



# August / September 2025 Newsletter

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## ***August – The month of holidays and not much else ?***

### ***The White Swan***

***Asset of Community Value (ACV):*** We are still waiting an answer from Greenwich Council. A public question as to what was happening was submitted to the Full Council and received this statement from Cllr. Majid Rahman, Cabinet Member for Planning, Estate Renewal and Development:

*“The ACV application assessment has formally commenced and Council officers will follow the official process as set out in the legislation to arrive at an impartial listing.”*

A subsequent question was submitted asking exactly where along the official process is our application. So far this has been acknowledged but not answered.

Obviously, the answer is somewhere stuck in the period of ‘holidays’!

What is most frustrating is that the opportunity to seamlessly continue the previous period of ACV protection has been missed.

## ***State of the Village and SOVAP***

***SOL Properties, 11 The Village:*** Remains derelict.

***The Assembly Room car park:*** Is now a public pay car park, owned by whom?

***Other Shops:*** The paper shop has been beautifully refurbished. Interestingly it is very similar in design to the paper shop at Blackheath Standard.

***Village Planters:*** They were planted up during one of the heat waves with geraniums and sadly have suffered through the lack of care. Should the Society undertake their maintenance? Is there a sub-group of members who could do this? Should we talk to the various shops closest to a planter to see if they would take on their maintenance – in the same way that the old hairdressers looked after the bed outside their shop?

***New Shops:*** The mooted Italian Deli has yet to make an appearance and the old hairdressers still stands empty.

## ***Planning Matters***

***Bowes, 33 The Village:*** Application to develop as a 5 bed HMO was refused by Greenwich Council but has been resubmitted as a 4 bed HMO. We may be on a losing streak here as our objections to the 5 bed HMO were not cited in the Council’s reasons for refusing the 5 bed version.

***Charlton Church Lane, Hairdressers:*** This application was passed even with its inadequate living space. Apparently, the minimum living space for accommodation overall is 37 sq. metres and this application scraped through with 37.1 sq. metres. Even though the sitting room was just under 2 metres wide. There is a need for more housing - but at any price?

***Stadium Road:*** This application to widen the road, remove the large and ancient trees in order to add a cycle way has been resubmitted. The main change is that the mature trees will be replaced with younger trees and presumably positioned to accommodate the cycle route. The Society had until September 22<sup>nd</sup> to comment.

**Greenwich Local Plan:** We wait on RBG releasing this for consultation, we are told in October. We may know more when the Greenwich Planning Alliance next meet with Victoria Geoghegan.

**Greenwich Council's 'Sustainable Streets':** Controlled Parking Zones to include Charlton, Blackheath, Kidbrooke, Plumstead. Shooters Hill and Woolwich. The proposal and survey can be found here: <https://sustainable-streets-rbg.commonplace.is/> . HAVE YOU MADE YOUR COMMENTS TO THE COUNCIL – PLEASE DO AS THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER. Greenwich Council has scrapped its "sustainable streets" programme in Plumstead and Shooters Hill after protests and petitions.  
What do we want in Charlton?

### ***Talks Programme & Events 2025***

**20<sup>th</sup> September 2025:** Jane Lawson: Urban plants – weeds or wonders?  
**18<sup>th</sup> October 2025:** The Charlton Society AGM  
**19<sup>th</sup> October:** Talk: Greenwich Enterprise Board projects: Max Skomorowski.  
Charlton House – Horn Fair

### ***Out and About***

***Our Lady of Grace Church, presbytery and school:*** We have no further news as to the progress being made by their group.

### **“THE BUGLE HORN”**

The Village, Charlton SE7

*Presents*

### **AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT**

*by*

***‘ST LUKE’S PLAYERS’***

*and*

***‘CHARLTON VILLAGE THEATRE’***

**SUNDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

Join us any time between 7pm-9pm in the

Function Room

(and garden). Please bring family/friends

for a lovely evening out.

**FREE ENTRANCE**

### ***The Charlton Society - The Committee:***

**The Society AGM 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

when we will need new Officers and ordinary members.

SO PLEASE STEP UP to keep the Society a forceful voice in the future of wider Charlton.

Officers include Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Minute Secretary and Membership Secretary, a person to take on the role of devising a talks programme and people interested in planning matters and encouraging new members.

Especially a techy - someone who would like to develop our website for those people who may not be able to attend meetings.

***Remember the Society is only as strong as its membership.***

