

SUDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

S.A.R.A. Hall, Rundle Road, Aigburth, Liverpool L17 0AQ

Registered Charity No. 1190529

ANNUAL REPORT

For the period ending 31st March 2022



KEY INFORMATION

Charity Name: **Sudley Area Residents' Association (SARA)**

Registered Address: **SARA Hall, Rundle Road, Aigburth, Liverpool L17 0AQ**

Charity No. **1190529**

Chairman: **Steven Kearney**

Secretary: **Dot Caples**

Treasurer: **Grenville Jefferies**

Trustees: **Steven Kearney, Dot Caples, Eileen Rich, Brenda Brown, Grenville Jefferies, Margaret Sorensen, Janet Corke, Jennifer Woodcock, Jacqueline Bligh, Allan Henshall and John Beamish (from 5/11/2021).**

Honorary Members: **Jean Browne**

Email: **secretary@sudley.org.uk**

Web: **www.sudley.org.uk**

2021-2022

We officially reopened SARA Hall on 12th April 2021 after being closed for 13 months. The reopening process was staggered in line with the Government COVID roadmap and initially only a small number of groups were allowed to return. The hall was further used as a polling station on 6th May 2021. On 17th May 2021, more of our regular groups were allowed to return with the majority of returning groups back by 30th September 2021.

Throughout the period, the trustees have prioritised getting SARA Hall up and running in a safe manner to provide a covid-secure environment for users of the building. Social events, Sudley Community Cinema and our day trips remain on hold for the period, but are set to return in April 2022.

Work within the local area included responding to a public consultation regarding the future of IM Marsh, providing a venue for community police meetings, funding a choir for adults with learning disabilities, and successfully applying for funds from the Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund for a Defibrillator.



SARA REGISTER OF MEMBERS

186 (+8) full members (permanent residents of the Sudley Area aged 18 years and over and these shall all have voting rights)

163 (-3) non-voting members (well-wishers anywhere)

1 (-) co-opted members (persons who, in the opinion of the Trustees, have special knowledge or experience to offer the Charity. Such members shall be called Associate Members and shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Charity)



GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL

In February 2020 before the first lockdown, we had 18 regular weekday sessions totalling 27 hours per week and 3 regular weekend sessions totalling 14 hours per month. Upon reopening, we lost 8 regular sessions. These were however quickly covered with demand at an all time high for community venues and activities.

In February 2022, we had 17 regular weekday sessions totalling 28 hours per week and 3 regular weekend sessions totalling 11 hours per month.

New groups and sessions include Sudley Sings, Aigburth Methodist Church, Drama Adventures from Teeny Tiny Theatre, Gentle Years (Chair) Yoga and an under 5's Yoga and Sing-Along group.

GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL



NICOLA PARKER
PILATES



*Aigburth Shotokan
Karate Club*



*Angela's Tai Chi School
Taiji Kungfu Fan Workshops*



Active Play
with
**Church & Mossley Hill
Children's Centre**

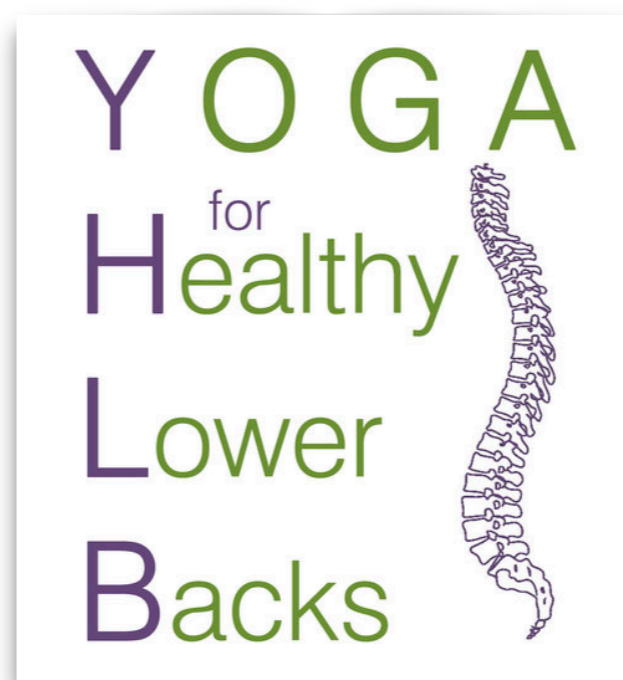


Wu Shu Kwan[®]
Chinese Kickboxing



GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL

Adult Yoga Groups



GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL

Adult Education Classes

The return of our independent adult education classes was split between May and September 2021.



