



YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD VOICE

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Hello everyone and welcome to our autumn issue of the Notting Hill East Neighbourhood Forum, (aka Westbourne Neighbourhood Association) newsletter. It's only been a few months since our last newsletter but we have lots to tell you.

We've had two autumn events over the past few weeks but it wouldn't be the holidays without our **Winter Party**. This will be held on Tuesday, **December 4th** at The Walmer Castle on Ledbury Road. We'll have food, drink and a special bit of entertainment. Join us and your fellow residents to kick off the holiday season. More information in our Events section, P15.

We want to thank those of you who took the time back in June to review the 60-page Neighbourhood Plan draft and make thoughtful suggestions. As you know, this was the product of several years of consultations and we were pleased that we had so many positive and constructive comments. We have also received feedback from Westminster and other stakeholders and so the process has begun to revise and fine tune the policies and projects for a final submission. The next consultation will be a 6-week formal consultation organised by Westminster, where your comments will become public. Knightsbridge's Neighbourhood Plan just passed and is now adopted, and we hope our Plan will be as successful.

As ever we'd like to increase our membership, so we ask you once again to tell your neighbours about our efforts. If you'd like to know more about how we work, you can visit our website - www.nottinghilleast.org.uk.

There you will find our constitution, a list of committee members, a description of how and why we became a Forum, our considerations when reviewing planning applications and the continuing role of the WNA as your amenity society. You'll also find a wealth of information in the past issues of our newsletters.

In the following sections, we have some ideas for our streets and green spaces and we need your participation. Please look at the sketches for Shrewsbury Gardens, and also for traffic calming measures for our streets and send us feedback. We will also be going around the neighbourhood to get residents' views.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter - make sure you don't miss Marisa Knightley's wonderful recollections on **page 10**, and as always, if you wish to volunteer or you have thoughts or suggestions about our area, please email us at: nottinghilleastnf@gmail.com.

Best wishes,

Suzanne Forte
Chairman

Public Realm

Some of you may have wondered why one of the picnic tables disappeared from Shrewsbury Gardens. We did too and feared the worst. Happily the table was found in St. Stephen's Gardens! We're not sure how this heavy piece of equipment migrated but there seems to be a message - they are popular and we need more.

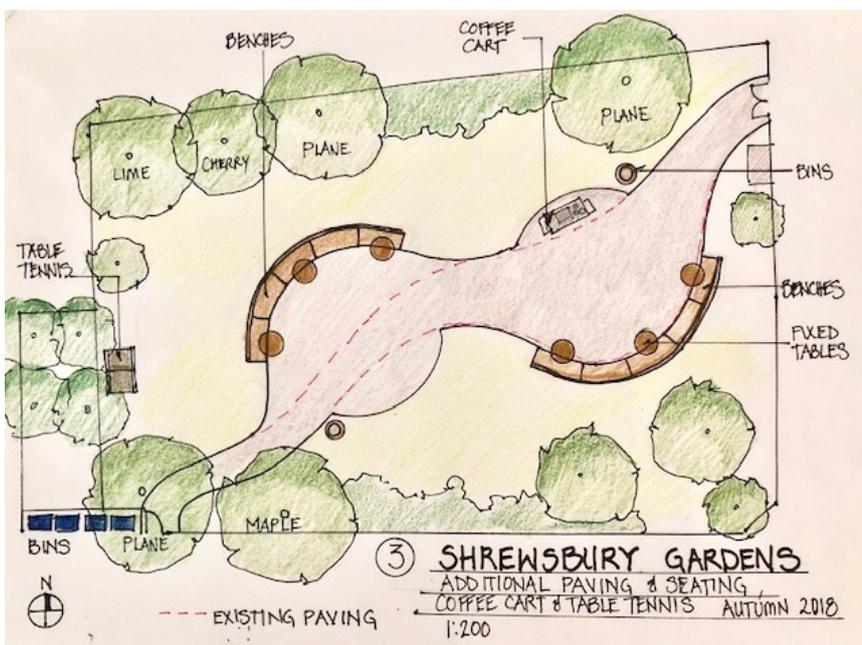
We met with Parks in June about improvements to our two public gardens. These included the gym equipment for St. Stephen's Gardens as well as game tables, table tennis, the pergola reconfiguration and additional benches. We are following up on those items, (as always!) and it appears the benches are imminent. We are still working towards the others.

In the meantime, we'd like your feedback on a few ideas for Shrewsbury Gardens. The comments and suggestions we've heard from you include:

