

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held at 6:00pm on Tue 7 January 2025**

PRESENT: Rebecca Tee, (Chair); Laurence Marsh, (Vice-Chair); Lyndon Fothergill, (Treasurer); Ros Glover, (Membership Secretary); Susie Perring, (Secretary); Henry Ferguson; Lin Proctor; George.

1. APOLOGIES: Martyn Hall.

2. MINUTES of Tue 5 November 2024.

Agreed.

3. EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Fri 31 January 2025 is the deadline for nominations.

RT has purchased the glass awards and printed certificates. LF has been informed of the costs. RT has hired the Temple Bowling Club for both events: AGM, Tue 25 March 2025, and Excellence Awards Celebration, Wed 7 May 2025. Cost is £200 for each event (plus there will be a bar bill for the May event). Helen Hayes MP (now Chair of the Education Select Committee) has agreed to speak at the AGM and to present the Awards at the May event (if not possible to attend the AGM, she will send a message).

Publicity: RT has sent emails to all previous finalists to apply again or to nominate others, and also to anyone nominated to apply again. She has contacted all councillors in Herne Hill. RG and RT spent three hours at the Sunday market talking to people and handing out leaflets, but found that most visitors to the market were not local and were shopping for foodstuffs.

4. FINANCE

LF has completed last year's accounts. All historical debts are now cleared, for which he was thanked. The accountant will check the figures to be presented at the AGM. Thanks to Val Suebsaeng for her help in collecting advertising revenue.

It was noted that when Small Grants are agreed, we should always have a link person to contact the applicant and follow through with the grant.

We have an application from Ben Moxham from the Camberwell Society requesting £250 to support a concert on 22 March at St Giles Church Camberwell, celebrating John Ruskin. The event is out of our area, but Ruskin did live in Herne Hill. It is being supported by other societies. It was agreed. RG has volunteered to be the link person for this grant. LF will respond.

5. PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

RG reported that we now have 400 members. This is the highest figure ever.

Renewals are coming in slowly. RG was congratulated on her management of the membership list.

George reported that we have 147 followers on Instagram. We post daily but need more engaging content, other than historical photos – i.e. things happening in Herne Hill.

We need to push the Excellence Awards. RT has made a 1 min 36 sec video about the Awards, with help from Nicko Barber, a member. More short videos could be produced if

these deemed effective. We can boost the content of specific posts in the Herne Hill area for a small fee.

We should ask in the magazine to follow us on Instagram @HerneHillSociety.

We could do a snapshot from the magazine of events from 7 or 8 years ago.

We could follow up anything useful e.g.: the feature film currently on release, "We Live in Time", with scenes shot in Herne Hill.

6. PLANNING

LM has been contacted regarding Skipton House, a building behind Elephant and Castle station, which is due to be demolished and replaced by a high-rise building.

This, apparently, would then block the historic view of St Paul's Cathedral, seen from the top of Brockwell Park. This needs more research.

The Society objected to a roof extension within the Poets Corner conservation area.

Lambeth has refused the application.

AOB

We need to start planning the AGM on 25 March, perhaps via a Zoom meeting. We also need a guest speaker. RT will contact Lambeth Tour Guide about a possible talk.

SP will send the agenda from the previous meeting to RT prior to next meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be at 6:00pm on Tue 4 February 2025 at the Half Moon Hotel.