IM MARSH - CONSULTATION



SUDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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3rd June 2021

Sent via email only: immarshconsultation@cbre.com

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: **IM Marsh Consultation**

Having reviewed the consultation document relating to the IM Marsh campus, I write to raise the concerns of myself and fellow trustees of Sudley Area Residents' Association.

Firstly, I would like to raise two issues specifically relating to the consultation process. We have only been made aware of the proposals through social media and believe that your consultation area should be wider to include properties further along North Sudley Road and the adjoining roads in a similar way as to the consultation for the residents' parking scheme, similarly, we believe that given the current situation around COVID and the inability to hold large-scale face-to-face meetings, the timescales provided in the document should be extended to allow sufficient time for residents to (a) be made aware of the proposals, and (b) be able to reply.

On my initial review of the consultation documents, I would like to refer you to the LJMU/Barton Willmore Vision Document (November 2018) where a similar development was put forward. One thing that was clear from this vision was the description of the Barkhill Building '*...an early 20th Century building of some quality that could be converted for future residential use*' vs the description in the current proposal '*...a non-designated heritage building which has been significantly altered over time*'. I would suggest that the description has been changed in order to facilitate the demolition of the same and as such I think you should review this.

The scale of the development as outlined in the Masterplan is not consistent with the existing infrastructure in the area. The addition of up to 210 new homes will not only create gridlock from a traffic perspective but also further impact the already oversubscribed local facilities and services including but not limited to schooling and medical provision.

Barkhill Road, Mossley Hill Road, Holmefield Road, North Sudley Road and many of the roads that run from these are residential sized roads, they are not dual carriageways and are already heavily used as can be seen from the traffic calming measures situated throughout the area. The proposal to include additional footpaths for pedestrians and cyclists through the estate doesn't move away from the fact that the average number of cars per household in England (excluding London) was 1.3 in 2019. Assuming these figures are the same today and haven't increased, that would provide an absolute minimum of 273 new cars in the immediate area trying to navigate along roads that are already at bursting point from heavy traffic.

The local school provision has already been increased due to overwhelming demand. In 2016 there were 318 applications for 90 places at Sudley Infant School. The school now has 120 places per year, but this is still not sufficient to meet the consistently high levels of demand and that's before

any increased demand from IM Marsh. This also doesn't factor in other local developments such as Dale Hall (now Sessile Close) or the vacant site at Carnatic Hall.

Medical facilities such as the local GP surgeries and dentists are oversubscribed.

In addition to the impact any new development on the site may have, something that is very important is the wealth of history within the grounds of the IM Marsh campus. This is identified during LJMU's Professor Patricia Shenton OBE's presentation '*IM Marsh -- A Celebration of Achievement Since 1900*'. The presentation can be found at <https://youtu.be/rQnVsoiC5eE> The achievements identified within the presentation and the significance of the educational programmes developed and designed on the IM Marsh campus should be championed by LJMU and recognised as historically important – turning the site into a housing development certainly doesn't achieve this!

As a residents' association, we are familiar with the additional benefits that IM Marsh Campus brings to the community, the facilities at the campus have provided a home for many community activities over many, many years. As an organisation, we have held a long relationship with IM Marsh Campus through our weekly swimming sessions provided exclusively for SARA residents from 1986 right through until 2009 when the swimming facilities were closed. We are aware of many other community activities such as the over 60's dance group that has met at the site for the past 23 years and the very popular Ju-Jitsu group to name a couple, but I see no mention of any community facility within the proposals for groups such as this to continue their activities.

I trust you will take these points into account when considering any potential planning application.

Yours faithfully

Steven Kearney
Chairman
Sudley Area Residents' Association



MAYORAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND (1)



Sudley Sings is a vibrant bunch of adults with learning disabilities who love to sing their favourite songs and sometimes have a little dance too! The group was set up by families of adults with learning disabilities to provide a much-needed resource in the local area.

This fun activity has a great mix of people who each bring to the group their wonderful vocal skills and it is a fantastic session enabling participants to sing as a group in a safe and welcoming environment.

The initial setup costs including membership of the National Federation of Music Societies (Making Music), DBS fees, and the first 12-months of hall hire have been covered by the Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund.



Liverpool
City Council

Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund

MAYORAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND (2)



Over the last ten years, the SARA committee has made numerous attempts to secure a defibrillator for SARA Hall. After several unsuccessful funding bids with a variety of organisations, we are delighted to confirm funding has been secured from Liverpool City Council's Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund along with the support of Cllr. McAllister-Bell and the defibrillator charity 'London Hearts'.