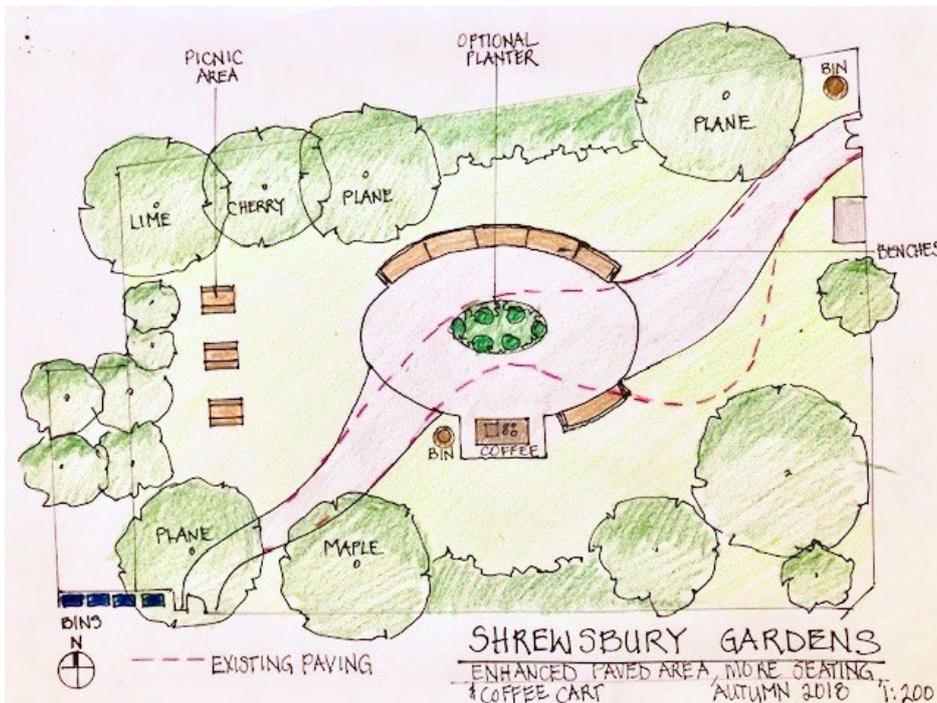
- While its role as a dog park is important, it doesn't provide any amenities for non-dog owners, and dog litter that doesn't get picked up is a problem.
- There isn't enough seating and because it is a dog park, no one wants to sit on the grass. (The heavy use of the picnic tables has shown us that we need more furniture.)

- Some would say it is too dark and shady, causing the grass to become mud for several months a year.
- You liked the idea of a coffee cart.
- You also liked the idea of having some neighbourhood music events or other performing arts events. (Early thoughts were to have these in the amphitheatre-like spaces in Wessex Gardens, but because those spaces are immediately adjacent to flats, evening events could be disruptive.)
- If the bins just outside the garden on the Talbot/Shrewsbury corner were relocated, that corner could become more open and better landscaped.
- The sunken nature of the garden and the fact it is hidden from the street makes some feel uncomfortable being there alone.
- It would be nice to have an area where local residents could participate in planting efforts.
- Some of you liked the idea of table tennis but some were concerned about the noise.

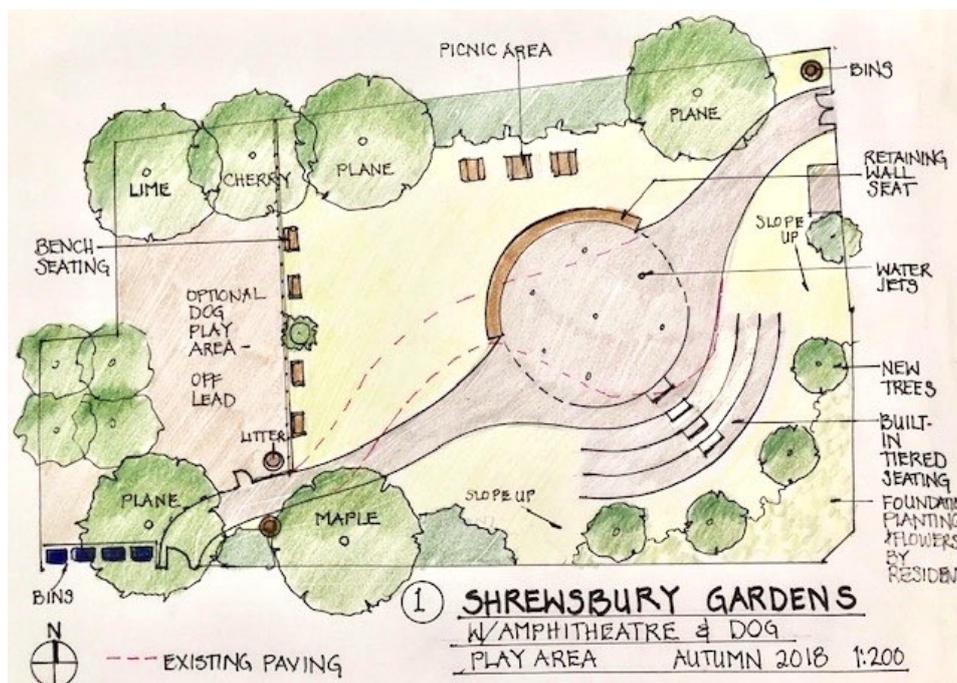
Responding to these comments, we have three sketches below showing some ways in which your ideas could become incorporated into the garden. In all three sketches the existing paving and grass area are shown by a dotted red line. We want to hear your thoughts so please email us!



Sketch number 3 at left shows the addition of a second paved area (permeable!) of a similar size to the existing paved area, with benches and tables along the edges of both. The ones on the right face northwest and the ones on the left face southeast. A table tennis table is on the west side, out of the way of quieter activities on the east side. The big bins normally on the pavement at the Talbot/Shrewsbury corner are shown in a setback on the southwest corner of the garden.



