.00

Name(s)

Address

Please enclose your subscription. Cheques should be made payable to the Regency Square Area Society and crossed.

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE OUR SQUARES ?

SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS WANTED

The Executive Committee will be meeting on the first Tuesday in each month.

If you have any matters you would like the Committee to consider, or any suggestions for future events, please contact the Secretary, Carol Clipsham, Adelaide Hotel, 51 Regency Square. The Committee will be pleased to hear from you.

To
Roger Hinton
Treasurer
Regency Square Area Society
38, Regency Square,
Brighton
BN1 2TU

Application for membership - please complete the form overleaf.

JOIN NOW.

COMING EVENTS KEEP MAY THE 1ST FREE

One way to encourage neighbourliness is to organise social events for members of the Society so that we can get to know each other better.

The Committee hopes to be able to hold the first such event in the near future to celebrate the formation of the Society. The provisional date to mark in your diary is the evening of Tuesday May the first. More details in the next newsletter.

Other ideas which have been suggested are a trip to France when the new hydrofoil service starts from the Marina and a Guy Fawkes night bonfire party on the beach.

The Committee will welcome other ideas from members.

DETAILS IN OUR NEXT NEWS LETTER

PUBLIC ENQUIRY

Residents of Russell Square have been very concerned recently about a proposal to develop two empty houses next to the entrance to the Dutton Forshawe garage. The proposal by the Two Piers Housing Trust is to develop these houses, numbers 26 & 27 as shared accommodation on a cooperative basis. What this seems to mean is single rooms with a common kitchen.

The planning application was turned down following vigorous objections from people in the Square. The Two Piers Trust have appealed and there will be a public enquiry by a Department of the Environment Inspector. It is to be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 14 March at 1000 am.

The Executive Committee considered this question at its first meeting and has put the support of the Society behind the Russell Square residents by sending in an objection.

A request has also been sent to the Council asking for all future planning applications in the area to be notified to the Society.

THE NEXT NEWS LETTER WILL
BE SENT TO MEMBERS

A DOG FREE AREA IN REGENCY SQUARE

One of the Society's first Associate Members is Councillor Mrs Nettleton who is another of Regency Ward's representatives on the Council.

Mrs Nettleton is Chairman of one of the Council's sub-committees which is looking into the problems caused by dogs in Brighton's parks. Much has been said in the local press about the problems in Queens Park; Regency Square is not as big but it does suffer from similar problems.

As a result of a petition organised locally the Council has now agreed to declare one of the greens on the Square as a "dog free area" and to fence it in. The proposal is that it should be the middle green.

At its first meeting the Society's committee considered this. The general feeling was in favour of fencing the top green. But in any case everyone was agreed that the Society should be consulted by the Council before a final decision is made at the Town Hall.

If you have any views, let the Secretary know and she will pass them on to the committee.

A letter has been sent to the Council asking for the Society's views to be taken into account.

WHAT ABOUT THE WEST PIER ? LET US HAVE YOUR VIEWS SEE OUR NEXT NEWS LETTER.

