



Annual Report 2014/15

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This report covers the period from CPCG's AGM in March 2014 to the AGM in July 2015. The Accounts reported are for the last two full financial years, 2013/14 and 2014/15.

Chair's Report

I would like to say thank you first and foremost to the members of the Community Police Consultative Group (CPCG) past and present for their unbridled support and to the present CPCG Board which remains resilient & steadfast through a very troubling time.

I would further like to thank Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) in Lambeth, staff from Lambeth Council's Community Safety Unit who continue to provide Lambeth with a safe accountable professional service, and the Voluntary Sector who have seen their funding withdrawn and yet are still being asked to continue their work without any source of funding, compassion or support.

CPCG has stood for more than just a talking shop as some may debate, but I can honestly say without a shadow of doubt we have allowed the community voice to be heard and listened to. As I look back on this year it is clear our credibility has been there for all to see once again.

Alas due to championing injustice where we have challenged and held to account our crime and disorder partners we find ourselves in our present position where The Mayor of London sought our demise and our funding has withdrawn.

Many thought this would have been our Waterloo but we continue through adversity to support and stand beside members of our community.

The challenges have not ceased, It would be an understatement to say a lot has happened since our last AGM, with speculation over our future with the introduction of the Safer Neighbourhood Board casting a shadow over our existence. Yet as always we have remained resilient and persistent in working with the boroughs Community Safety Unit and Lambeth Police with regard to how the borough is policed and protected. With the continued use of American models it is evident that we will eventually have Americanised problems which we clearly are not structured or prepared for.

The events in American have placed many doubts in my mind about policing in the UK, with young black men being shot and killed without due cause in their houses, in front of their children or going to the shop is more than troubling. Considering the £800 million the MPS

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have to cut from their present budget, which equates to sixteen thousand officers or half of the present thirty two thousand. Are we on route to zero tolerance policing where officers carry firearms?

It is further concerning that the separation of powers has become nothing more than mere words where policing has become controlled and driven by party politics where collusion has never been seen to be so blatant especially over the historic child sexual exploitation and abuse cases. All three major parties continue to protect their members who have been reported at some stage for abuse but, due to cronyism of a most foul taste, are being allowed to escape accountability for their abuse of power.

One of CPCG's strengths has been its commitment to returning to issues which some might prefer to see fade in public awareness with the passage of time. Historic sexual abuse of children in the borough has recurrently been raised over the years at CPCG, most notably by our former Chair Anna Tapsell. The fall –out of the Saville affair generally, and specifically the television interview given by former Chief Inspector Clive Driscoll in 2014, have brought the issue to the fore. CPCG's request to the Home Office that Lambeth be shown the same commitment as that given to Rotherham and that an independent inquiry be established, was summarily dismissed. Nonetheless, we shall now work to ensure that the historic cases in Lambeth receive the thorough attention of Justice Goddard's Inquiry. We hope others in the borough, including the SNB, will join us in that.

Going forward it is clear there are major challenges ahead and it is hoped that members will energise the CPCG through it's working group, helping to reshape, structure & plan our future.

Wesley W-Stephenson

Chair CPCG Lambeth

Honorary Comptroller's Report

ACTIVITIES

The introduction of the Safer Neighbourhood Board, and consequent removal of CPCG's funding has of course severely curtailed CPCG's activities. Nonetheless we held three public meetings in the financial year and have maintained our website, which continues to enjoy a healthy traffic. We have also sustained our working groups, two of which facilitated focussed public meetings in 2014.

This was in parallel with an inordinate, and ultimately fruitless, amount of effort directed at the development of the Safer Neighbourhood Board (see below).