Sketch number 2 at left shows an expanded paved area in the centre with mostly south facing benches and a coffee cart area. This new paving would also be permeable. Picnic tables are shown in the grass on the west side.

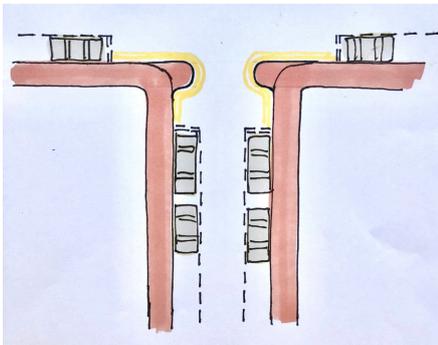


Sketch number 1 above shows an amphitheatre +/- 11 meters across, in the southeast corner of the park, facing inward, with new trees at the top level to screen it from the road. A retaining wall on the north side of the round patio/ performance space could provide additional seating. We could look into having water jets in the ground, similar to those in the Duke of York square for hot summer days. On the west side would be an enclosure so dogs could play together off their leads, with litter bins provided within. This sketch shows the incorporation of the small enclosed space immediately to the west of the gardens.

Clearly we need to engage a professional landscape designer for any large scale redo of this space, but first we need to hear comments from residents on these ideas, or any other ideas you have. And if you have experience in landscaping or garden design or are just interested in working on this project, please let us know. nottinghilleastnf@gmail.com

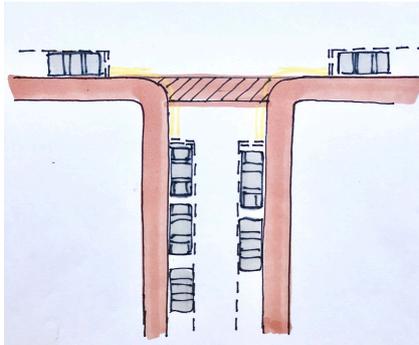
Slowing traffic on our streets

We have five options below, A through E, showing how we might slow the traffic on our streets. Each has their pros and cons. Option F shows a change in road markings to allow greater visibility before turning. Please let us know which you would choose for your street, and please indicate your street name and number when writing to us. Thank you. nottinghilleastnf@gmail.com



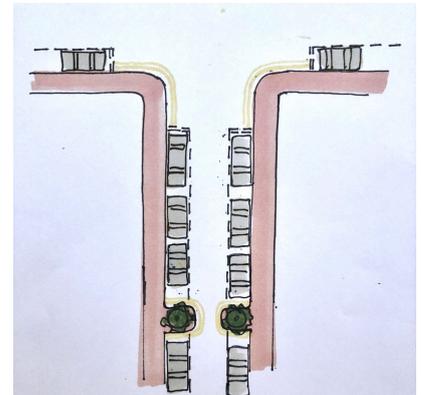
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Extended pavements at ends of streets slows entry but doesn't prevent acceleration along street. This is only possible where the turning radius is adequate for rubbish and fire vehicles.



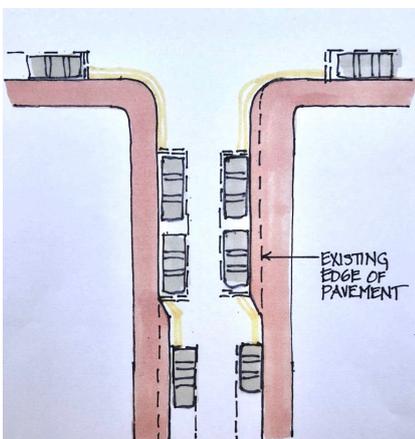
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Raised crossings at ends of streets slows traffic entering and helps to protect pedestrians but doesn't prevent speeding in the street.



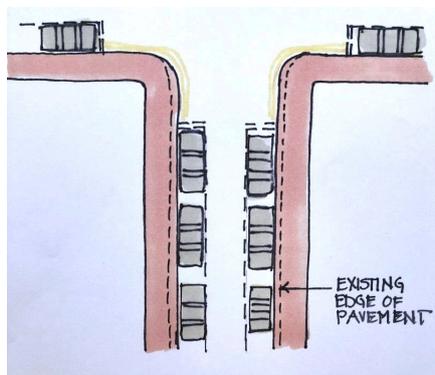
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Planter peninsulas halfway along street slow traffic by narrowing vehicular passage but some parking is lost.



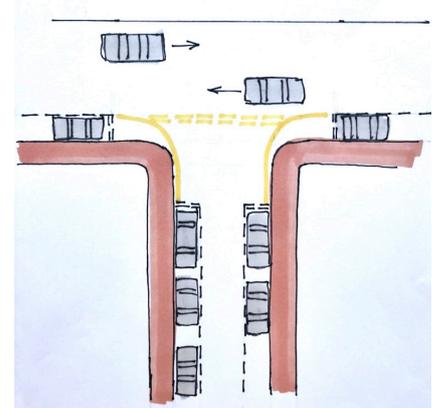
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Chicanes slow street speeding but some parking is lost.



