

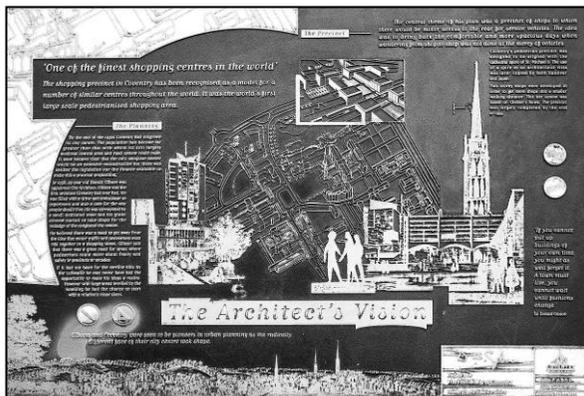
How Well Do You Know Coventry?

This plaque is one of three that acknowledge the contribution to the redesign of Coventry city centre made by a pioneer modern architect who was Coventry's first City Architect. His work made him one of the most influential architects of his generation.

Who is he and where is this particular plaque located?

The answer to "How Well Do You Know Coventry?" in newsletter issue No. 26, July 2020 is...

The portrait depicts Sir Alfred Herbert and is located in the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum which was named in honour of him. He was a local industrialist, who founded what was, at one time, the largest machine-tool company in the world. Sir Alfred was a great benefactor. His gifts included £200,000 to build the Art Gallery and Museum. Sir Alfred died in 1957 aged 90. In 2009, a plaque with his name was added to Coventry's 'Walk of Fame' in Priory Place. The portrait was bequeathed to the museum by his wife Lady Herbert. It was painted by Leonard Boden.



SAFE

Safe (Styvechale and Finham Empower community buddy group) are here to help in any way they can during the Covid-19 crisis. Contact one of your buddies for any help you require. Telephone: 07880703634 or 07739185944.



Wainbody Ward Crime Statistics

Overall, for Wainbody Ward, crime during November 2020 increased by 2.37%. Burglaries have decreased due to people being at home more, but vehicle crime has increased. Always keep vehicles and keys secure at all times.



Neighbourhood Policing

The Wainbody neighbourhood policing team of police officers and PCSOs is led by Sergeant Darren Betts – email d.betts@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk. You can contact the team directly by email at: westwood@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk On Twitter@WoodlandsWMP View the Web page at: www.west-midlands.police.uk/your-local-police/coventry/ select Woodlands, Wainbody and Westwood.

In case of emergency call 999 – you should only call 999 when it IS an emergency, such as when a crime is in progress, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

Less urgent crime and disorder, or to speak to your local officers – call 101 extension 8316302 to report the matter. Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

The Association thanks our local Councillors, John Blundell, Lord Mayor 2018/19, Mattie Heaven and Tim Sawdon, Lord Mayor 2012/13, for their contributions to the work of SGRA. Also, special thanks to Coventry City Council staff for all their help in dealing with matters raised by the Association.

Anticipated SGRA Meetings for 2021

Monthly meetings will resume as soon possible at Grange Farm School and in the meantime we will be holding virtual meetings via the Zoom platform.

Please refer to the website www.sgra.co.uk for confirmation or telephone 02476 419008.

S.G.R.A. Styvechale Grange Residents' Association NEWSLETTER

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SGRA is a local organisation run by residents of Styvechale Grange, focusing on local issues for the benefit of all residents of Styvechale Grange



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IF YOU ONLY READ ONE PIECE OF PAPER IN JANUARY, MAKE IT THIS ONE, AS IT WILL BE THE LAST SGRA NEWSLETTER IN THIS FORMAT TO BE PUBLISHED, UNLESS THERE ARE MORE ARTICLES SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS. STYVECHALE GRANGE HAS 750 HOMES AND OVER 1700 RESIDENTS WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF BACKGROUNDS: - SOLICITORS TO SWEEPERS-UP, GOLFERS TO GAMERS, AND SENIORS TO SCHOOL KIDS, SO LET'S HEAR FROM ANYONE OR EVERYONE.

YOU CAN TELEPHONE, WRITE, OR E-MAIL TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING...

Sheila Weare, 21 Hexworthy Avenue, telephone 76 414751
Mick Fitzpatrick, 6 Alpine Rise, telephone 07967993106
John Archer, 15 Finnemore Close, telephone 76 419008
Or email sgrainfo@gmail.com

Thoughts From The Chair...

I really hope that after reading the front page, you are aware of the need to keep as many forms of communication available to include all of our residents. The difficulties faced in 2020 serve to illustrate the importance of social contact, especially for the more vulnerable members of our Association. "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help somebody". I wish you all the very best for 2021 and a speedy return to a new "normal".

John Archer (chairman)

Residents' Update from Wainbody Ward Councillors

A46 Link Road – Warwickshire County Council have begun consultation (concluding on 22nd January 2021) in connection with the proposed link road. For further details go to a46linkroad@warwickshire.gov.uk to see the various areas of development impacting on Wainbody Ward.

Covid-19 – If you require assistance or support contact the team called SAFE on telephone 07880703634 or 07739185944.

You can now shop online at Coventry Market and have your order delivered to your home. A variety of stalls are participating. Delivery is free of charge on orders over £25. Orders below this value will incur a £2.50 delivery charge. Go to <https://coventry-market.mybigcommerce.com/shop-all/>

If you would like to register for a GO CV CARD, then go to <https://go-cv.co.uk/registering/>

The "pop-up" cycleway in Charter Avenue is functioning.