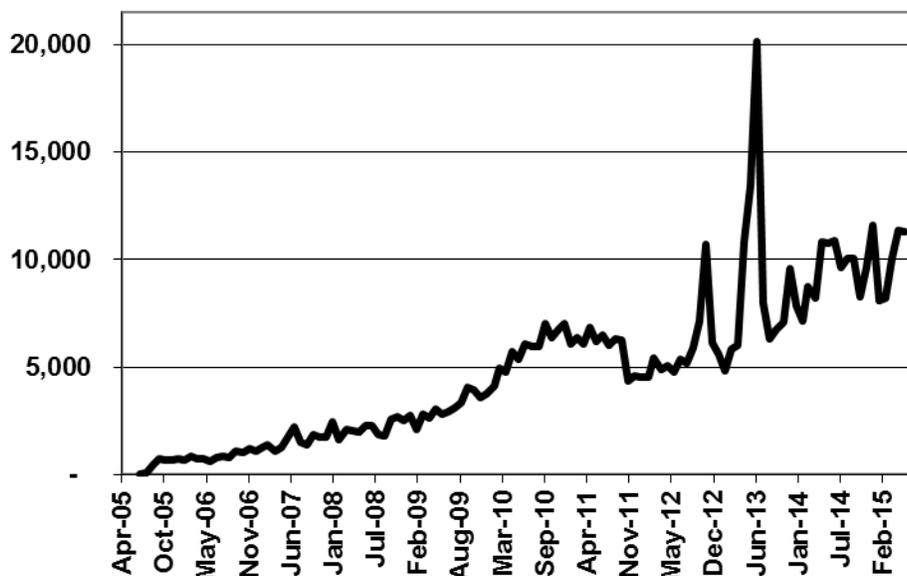
Website

The numbers of 'unique visitors' to our website, having grown steadily from its launch in 2005, appears to have stabilised at around ten thousand unique visitors per month. Over 30 per cent of the visitors view downloadable documents (police reports, minutes etc).

Notably there have been a number of 'spikes' in visits over the past year and these have coincided with particular developments in respect of the Safer Neighbourhood Board.

Visits to the website are driven from the search engines but also our briefings, generally sent out following our public meetings, and more recently by CPCG's use of Twitter. We have sustained a mailing list of around 850 though the period, with a 'churn' of approximately 10%.

UNIQUE VISITS TO CPCG WEBSITE EACH MONTH



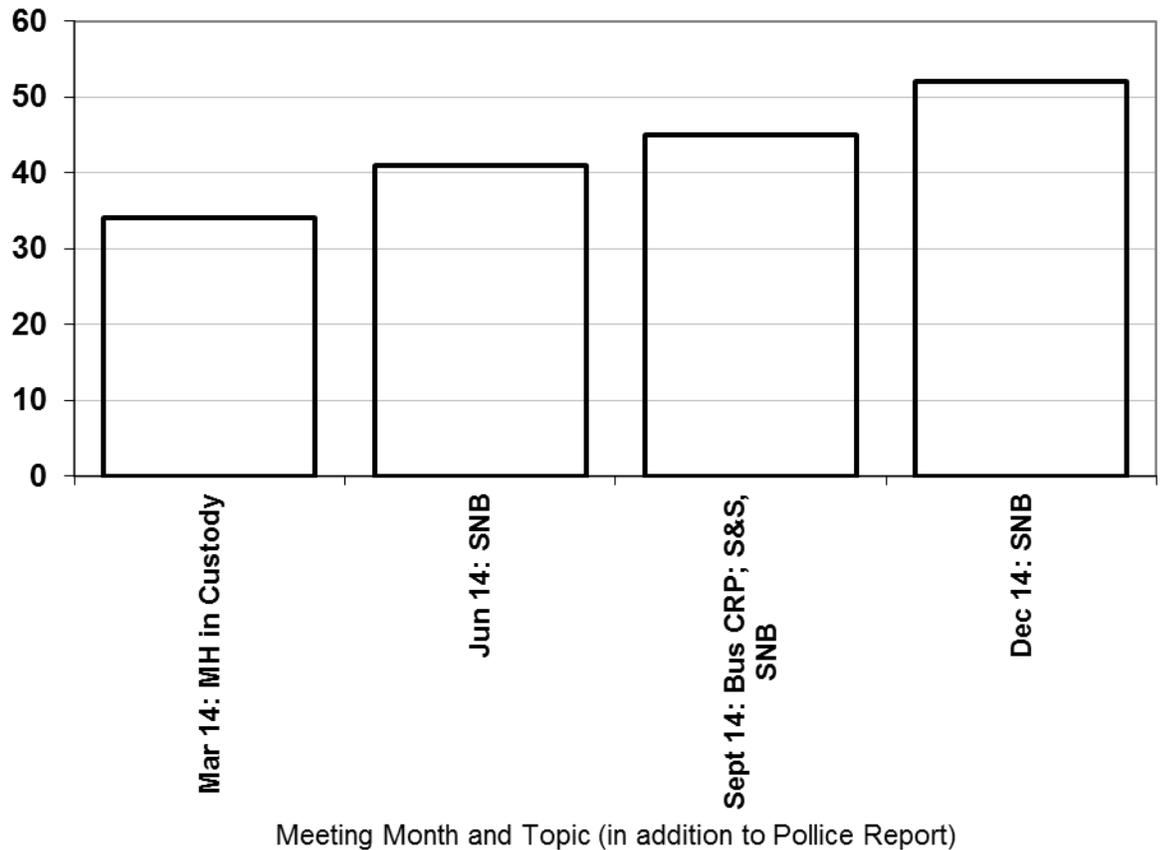
A 'Unique Visit' is one where the visitor loads more than one page; count includes all sub-domains