E

Widening pavements along length of street narrows vehicular passage area and requires caution. On our narrower streets, pavement widening is minimal, due to clearance required for fire and rubbish vehicles.



F

Extending street markings at T-junctions to outer edge of parking bays permits greater visibility before turning.

Carnival

The Carnival this year was being run by a new management team. Most of the carnival route is within Kensington and Chelsea but the Westbourne Neighbourhood Association covers a not insignificant area. We had a couple of meetings with the organisers prior to the event which were helpful, and among other things, we learnt of their wish to recruit local residents to become stewards, which was a paid role. We did our best to find some for them.

Hopefully those of you who attended the event will agree that there was a big improvement in the overall atmosphere, with crowd control much better managed and the police and stewards working well together, resulting in a calmer atmosphere. There was a dramatic improvement in the prevention of violent crime and although arrests were made, not many of these resulted in further police action.

We had been much cheered by the news that there would be double the number of loos and that they would be placed strategically at the end of the residential streets. It was unfortunate that in the event, there was a snag with the cleaning arrangements, which were inadequate, resulting in the loos being unusable by Monday.

The post Carnival meeting held at the Tabernacle in Talbot Rd. was interesting. There were far fewer people there than usual but the team assembled to report on the event and answer questions were, without exception, intelligent and forbearing. In particular the officer representing the police was able to communicate in a manner which on previous occasions had not been the case. Forbearance was necessary because many of the public attending had come to carp and did not do so constructively. Despite a lot of attention having been given to controlling the sound systems more efficiently, there was little credit given for the improvements and too much time was spent listening to what appeared to be personal gripes

rather than suggestions for things overall that could be done better. It was acknowledged that something needs to be done about the cleaning process for the loos and indeed all the criticisms were noted. There is no doubt that if this year's management team is awarded the franchise for the next three years every effort will be made to put more improvements in place.

Consultations

Back in the spring, we wrote to you about a consultation for the Newcombe House redevelopment in Notting Hill Gate. In March, the Mayor of London took over as the planning authority for this application citing his goal of delivering more affordable housing. There was a public consultation which closed in August, and after a public hearing in September the development for a 17-storey tower was approved, replacing the 50s-era 14-floor office block. Of the 55 new flats, 23 are to be affordable housing, with 15 of those to be social housing. It is our understanding that the Notting Hill Farmers Market will be a part of this new scheme.

The previous proposal to pedestrianise Oxford Street was halted after too many objections from residents and business owners. Ambitious new proposals for the area have been prepared by Westminster and the consultation begins today, November 6th. Go to this link, scroll to the end and click on TAKE PART to send your views: <https://osd.london>

Neighbourhood Watch News

The police have told our Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators that there are watch thieves in the area who are targeting individuals. (a robbery was witnessed on Artesian Road). Always be aware of your surroundings and report anything suspicious to your local Coordinator or the police.

We've also been told that there are scammers operating in the area. One of our residents was called and told that she was in rent arrears and she duly went to the bank and withdrew the money and gave it to this person in an envelope along with her card. Be wary of anyone who can't produce proper identification, and when in doubt, double check.

Don't get distracted while using cash machines, know who's around, and when locking your car with a device, check the doors to make sure they are really locked.

The police advise that fitting CCTV is the most effective deterrent to potential burglars. Small cameras that can be positioned in a window or above your front door and connect to your phone are available from many retailers - some in the £150 range.

You may be able to view local crime activity on the police crime maps of London.

Photographing (if you can do so unobserved) anyone who is acting in a suspicious way - such as someone who appears to be casing cars or homes can help the police solve crimes.

There has been quite a bit of concern, especially from residents of Wessex Gardens, about the speed of cars on Talbot Road. We will push harder for some speed controls.

We have contacted someone from the Safer Neighbourhood Police team and a specialist in cyber-crime from the Metropolitan Police and they are willing to come and speak to us. We will publicise this in advance so please attend.



If you would like to start a Neighbourhood Watch on your street, please contact Westminster's Neighbourhood Watch.

Phone: **020 7641 2117**

Email:

neighbourhoodwatch@westminster.gov.uk

Local Watch Coordinators are:

- Northumberland Place: Jacqui Nelson & Shane Porter

- Sutherland Place: Traci Weaver

Contact us if you wish to join their watch.

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Garden Competition

With our Neighbourhood Plan draft being published this spring, and our Swap Day and June lunch, we weren't able to do our Garden Competition. However, one of our members who lives on the 3rd floor of her building sent us photos of her spectacular window boxes. We'll bring back our Garden Competition next spring, which will include window boxes on upper levels, so get your gardening gloves ready. There's a prize!

Planning and Conservation

In our Autumn 2017 newsletter, we started street-by-street photo essays of the historic building styles in our neighbourhood so that both new and long term residents could become more aware of the architectural details on our buildings. A goal of the Plan is to encourage the reinstatement of any lost original architectural features from our buildings and gardens. Our first photo essay was of Sutherland Place, followed in the spring of 2018 by Northumberland Place. This newsletter will feature the houses on Hereford Road.

