

Help us keep Ickenham special!

If you would like to help ensure that the village keeps its distinctive character and identity as a wonderful place to live, please join the Ickenham Residents' Association.

A majority of households in the village are currently members. The Association has no party-political affiliations and exists solely to establish and reflect the views of its members on protecting and improving our community and to evaluate proposed developments, from day-to-day planning applications to major projects such as HS2. Although our opposition was not successful on the latter, our arguments have mostly been proved correct and we have been active in monitoring their actions on the ground and influencing them for the better in a number of cases.

A team of volunteer road stewards keeps members informed on a range of issues including HS2, road safety and traffic, the fight against crime, health, conservation and green spaces, largely through a quarterly newsletter and website, and tries to ensure that their views are reflected in the discussions and actions of the elected Committee. The AGM is open to all members, including those who want to make their voices heard directly, and is usually attended by our MP and our local councillors.

A dedicated team monitors all planning applications affecting the village and we liaise with public bodies such as the Police, TfL, and local schools and it initiates improvements to our environment from parks to parking. Our successes include retaining, extending and monitoring the Ickenham Conservation Area, fighting off unsuitable retail developments and we supported residents in opposing a "change in use" planning application which would have allowed the accommodation of up to thirteen people in a space originally designed for five or six. We also championed the successful parking scheme in the village centre and helped secure new playgrounds in Swakeleys and Copthall Road parks.

To enable us to continue this work, we would like you to become a member at a cost of only £5 per household for the next two years, reflecting the fact that all the work is done by volunteers.

If you'd like to become a member, please contact us by email either on ickres.memsec@hotmail.com or ickenhamresidents@hotmail.com with your name, address and telephone number.

We look forward to hearing from you.

June Reyner

On behalf of Ickenham Residents' Association

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