The defibrillator will shortly be installed outside SARA Hall in a locked cabinet. Once installed, the access code will be held by the emergency services and can be retrieved by calling 999. It should be noted that SARA Trustees and session leaders will not have the access code for the cabinet. In an emergency, the only means of accessing the defibrillator will be by calling 999. We will provide a further update when the equipment has been installed.



Liverpool
City Council

Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund

SARA INCOME & EXPENDITURE

<u>INCOME</u>	2021-22 (£)	2020-21 (£)
Donations and grants (including restricted fund)	1,725.00	2,725.00
Operating activities to further charity's objectives	12,151.10	515.00
Operating activities to generate funds	-	47.94
Bank Interest	3.54	21.38
Total Income	13,879.64	3,309.32
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Payments for generating funds	-	-
Charitable activities (including newsletter)	835.18	111.33
Donations and grants (including restricted fund)	2,172.50	947.03
Support costs, management and administration	10,988.57	6,304.74
Total Expenditure	13,996.25	7,363.10
Net Income / (Expenditure)	(116.61)	(4,053.78)



2022-2023

For the coming year, we welcome the return of SARA Community Cinema, our programme of day trips, social events and more face-to-face community activities.

A new central heating system is being installed over the summer and further works are being considered over the coming months including a re-wire of the building and sealing the parquet floor.

Our gardening project at the front of the hall continues, as does Sudley Sings although the group is now funding itself following our initial provision of startup costs and hall hire for the first twelve months.

We will be keeping a close eye on a number of issues including future planning applications for the IM Marsh site, proposed changes to ward boundaries which may mean from next year we operate across three wards (Aigburth, Mossley Hill and Greenbank) instead of one (Mossley Hill), and above all, we will continue to monitor the covid situation and any new measures that may be needed at SARA Hall.



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SUDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
INCOMING				
<u>Donations, legacies and grants</u>				
Charles Brotherton Trust	225.00	-	225.00	225.00
LCC - Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund	-	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
LCC - Discretionary COVID Grant	-	-	-	2,500.00
<u>Operating activities to further charity's objectives</u>				
Weekday classes held at SARA Hall	10,489.10	-	10,489.10	330.00
Weekend sessions at SARA Hall	1,662.00	-	1,662.00	185.00
Charity of the year (COY)	-	-	-	-
Charity fundraising (non COY or SARA)	-	-	-	-
<u>Operating activities to generate funds</u>				
Holidays and day trips	-	-	-	-
Other fundraising activities	-	-	-	47.94
<u>Investment income</u>				
Bank interest	3.54	-	3.54	21.38
	12,379.64	1,500.00	13,879.64	3,309.32
EXPENDITURE				
<u>Payments for generating funds</u>				
Holidays and day trips	-	-	-	-
<u>Charitable activities</u>				
Newsletter	716.37	-	716.37	-
Fundraising costs	118.81	-	118.81	111.33
<u>Charitable donations and grants</u>				
Charity of the year	-	-	-	-
LCC - Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund	-	1,327.50	1,327.50	747.03
Other	50.00	795.00	845.00	200.00
<u>Support costs, management and administration</u>				
Repairs and maintenance of SARA Hall	458.35	-	458.35	460.54
Lighting and heating	904.01	-	904.01	447.22
Rent and council tax	3,040.32	-	3,040.32	2,170.16
Water charges	303.71	-	303.71	301.48
Insurances	594.41	-	594.41	1,235.14
Miscellaneous expenses	1,105.47	-	1,105.47	331.74
Caretaking	3,760.00	-	3,760.00	500.00
Sundries	168.87	-	168.87	278.36
Telephone and stationery	638.03	-	638.03	580.10
Bank Charges	15.40	-	15.40	-
	11,873.75	2,122.50	13,996.25	7,363.10
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	505.89	(622.50)	(116.61)	(4,053.78)
Balances as at 1st April 2021	38,262.86	881.50	39,144.36	43,198.14
Balances as at 31st March 2022	38,768.75	259.00	39,027.75	39,144.36

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

		31/03/2021
	£	£
Cash in hand		100.00
General current account	5,019.75	1,417.36
Utilities on account	0.00	127.00
less unrepresented cheques	0.00	0.00
	<u>5,027.75</u>	<u>1,644.36</u>
General reserve account	34,000.00	37,500.00
Total	<u>39,027.75</u>	<u>39,144.36</u>

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