There are some atypical buildings on the north and south ends of Hereford Road, but the terraces along the middle, white now but originally stone coloured stucco, are Grade II listed, indicating that they are of special historical value. The houses have a grand scale and some original details, and their consistent colour and rhythm of porches makes them appear as a cohesive whole. However, on closer inspection, there is variation among the buildings in the porch columns, the windows, and on the mansard/attic storey. It is likely that, as with other terraces in the area, the houses were built in groups at slightly different times or by different people. Their listed status means that any alterations, additions or demolition to interiors or exteriors that affect the special architectural or historic interest require Listed Building Consent, and because failure to get the proper consent is a criminal offence, it is always important to seek advice beforehand. Getting professional guidance from an architect or planning consultant is helpful. Westminster has an online guide entitled

Repairs and Alterations of Listed Buildings for

In the photo at right you can see that the terraces have three storeys with a lower ground level and a mansard/attic storey. Houses are typically two windows wide, although some have triple windows at first and second storeys, capped by a triangular pediment on the first floor, and with a keystone in the centre on the second floor. The triple windows are typically on the end houses of the projecting groups. The black paint on windows adds emphasis to the play between solid and void.

listed building owners considering renovations, Historic England, (formerly English Heritage) has guidance on their website, www.historicengland.org.uk, and the conservation department at Westminster can be contacted.

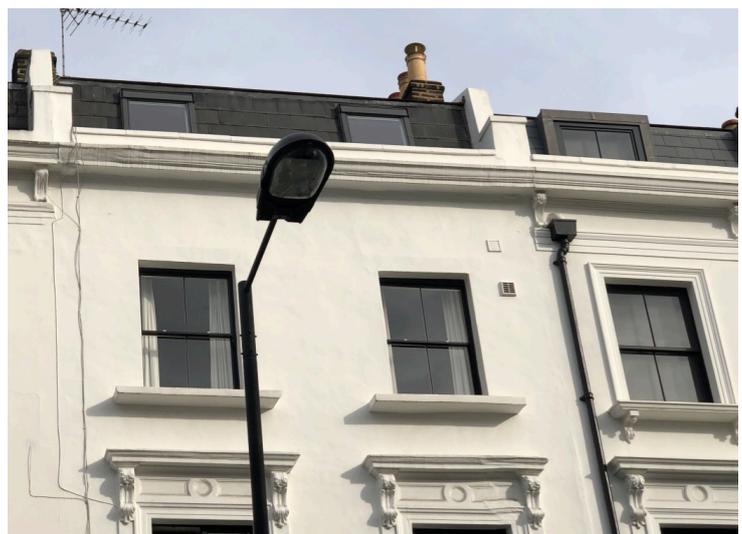


One of the most unexpected and unique features of the houses on Hereford Road are the heads on the **keystones** (a wedge-shaped stone piece) above some ground floor windows. A wider keystone detail running from the corners of some of these windows is present on some houses but missing from others. There are also heads - mythical animals (?) above some of the **corbels** (scroll shaped brackets) up high in the cornice.





In the photo at left you can see a traditional mansard/ attic storey with slate roofs behind the **parapet** (a low protective wall along the edge of a roof). Below the parapets is a projecting cornice with supporting pairs of corbels. Below these corbels and above the second storey windows is a **string course** (horizontal moulding). The architraves around the second storey sash windows are typical of the area, and there are projecting sills below these windows, supported by corbels. You can see that the string course, and architraves and corbels on the second floor are missing on the house below. The second floor sills at left have decorative iron railings also known as window guards. Pediments above the French doors on the first floor are also supported by a pair of corbels and these doors have transom windows above. Also seen in the photo below is the modern street lighting in our area. Changing these to a lower heritage style was a popular goal in the Neighbourhood Plan.



In the photo at right, you can see the houses that have a full attic storey in white render above the cornice next to those with slate clad mansards that are set back from the facade. You can also see window sills at second floor without iron window guards next to those that have them. The **glazing bars** (wooden dividers in glass) in upper storey sash windows have varied arrangements along the terrace. The photo above shows one of the stone balustrade front boundary walls. If these are the original boundary walls, then many have been lost over the years.



Balconies are consistent across the first floor but their iron railings vary in one or two sections of the terrace as seen in the photo at bottom left. The balconies shown immediately below and at right appear in the heritage listing as **bombe balconies**, owing to the outward curve of the railings at the bottom. Pairs of **Doric columns** flank entrances, but above the columns is some variation. All are capped by an **abacus** (square supporting slab) above the round convex cushion-like element (**echinus**), but not all houses have the **triglyphs** above the abacus. Triglyphs are the tablet-like elements of 3 vertical parts, each part with 2 tassel-like elements of 3 vertical parts, each part with 2 tassel-like elements below (6 total), called **guttae**. (nice example at right.) In some cases, there are projecting rectangular blocks above the triglyphs which might provide additional support for the balconies. And some porches, but not many, have a portico construction with beam or downstand running around three sides as shown in the photo at bottom right. The facades at lower ground and ground floor levels are **rusticated** (having incised horizontal grooves), and some have **quoins** (masonry blocks at corners) that rise along the vertical edges of the projecting groups of buildings, as seen in the photo at bottom left.



