

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

After careful consideration we have decided to defer our AGM once again.

We will not hold an AGM in April but want to wait until the situation becomes clearer. In the meantime all Committee members remain in place. This is in line with the action taken by many other Associations, Societies and Clubs.

All our records have been written up to the end of the financial year. Any member requiring sight of a copy should contact a Committee member or email polly.sgra@gmail.com.

As publicising and holding our AGM is a major cost to the Association we have also decided to defer again asking for your annual subscription at this time. Our Treasurer confirms we have sufficient reserves to cover all anticipated expenses. Any member who has paid in advance will receive credit for that payment.

In the meantime we will continue to monitor the situation and update you when matters become clearer. We hope to see you all as soon as possible.

ONLINE SHOPPING REVIEWS

Online shopping has become big business, especially in the past year as restrictions have made it harder to get the things we need in person. Whether someone is new to online or has been buying from the internet for years, chances are that reviews posted by other customers played a big part in whether or not to make a purchase.

But what if these reviews aren't always genuine? Investigations by the consumer group Which? exposed thousands of examples of fake reviews on various sites.

What to look out for - be wary of products with an unusually high number of reviews, lots of reviews posted in one day, or an extremely high percentage of five-star reviews, compared to other similar products.

Look closely – if you see the same review titles, repetitive phrases or the same reviewer names, the reviews are more than likely to be fake. Check the review is actually referring to the product in question. Only take notice of reviews that say that they have been verified – this means that the marketplace can confirm the review was left after an item was purchased through its website.

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To stop fake reviews getting online visit [which.co.uk/fake-reviews](https://www.which.co.uk/fake-reviews)



DATA PROTECTION

You have received this newsletter as a member/former member of Spring Grove Residents' Association. Should you no longer wish to receive this please contact any member of the committee.

BLACK FOX UPDATE

Following the report in our last newsletter of the sighting on a rare black fox the story was picked up by BBC London (www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-london-56266743) and various other news outlets.

Some residents were approached by journalists to give interviews but, perhaps due to the state of their unkempt hair, were reluctant to take up the offer of appearing on air.

The fox, believed to be a dog fox, has been joined by a normally coloured vixen so we may see more of these rare coloured foxes on our patch.



FLOWERING VERGES



Our attention was drawn to a recent posting on social media regarding an innovative by Rotherham Council where they have planted 8 miles of wildflowers on roadside verges. It saved £25k in mowing costs, looks lovely and helps pollinating insects. Contact has been made with Hounslow Council and has received a positive response - watch this space.

PLANNING MATTERS AS AT 4TH APRIL 2021

Hounslow Central Applications

59 Worton Gardens

Erection of a single storey side extension to the house.

Decisions

2 The Close

Application for proposed development of a single dwelling house on the site alongside the existing dwelling at 2 The Close.

REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION

11/02/2021

Appeals

42 The Drive

Retrospective application for construction of an outbuilding in the rear garden.

REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION 04/12/2020

APPEAL LODGED 23/03/2021

Osterley & Spring Grove Applications

49 Eversley Crescent

Erection of a single storey rear extension to the house.

Decisions

None

Appeals

7 Eversley Crescent (00423/7/P5)

Retrospective application for the retention of existing rear canopy with partial removal of canopy at side.

REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION 18/01/2021

APPEAL LODGED 23/03/2021

Other

Decisions

Land At Rear Of 50 Thornbury Road

Erection of detached two storey, three bedroom house with associated parking between three courtyard gardens.

REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION 19/02/2021