Public Meetings

For almost thirty years, our local police have been attending open-access, CPCG public meetings every month. In doing so they, and CPCG, have pre-dated, by twenty years or more, the current notions 'Engagement' and 'Facing the People'. Successive borough commanders and senior officers have attested the value they place on this form of local accountability. In recent years the forum has been extended to encompass the wider Safer Lambeth Partnership as well as specialist units within the MPS, whose activity in the borough can have considerable impact on public confidence.

CPCG has had to reduce the number of public meetings, initially from eleven to six in each financial year, due to reductions in funding. In the most recent financial year (in the absence of any funding), the planned number of meetings was reduced to four, of which three were realised (the fourth was postponed to accommodate an unplanned office move).

ATTENDANCE AT CPCG PUBLIC MEETINGS



Detailed minutes of these meetings are available on our website and blog, so only general comments are made here.

Key concerns expressed in relation to the specific topics were:

- The adverse effects on the effectiveness of the ICVs in terms of their access and the management style adopted by MOPAC;
- The capacity of the police to deal effectively with detainees with mental illnesses and the impact of constraints on or by other services (the shortage of mental health beds or the reluctance of London Ambulance Service to convey detainees with mental illness, contrary to ACPO guidelines).

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- Dissapointment that the pilot provision of mental health proffessionals in Brixton custody suite appeared to be ending prematurely and that no thoorough-going evaluation was being undertaken (as had been assured at the outset).
- Risks to local accountability around custody issues consequent on centralisation of the custody command structure;
- The viability of funding for small businesses wishing to engage with the Business Crime Reduction Partnership
- Civil liberties issues relating to the operation of the Business Crime Reduction Partnership.
- Ongoing concerns over disproportionate and/or inappropriate use of Stop and Search;
- Ongoing concerns about the adaquacy of the proposed Safer Neighbourhood Board.

More general concerns, raised in response to the Police Reports for example, included:

- The resignation of a Lambeth police officer ahead of disciplinary procedures (the officer was subsequently 'de-resigned');
- The conduct of police 'raids' on residences, particularly by the Territorial Support Group;
- More generally, the need to ensure proportionate and appropriate behaviour by police officers in encounters with local people, again focussing on the TSG;
- Licensing policy and policing of the night time economy;
- BME representation in the local police service, particularally at senior level;
- Concerns relating to historic failures, in Lambeth, in protecting children from abuse and the need for transparent investigation and justice for victims.

Austerity driven resource constraints have diminished the capacity of our statutory partners to bring worked up, comprehensive presentations to our events - the loss of a comprehensive police statistical report has been a particular regret. Whilst we acknowledge the efforts of individual officials, often struggling under mounting workloads, it is the case that at some point engagement and consultation can degenerate into mere gestures if serious content is lacking.

Themes and Contributors to Public Meetings		
Meeting Date	Theme	Contributors
04 March 2014	Mental Health	Anna Tapsell – Chair, CPCG Mental Health sub-group Ch Insp Robyn Williams – MPS Lambeth Ch Insp Sally Brown – MPS Lambeth Dr Rosalind Ramsey - SLAM PC Biju Premnath – MPS Lambeth George Marsham – LBL, Adult Service Jane Warwick MBE – Chair Lambeth ICV's
3 June 2014	SNB, Police Report	Chief Supt Richard Wood; Wesley Stephenson, Jim Toohill
2 September 2014	Stop and Search Business Crime Redution Partnership Police Report	Chief Insp Mark McLellan, Chief Supt Richard Wood , James Barrett (LBCRP)
2 December 2014	SNB Police Report	Chief Supt Richard Wood; Wesley Stephenson, Jim Toohill

Safer Neighbourhood Board

A major pre-occupation throughout the period has been the introduction of Safer Neighbourhood Boards (SNBs) into each London borough by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, to replace the current CPCGs. Initial discussion started in Lambeth, with the then borough commander in December 2012. This followed on from the Mayor's manifesto commitment earlier in the year. Those discussions, on and off, through to October 2014 and certainly consumed a lot of time and effort in that year.