Additional variations include the detail above first floor French doors. Some include a circle, others are flat raised rectangles with cutaways at the corners, seen below, and others are created by surface applied mouldings. This variation highlights the importance of contacting the conservation department when considering the reinstatement of missing details.



Obituary

Phillip Knightley

Our Dad, Phillip Knightley. Also known as PK, Fart and Phil from the Hill.

We have endless joyful memories of growing up in Northumberland Place through the 60s, 70s and 80s. It was always one of the most beautiful streets in Notting Hill despite the whole area not being so desirable back then. By the time we were out playing in the street after school (unimaginable now!) with at least a dozen children, most of the houses had been converted back into cherished family homes. As well as the children's games and excitement- especially when the ice cream van came- the street was filled with magnolias, cherry blossom, wisteria and most admired- our dad's pride of place in the front garden- his extraordinarily fragrant orange blossom which without fail would stop every passer by in their tracks.

It was a wonderful place to grow up. We played spring cricket between the cars; dad made us a tennis net to tie from car mirror to car mirror or we hit balls against the back of the Odeon cinema (now the Westbourne apartments) and we snuck off to the sweet shop with someone keeping watch as we knew we weren't allowed to cross the road out of our street- not just because of the traffic but because the neighbourhood was too dangerous.

There was all sorts of fun all year round- the coveted annual street party; the 'Open Evening' where everyone in the street welcomed neighbours into each others houses for an aperitif; and everyone celebrated the Notting Hill Carnival with gusto- opening doors to even those random strangers who just needed the bathroom. The house parties went on well into the night. Dad once stopped a burglar in their tracks with a full headlock at the street party- much to everyone's shock- until they saw stolen jewellery falling from her pockets. It was so

unlike our dad, the pacifist... but he suddenly turned into street hero!

It really was idyllic and this was largely due to our wonderful parents. They moved into the house in 1967 and we were one of the few remaining 'original' families until they left due to our dad's deteriorating mobility in late 2016. They originally chose the house because the area was so racially diverse (dad was Australian, mum is Indian) and more importantly - affordable- again hard to believe now. They were so excited to own their first home- as any young couple would be- and our dad, in between carving a career as a writer set about doing it up. He regularly dangled off abseiling ropes to paint or fix the facade; he scrambled up through the attic to fix roof tiles; he built full walls of wardrobes and bookshelves from scratch which remained until we sold the house last year. He is the reason I am a DIY addict, something that my husband is both very grateful for but also laments as he would rather we spent our weekends doing something else.

As dad grew in the journalistic world, he was able to buy a car in which he proudly drove us to school in every day before he set up in front of his typewriter. We have almost enough photos for a whole album of dad posing over decades with each of his cars in front of the house. (There were no parking lines in the street then!) I guess coming from a working class suburban Sydney background this was a success he could only have ever dreamed of.

He used to take us to the afternoon show at the Odeon Cinema every Saturday and for cakes at the Pierre Pechon Patisserie on Queensway- the aroma of a Parisian cafe was so authentic that I have never truly found it again since- even in Paris. Whiteleys was like an old fashioned department store back then and after browsing

the various counters we'd go skating at the Queens ice rink or to the playground in the park. And as dad started earning we would have a treat out for dinner once a week- usually to the local 'caf' Blue Sky on Westbourne Grove or Yuen Tong Chinese- and if we had sat quietly, behaved and eaten all our dinner he'd then take us to Dayvilles 32 Flavours ice creams opposite the park taking in the atmosphere of Queensway by night which was then London's second Chinatown. These are all icons in the memories of those who lived here in the 70s!

We had many adventures all over India and long summers in Australia in the days you could happily take your children out of school. We all loved an adventure, and in fact dad loved an invitation to anything, anywhere.... something my sister has proudly inherited.

Dad was always a big softie, refusing for years to get us a pet, but we ended up with a menagerie- every pet well known in the street for their antics. Our first dog Cookie had a late night liaison with a neighbour's dog that no one knew about until she started getting rather stocky.... Woodstock the rabbit lived for 11 years- in the wild they live 1 to 2 years- we guess he knew he was on to a good thing. One pet, Kiki the budgie, quite renowned for his red wine habit, nearly brought an end to our parents marriage as dad had left the front french windows open and Kiki fancied a night out on the town. Mum didn't speak to dad for nearly a week until Kiki remarkably returned, rather dishevelled from his adventures, to live a good few more years... probably also realising the grass definitely wasn't any greener!

Dad also always opened his doors- and arms- to those less fortunate. We forever found all sorts of waifs and strays at home, something that as a child you don't understand so well, but as adults makes us appreciate even more what a generous person he was, not just in material terms but with his time and spirit also. This is something his many friends admired him for.

He continued to rise in his career, perhaps being best remembered for exposing the thalidomide scandal and being the only journalist to whom Kim Philby granted an exclusive interview in Russia before he died. He travelled all over the world, becoming ever more celebrated as well as penning a dozen books but somehow always managed to be present for such things as the early school runs; weekend activities; tennis lessons; brushing teeth; bedtime stories and endless adventures. Later on all this developed into just wanting to be a part of our adult lives. He was delighted to be included in any dining out or trips abroad despite his Parkinson's disease. And we were delighted for his content, peaceful company too. He was a lover of life and grateful for every minute.