Animal Pound – Councillor John Blundell is making further enquiries as to ownership and who is responsible for repairing the pound structure.

Use the NHS if you are unwell; don't put off calling your GP, 111 or 999. Despite the pandemic the NHS is here for everyone.

Local Plan - This will not be reviewed until 2022. There is to be a review of the projected population statistics. The Office for National Statistics will be in a position to issue a progress update early 2021.

Parking Charges - at all the War Memorial Park car parks have been given final approval by the council.

Anyone staying over three hours will have to pay, including Park and Ride users.

The councillors are very aware that not everyone uses the internet or social media. Your three Wainbody Ward councillors are always here to help, they work as a close team and are happy to hear from you with any queries or problems – so don't hesitate to get in touch.

Councillor John Blundell - Telephone 7641 9794. Email - john.blundell@coventry.gov.uk

Twitter - @johnablundell.

Councillor Mattie Heaven - Telephone 07974 668163. Email - mattie.heaven@coventry.gov.uk

Twitter - @MattieHeaven

Councillor Tim Sawdon - Telephone 7641 5771. Email - tim.sawdon@coventry.gov.uk

They have a joint Instagram page: Wainbody Conservatives.

SGRA Communications

Zoom Meetings

We have not had a face to face meeting since March 2020 due to Lockdown. We investigated the option to use the Zoom platform and, having recruited George, a neighbour in Girdlers Close, to set up Zoom, John, Sheila, George and I tested Zoom for any basic problems. From this we then invited, on 4th November, residents to try using Zoom. 16 members joined in. It was agreed that if we required greater than 40 minutes, we would close the meeting for a break and restart after 5 minutes. The meeting closed with no problems to overcome. Following this, we ran our first actual meeting for all residents on Thursday 3rd December at 7.00 pm.

Styvechale Grange Residents' Association Facebook

This was launched in August by George. Our collective thoughts were to reach members and visitors to Styvechale Grange. To provide interesting comments and pictures of interest. Currently we reached 137 people in November this is 43% down from our beginning. 5 people have commented since August. We need more people to support our Facebook page. If you have any local news and pictures, please post to our Facebook page. Styvechale Grange Residents' Association.

SGRA Website

The Website has continued to provide information from Coventry and our area. From November we have linked our Web page to Google Analytics. For the month of November, we have noticed a change in use, a reduction in Laptop/PC use, moving to Tablet and Mobile use. Currently we have 63 active users within the UK. The United States has provided 1% of our viewers. We would welcome any feedback on the Website and additional information that we could share.

Mick Fitzpatrick



Community Speedwatch

The Police have restarted their Community Speedwatch and are willing to work with local residents on Styvechale Grange. We need your support to reduce the speed on our estate. Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles, using speed detection devices. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the objective of persuading drivers to reduce their speed. In cases where education is blatantly ignored and evidence of repeat or excessive speed offences has been collated (even across county borders) enforcement and prosecution may follow. Speeding continues to be a great concern for many communities in both rural and city locations. Neighbourhood Policing Panels have an important role to play in developing safer communities and the adoption of Speedwatch schemes could assist them to more easily achieve their goals. Volunteers receive appropriate training and are supported by a neighbourhood Policing team. The scheme aims to cater for the problem of real or perceived speed-related offending through partnership with the community; it is to be used in circumstances that are necessary, justifiable and proportionate in order to effect the following:

- Reduce death and injury on the roads, cycle paths and pavements.
 - Improve the quality of life for local communities.
 - Reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit.
 - Increase public awareness of the dangers of inappropriate speed.
- Speedwatch activity is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everybody.

SGRA respectfully reminds all motorists that a 30 mph maximum speed limit exists on the estate and 20 mph around Grange Farm School. PLEASE DO NOT EXCEED THESE SPEED LIMITS!



Coventry City of Culture 2021

Coventry City of Culture Trust has announced the first events that will form part of the 365 day programme of UK City of Culture 2021. Coventry Moves will open the year of culture on Saturday 15th May 2021; the performance will create a powerful and diverse vision of our future. Rooted in the rich history of the city and celebrating the stories of the people who have made it their home, the programme also addresses the issues that communities are faced with today while imagining what the future holds. The events announced are the first sight of the ways in which Coventry 2021 is radically rethinking what a city of culture and its legacy mean to the region and audiences locally and internationally. They are a preview of some of the early plans for City of Culture ahead of a full programme announcement in January 2021. The programme reflects Coventry as a diverse and modern city, moving forward and embracing culture, to connect communities and change lives. Coventry is known internationally as a city of welcome, a city of peace and reconciliation, a city of innovation and invention and now a city of culture. With the work to improve the city centre experience proceeding well and the building programmes well underway across the city, we can look forward to an exciting twelve months and beyond. For further information go to cov2021.co.uk



War Memorial Park's Centenary 2021 Celebrations

2021 isn't just City of Culture year; it's also the War Memorial Park's 100th birthday. The park was opened on 9th July 1921 as a tribute to the Coventrians who died between 1914 and 1918 fighting in the First World War. There's a lot going on in relation to the park's Centenary and preparations are gathering speed. Friends of the War Memorial Park want to ensure that the park's 100th birthday will be celebrated appropriately with a variety of projects that can involve individuals, communities and organisations. The celebrations will include a big Centenary Weekend on 9/10/11 July 2021. For further details of the celebrations and to find out more about Friends of the War Memorial Park, go to www.fwmpcoventry.org.uk. The Friends of the War Memorial Park report that during the Spring lockdown, Coventry's use of public parks increased by 123%.