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A full account of those discussions can be found in the papers published on our website (<http://www.lambethcpcg.org.uk/54513.html>).

At an EGM in March 2013, CPCG members agreed clear principles of engagement which they believed the proposed SNB should adhere to if it was to stand any chance of being credible and effective. They were:

Accountability

Accessibility

Inclusivity

Independence

Working in Depth

Partnership

Source for more detail: [Sustaining Policing by Consent in Lambeth, CPCG June 2013](#)

Throughout, CPCG took a positive and adaptable position and thanks are due to all the CPCG members who gave up their time to contribute to what, in the event, was a thankless task.

By October 2014, CPCG's SNB working group took the view that the SNB was most likely to fail on most, if not all, of these criteria and CPCG, along with the Safer Neighbourhood Panels, withdrew from the process.

To date the SNB has not published details of its membership or of its operations and so we are reliant on hearsay, but nothing we have seen or heard has swayed our view of October last.

The challenge for CPCG is now to decide whether or not it wishes to attempt to fill the hole created by the SNP and, if so, how.

Finance and Resources

CPCG has closed two sets of accounts since our last AGM in March 2014 – for 2013/14 and for 2014/15. The income and expenditure statements for the two years are shown on

the first page of the Accounts whilst the two subsequent pages show the in-year balance sheet movements and the year end balance sheet for the respective financial years.

CPCG was funded by MOPAC during 2013/4 with the requirement that the year's accounts be examined by a qualified accountant. The resulting report is distributed separately to members.

CPCG was not funded during 2014/15 and the Board has decided that, since there is no audit requirement under the Companies Act – CPCG claims a small firms exemption – and the number of transactions in the year are limited and straight-forward, the expense of an accountants examination cannot be justified. To give members comfort, however, the transactions in the year are detailed in Appendix 1.

CPCG's worth at the end of the financial year was £4,760. Going forward the Group might look to have around £4k as a base to build on. Whilst this is a meagre sum, with limited outgoings it will provide the Group with some breathing space in which to develop new directions.

Jim Toohill

Honorary Comptroller

Balance Sheet Movements: 2013/14	
Cash in hand and at Bank 31/3/2013	13,500
Debtors at 31/3/2013	
Creditors at 31/3/2013	417
Tangible Fixed Assets at 31/3/2013	
Total Assets at 31/3/2013	13,083
Movement on Total Assets 2012/13	(642)
Total Assets at 31/3/2014	12,441
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2014	
<i>Current Assets</i>	
Cash in Hand and at Bank	13,039
<i>Debtors</i>	
<i>Creditors</i>	
Club Copying Service Charge	300
LBL DBS Fees	84
Office Security Charge	200
Regency Payroll Service	14
Net Funds at 31/3/2014	12,441
<i>Fixed Assets</i>	
Tangible Assets	
Total Assets at 31/3/2014	12,440.53

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Balance Sheet Movements: 2014/15	
Cash in hand and at Bank 31/3/2014	13,039
Debtors at 31/3/2014	0
Creditors at 31/3/2014	598
Written Off 2013/14 Creditor (Security Charge)	(200)
Tangible Fixed Assets at 31/3/2014	0
Total Assets at 31/3/2014	12,441
Movement on Total Assets 2014/15	(7,680)
Total Assets at 31/3/2015	4,760
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2015	
<i>Current Assets</i>	
Cash in Hand and at Bank	5,440
<i>Debtors</i>	
<i>Creditors</i>	
Accountant	480
Tangible Assets	-
Net Funds at 31/3/2014	4,760
<i>Fixed Assets</i>	
Tangible Assets	-
Total Assets at 31/3/2014	4,760