Dad was always lauded hugely for his work- and rightly so - he left school at 15 and achieved everything by himself - he learned five languages and received numerous awards including two Honorary Doctorates, the British Press Awards 'Journalist of the Year' (twice) and the Order of Australia. But it is a pleasure now for us to cherish and share the equally, or more, important things - simply what a wonderful father - and later grandfather - he was, and what a privilege our childhoods were as a result. There are too many special memories to recount.... but I delight each time another springs back to mind.

Memories from Marisa Knightley- daughter of Phillip and Yvonne and sister of Aliya and Kim Knightley.

Phillip Knightley- 1929 - 2016



NHNF / WNA Street Reps

Years ago the WNA had street reps who volunteered to go door-to-door on their own street to encourage membership, as well as to hear feedback on issues affecting the neighbourhood. We would like to bring street reps back, and so far, have had volunteers for Sutherland Place, Artesian Rd., Northumberland Place and Courtnell Street. If you'd be willing to be the rep for your street, road or mews, would you please send us an email?

Our streets:

Artesian Rd.	St. John's Mews
Botts Mews	Shrewsbury Rd.
Bridstow Pl.	Shrewsbury Mews
Chepstow Rd.	St. Stephen's Crescent
Courtnell St.	St. Stephen's Gardens
Heads Mews	St. Stephen's Mews
Hereford Mews	Sutherland Pl.
Hereford Rd.	Talbot Rd.
Ledbury Rd	Westbourne Grove
Moorhouse Rd.	Westbourne Park Rd.
Needham Rd.	Wellington Close
Northumberland Pl.	

Online community

Many of our residents are on Nextdoor, a neighbourhood social network and online community notice board designed to connect neighbours to one another. This online service is also used to share recommendations and find services, and it also allows members to post local events of interest, and discuss neighbourhood-specific issues.

The website is www.nextdoor.co.uk

We have our **Really Useful List** below, but we've been introduced to a new App called Beespoke, based in Islington and Notting Hill. This App connects their members to other friends and neighbours to provide recommendations for professionals, services and shops. Because membership includes our area, we thought we should let you know.

The website is www.beespokeapp.com

Really Useful List

Experienced decorator and paper hanger, with degree in interior design. Excellent results.
Rupert Rutherford - 07982 849706 or 0208 743 1844

Antique furniture restoration and conservation
Piers Keating Restoration - 01963 440705 or 07476 755806

All-purpose builder
Peter Cyparski - 07738 830970
pcyparski33@gmail.com

Recommended by Sheila Keating

Plumber
Alpine Plumbers LTC, Felix Marco 07957 294830
Gas Safe

At-Home Hair Cut, Colour and or Style
Memet Senol, 07957-140067
Recommended by Suzanne Forte

Garden Builder and also Christmas Trees
Hew Stevenson, Shoots and Leaves 0208 563 7733
www.shootsandleaves.co.uk

Recommended by Suzanne Forte

Window Cleaner
Marcin Woznica (Martin) 07736-442964

Recommended by Eleanor Robbins

Plumber
Elgan Davies 07870 161434

Recommended by Sarmila Bose

Thai Massage. Firm professional approach and wonderful benefits
Om -14 Chepstow Road

Recommended by Richard Perkins

If anyone wishes to recommend a good service provider, please email us at:
nottinghilleastnf@gmail.com

The Environment

On Wednesday October 10th, one of our committee members attended an Open City lecture (open-city.org.uk hosted by Margaret Howell margarethowell.co.uk/shops entitled “**Kicking up a stink: debating London’s problem with rubbish**”. A panel of experts including “Dr. George McGavin - BBC presenter of The Secret Life of Landfill: a rubbish history, Biba Dow - Director at Dow Jones Architects - authors of the award- winning strategic report Rubbish In, Resources Out, and Hazel Forsyth - Historian at Museum of London and curator of the Junk exhibition”* discussed the consequences of the millions of tonnes of rubbish thrown into British landfills every year. Among the items discussed were:

- we know we should not be eating ‘mange touts’ (packaged out of season food) all year
- we know already about ‘one use’ plastic containers, especially black ones. (Food suppliers often use black plastic to package items because food looks better against black.) This black plastic, according to Dr. McGavin is non-recyclable.
- we knew that eventually, we would have to retrieve all of the rubbish that has been thrown away - now is that time
- if we had to keep our rubbish in a spare room, under a dining table, in our cupboard for a week we would make more effort and think really hard about recycling, etc.
- interesting, visible, well designed and built, or converted recycling buildings right within our communities would make us work together to lead less wasteful lives for the benefit of our children
- Penzance (and now other places) is plastic free - why can’t we be??
- Switzerland charges a fee for collections, but this may increase fly tipping, although the tax on plastic bags has had massive results
- we should understand more about recycling materials to increase their use by craft makers
- have an away day to East Tilbury to see the rubbish tips along our shores
- reduce our apathy & visit a recycling centre on an open day.
- re-use; recycle; reduce.

