

**Minutes of a meeting of the Herne Hill Society Committee
held at 6:00pm on Tue 3 June 2025
at the Half Moon Hotel**

PRESENT: Rebecca Tee, Chair; Laurence Marsh, Vice-Chair; Susie Perring, Secretary; Ros Glover, Membership Secretary; Lin Proctor; Henry Ferguson; George

1. Apologies: Lyndon Fothergill, Martyn Hall

2. Minutes of 6 May meeting

RT made a few corrections.

Include money for postal expenses (£70-80 pp) with rising postal costs, should we be asking for a contribution for postage, especially for life members? Possibly test the water with an email at the time of the DD changeover?

3. Excellence Awards debrief

RT had placed an order with a large local supermarket for food, however, it was not provided on the day. RT approached the store's customer service several times for a refund plus the cost of the replacement shopping, which had to be done at great speed and under pressure. After persistent complaints and negotiation, she received a complete refund. Therefore the food cost us nothing (except stress and hassle for the Chair.)

Hamptons were very happy with the Awards and offered to sponsor it again in two years' time.

The volume of the speakers' voices was variable. It was suggested that in future, the judgements could just be announced as happens at other award ceremonies.

The video was very successful, despite slightly faint audio due to the circumstances of the recording on the day. It was well edited and will be useful for media promotion.

We could have less food next time. People were very pleased to get a free drink. With donations, the evening broke even. The venue was local, comfortable, inexpensive and had a bar.

4. Performance Stats

RG: membership now stands at 401. We offered a free book to join up on the night of the Awards event, which aided recruitment. NB There are 20 packs of wildflower seeds left to offer at the Ruskin Park event, free with membership. KT will prepare a poster.

5. Planning Issues

LM discussed the case of Dorchester Court. David Taylor may help us with planning for the forthcoming inquiry in August.

6. Updates

Small Grants. Dorchester Court was approved for a £500 grant.

7. AOB

Should we have a limit on the number of Small Grants in any one year? For discussion.

Storage: RT will discuss with the Storage owner.

RG reported that now that South London Press has folded, it is more difficult to research licence applications. Previously the paper published a list.

GD has been asked for the position of the Society on the question of Brockwell Park events. The Society does not take a position, all opinions are individual. We also don't comment on anything under legal process.

GD reported our Instagram account: 99 postings. The next will be the video – no. 100.

We have 540 followers. We follow all local organisations and they follow us back.

21 June Ruskin Park Fete is 11am to 6.30pm.

We have volunteers. SP, 11 to 1pm; RG, 1pm to 3pm; SN, 3pm to 5pm. RT will attend all day. HF will help unload and pack away. MH, LM, CW and KT will also come during the day.

Next meeting: Tue 1 July 2025