Appendix 1: CPCG Financial Transactions 2014/15

Financial Year	Date Issued	Date Bank	Bank Account	From	To	Expenditure
2014/15	03/04/2014	03/04/2014	Rent	Bank	Lambeth Co-op Centre	£500.00
2014/15	07/04/2014	07/04/2014	TeleFax	Bank	Talktalk Business	£34.34
2014/15	06/05/2014	06/05/2014	Rent	Bank	Lambeth Co-op Centre	£500.00
2014/15	08/05/2014	08/05/2014	TeleFax	Bank	Talktalk Business	£34.94
2014/15	03/06/2014	03/06/2014	Rent	Bank	Lambeth Co-op Centre	£500.00
2014/15	03/06/2014	03/06/2014	Telefax	Bank	Talktalk Business	£33.04
2014/15	03/07/2014	03/07/2014	Rent	Bank	Lambeth Co-op Centre	£500.00
2014/15	07/07/2014	07/07/2014	Telefax	Bank	Talktalk Business	£31.91
2014/15	04/08/2014	04/08/2014	Rent	Bank	Lambeth Co-op Centre	£500.00
2014/15	06/08/2014	06/08/2014	Telefax	Bank	Talktalk Business	£32.05
2014/15	03/09/2014	03/09/2014	Rent	Bank	Lambeth Co-op Centre	£500.00
2014/15	01/03/9314	03/09/2014	Telefax	Bank	Talktalk Business	£31.93
2014/15	03/10/2014	03/10/2014	Rent	Bank	Lambeth Co-op Centre	£500.00
2014/15	06/10/2014	06/10/2014	Telefax	Bank	Talktalk Business	£32.09
2014/15	10/10/2014		Refreshments	Petty Cash	A King; Happy Shop	£2.00
2014/15	03/11/2014	03/11/2014	Rent	Bank	Lambeth Co-op Centre	£500.00
2014/15	05/11/2014	05/11/2014	Telefax	Bank	Talktalk Business	£34.24
2014/15	03/12/2014	03/12/2014	Rent	Bank	Lambeth Co-op Centre	£500.00
2014/15	08/12/2014	08/12/2014	Telefax	Bank	Talktalk Business	£32.94
2014/15	05/01/2015	05/01/2015	Rent	Bank	Lambeth Co-op Centre	£500.00
2014/15	05/01/2015	05/01/2015	Telefax	Bank	Talktalk Business	£33.28
2014/15	21/01/2015	21/01/2015	Insurance	Bank	Giles Insurance Brokers	£628.58
2014/15	03/02/2015	03/02/2015	Rent	Bank	Lambeth Co-op Centre	£500.00
2014/15	03/02/2015	03/02/2015	Telefax	Bank	Talktalk Business	£33.61
2014/15	03/03/2015	03/03/2015	Rent	Bank	Lambeth Co-op Centre	£500.00
2014/15	08/03/2015	09/03/2015	Telefax	Bank	Talktalk Business	£32.94
2014/15	24/03/2015	08/04/2015	Printing	Bank	Club Copying Co.	£172.50
					Total Cash Expenditure	£7,200.39
2014/15	Creditor				Thurburn (Accountant)	£480.00
					Total Expenditure	£7,680.39

Appendix 2: Membership and Board

Membership during period March 2014 to July 2015 .

Community and Voluntary Organisations

Angell town, Loughborough and Herford CCTV committee Cathy Valentine
Bethesda Ministries UK Ervell Bailey / Dionne Lamont
Brixton Domino ClubLloyd Leon MBE
Brixton Market Traders Federation Stuart Horwood
Brixton Society Doye Akinlade / David Warner
Churches Together In Brixton Stephen Sichel
Churches Together In Clapham Anna Long / John Ohen
Clapham Sector Working Group John Wainwright
Clapham Town Neighbourhood Watch Peggy Tyler
Cressingham Gardens T.R.A. Sandra Moodie
Forum for Portuguese and Spanish Speaking Communities – Lambeth Myriam Hay
Friends of Brockwell Park Peter Bradley
Herne Hill Forum Nick Abengowe
HMP Brixton -Independent Monitoring Board Phyllis Jackson
Independent Custody Visitors Jane Warwick MBE
Kennington Sector Working Group Michael Somers
Lambeth Older Persons Forum Martin Walsh
Lambeth Summer Projects Trust Nick Mason OBE
Lambeth Towers And Lambeth Road TRA Arulini Velmurugu
Milkwood Residents Association Hazel Watson / Maude Estwick
NACRO Tony Chrouch
Options For Change Donna Sinclair
PopUlar Youth Association Rowena Estwick
Queen Mother Moore School Clarence Thompson MBE / Hugh Andrew
Soli's Brixton Soup Kitchen Mahamed Hashi / Solomon Smith*
South London Synagogue Brian Mantell / Sid Nathan
St Matthew's TRA
Stockwell and Clapham Faith Forum Catriona Robertson
Stockwell Park Residents Association David Tomlinson / Patricia Tomlinson
Streatham Common Southside NW George Tuson
Tulse Hill Neighbourhood Elaine Lilley
Tulse Hill Tenants and Residents Association Kathy White
Victim Support Enid Rowlands
West Indian Ex-Servicemen/Women Assoc. (WASP) Vince McBean / Neil Flanigan MBE
West Indian Standing Conference Hedley Johnson