Suggestions at the end of the evening included a call to resist fast fashion - those millions of cheap t-shirts that are bought and discarded within a year, and sending a message to retailers by unwrapping whatever you buy in the shop and leaving the packaging there. Clearly we can all take steps to lessen our rubbish footprint and send a message to the worst offenders. Link to the evening here: * <https://open-city.org.uk/journal/new-blog-post-16/>

And in environmental news from across the globe, Istanbul has introduced “reverse” vending machines in metro stations allowing residents to earn credit on their travel cards when depositing used bottles and cans. Approximately twenty eight 1.5 litre bottles equal a single journey. Taiwan has done the same.

If you have suggestions and/or wish to contribute to this column, please email us.

And just a reminder, as one step in dealing with our pollution problem,
please don't forget

WHEN YOU STOP, SWITCH OFF!

Please remind any vehicles you see idling in our streets

Upcoming and Past Events

Winter Party - Tuesday, December 4, 2018



NHENF / WNA

WINTER PARTY!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018
WALMER CASTLE - UPSTAIRS
7 P.M.

£15 PER PERSON, 2 FOR £25 SO BRING A FRIEND!
OVER 65s £10
TICKET INCLUDES FESTIVE BUFFET, ONE GLASS BEER, WINE, OR A COCKTAIL.
CASH BAR FOR EXTRAS
THERE WILL BE RAFFLE PRIZES & A GAME

WE WILL BE COMING AROUND TO SELL TICKETS.
EMAIL US IF YOU'D LIKE TO COME AND WE HAVEN'T REACHED YOU.

Craft Market - Saturday, November 24, 2018



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 24TH

ADVENT CRAFT MARKET

St. Stephens, Westbourne Park W2 5QT

COME AND FIND UNIQUE, HANDMADE GIFTS
FROM TALENTED, LOCAL DESIGNERS!

enjoy a complimentary glass of mulled wine with a slice of
homemade cake. Proceeds go to charity

10am-6pm

Neighbourhood Walk - November 3, 2018

Thanks go to Andrew Pilkington for guiding us around Kensal Green Cemetery last Saturday during our Neighbourhood Walk. The weather cooperated, the leaves sparkled and the low winter sun cast just the right shadows across the mausoleums, sarcophagi and headstones. Gathering in front of the stately Greek Revival Dissenters' Tomb, our group heard from Richard Perkins, who highlighted some of Brunel's vast achievements before we walked to his grave. We then set out for Bonaparte's grave in the Catholic part of the cemetery, with Andrew pointing out some significant architectural elements along the way. We concluded our walk at Prince Louis Lucien Bonaparte's grave, and heard a bit about his life, Emma Salter expertly read a French poem, (followed by the English translation!), and we ended with a toast to the prince and his life in W2.



Dissenters' Chapel above, Brunel's grave at left, Bonaparte's grave bottom left and a toast below!



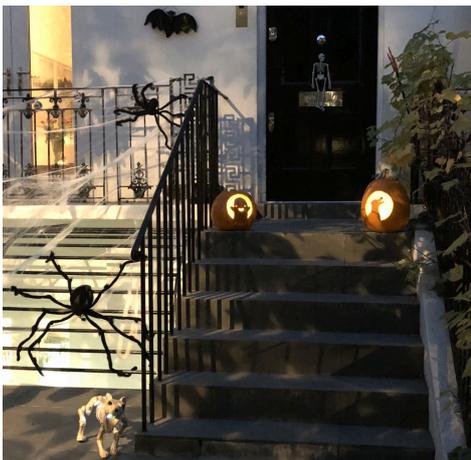
Swap Day - October 27, 2018

Welcome to our new members who signed up during our Swap Day on the 27th of October. And thanks to those who helped, those who brought items to donate, and to our neighbours on the corner of Sutherland and Talbot for allowing us to use their front wall. It was a cold and blustery day but some nice items were gratefully received and we all enjoyed our conversations with fellow residents. Look for our next Swap Day in May, 2019.



Halloween - October 31, 2018

We have just a few photos from around our streets on Halloween night. Wonderful to see so much creativity in costumes, decorations and pumpkin carving. Keep up the good work next year!



AGM - 2019

Our AGM will be held on
Wednesday, April 10, 2019

St. Stephen's Church,
corner of Talbot Road and Westbourne Park Road.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

Notting Hill East Neighbourhood Forum Membership

I certify that I live, work, or have a relevant interest in the Notting Hill East Neighbourhood Forum area.

Signed:.....Print Name

Address..... tick if business owner or worker ()

Email..... and/or Phone Number

Please fill this in as legibly as possible, and please give us your address or telephone number so we can contact you if we have any problems with your email.

If you have any special skills that you would be willing to contribute to the group, please note them here:

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Membership is open to all in our area, and is free. This form can be filled in and left at 1 St. Stephen's Mews or you can email us the information. Donations are entirely voluntary and will help us to continue to do our work for the neighbourhood. Donation cheques (made payable to WNA) or cash may be posted to, or left, as noted above, with Cye Elliot at 1 St. Stephen's Mews, London, W2 5QZ, or brought to our AGM or other events.

Donations can also be transferred directly into our account: Sort Code 60-02-08, Account number 7861-4023. If you choose to do this online, please reference your surname, street number and street name, (very important) and please drop us an email to let us know you wish to be a member.
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