Your Story Adrian Jones

Safer Neighbourhood Panels

Herne Hill SNP John Frankland

Clapham Town SNP Ros Munday

Streatham Wells Safer Neighbourhood Panel Felix Ogbogoh

Statutory Organisations

British Transport Police Insp. Ian Mixter

Crown Prosecution Service Martin Ryan

HM Prison Brixton Governor Ed Tullett

London Borough of Lambeth Council (post-March 2012) Cllr Lorna Campbell, Cllr Rachel Heywood, Cllr Jack Hopkins, Cllr Mike Smith, Cllr Imogen Walker, Cllr Shirley Cosgrave, Cllr Jennifer Braithwaite, Cllr Judith Best

London Borough of Lambeth Council (post-March 2013) Councillor Judith Best, Councillor Jennifer Braithwaite, Councillor Lorna Campbell (substitute), Councillor Rachel Heywood, Councillor Jack Hopkins, Councillor Imogen Walker and Councillor John Whelan.

London Borough of Lambeth Council (post-May 2014): Cllr Tim Briggs, Cllr Jackie Meldrum, Cllr Jane Edbrooke, Cllr Imogen Walker, Cllr Marcia Cameron

London Borough of Lambeth - Community Safety: Ann Corbett

London Probation Service Adam Kerr

MPS Lambeth Ch Supt Matt Bell / Chief Supt Richard Wood

Panel of Independent Custody Visitors for Lambeth Jane Warwick MBE

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Individual Members

Kevin	Aboyade-Cole	Theresa	McCaffery
Paul	Andell	Rod	Brown
Roger	Baker	Hannah	Mir
Hope	Barrett	Patricia	Moberly
Colin	Blair	Clare	Moore
Rev Cannon Ivelaw	Bowman	Richard	Moore
Most Rev Dr			
Bancroft	McCarthy	Chin	Ong
Aldrick	Cambridge	James	Osho
Shane	Collins	Brian	Parker
Habiba	Compaore	David	Pinder
Julia	Cordero	David	Prichard-Jones
Richard G.	Dutton	Marlene	Rangasammy
Marlene	Ellis	Juneary	Raymond
Betty	Evans-Jacas	Paul	Raymond
James	Fairweather	Clovis	Reid MBE
Rosemarie	Falaiye	Cheryl	Sealey
Zoe	Fonteyn	Fernando	Senior
James	Fox	Ibrahim	Serra-Mohammed
Gloria	Gomez	Benjamin	Simbo
M.	Grant	Jean	Slater
Cheryl	Griffiths	Anna	Tapsell
Safian	Hamo	Anthony	Thomas
Tia	Henry-Lindo	Devon	Thomas
Nicky	Hill	Sonia	Timlett
Nick	Horley	Jim	Toohill
		Claire	
John	Howard	Louise	Travers
Lena	James	Mike	Tuppen
Lee	Jasper	Noel	Vella
Gill	Kenealy	Steve	Wahab Bolarinwa
Adam	Kerr	Wesley	Walters-Stephenson
		Hilary-	
Adrian	King	Claire	Wears
Penelope	Klees	Julia	Wolton
Veronica	Ledwith		
Lorna	Lewis		
Velda	Lewis		

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Board March 2014 to July 2015

Individual Membership:

Canon Ivelaw Bowman, Adrian King, Hannah Mir , David Prichard-Jones. Jim Toohill - Honorary Comptroller, Wesley Stephenson - Chair

Community and Voluntary Organisations:

Lloyd Leon MBE – Vice-Chair (Brixton Domino Club); Arulini Velmurugu (Lambeth Towers And Lambeth Road TRA),

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