



# Milton Conservation Society

Representing Milton and Shorefields Conservation Areas



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[www.miltonconservationsociety.com](http://www.miltonconservationsociety.com)

## Our Popular Quiz Night Returns - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November

You don't have to be Mastermind to take part and you don't even need to bring anyone because we can make up tables on the night if needed. Get together with friends and neighbours or come on your own and join in this fun event. This has proved a very popular event in recent years so book your tickets early!

**When** 7:00 pm Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2010 (fish & chips 7:30, Quiz 8:00)

**Where** Barons Court School Avenue Road

**Tickets** £8.00 adults/ £4:00 children can be obtained from Jill Freeth 1 Park Crescent 340498, Tony Brown 15 Park Crescent 394094 or email us [info@miltonconservationsociety.com](mailto:info@miltonconservationsociety.com)

## Annual General Meeting - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Over 30 members turned out despite the rain to this year's AGM. We also welcomed all our councillors, Maria Counce, Nigel Folkard and Jonathan Garston and PCs Michelle Bond and Stan Ferris from the neighbourhood police unit.

Minutes from the AGM are available on the website but the key points were

- The Chairman reported on work done so fare
- Residents were encouraged to comment on the parking scheme proposals
- Constitutional changes were approved
- 2 Conservation awards would be made this year (see below)
- A proposal was made to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee next year with a street party as it also coincides with the Society's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. If anyone would like to get involved with organising this please let us know.

## Help and Advice

We are often asked to help residents with their queries over fences, parking or their properties. We are happy to do this but we have one qualification - you must be a member of the Society. If you have a query, make sure you are signed up and we will try to help you.

## **Garden Party**

Our summer barbecue and garden party took place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July. The weather smiled on us as heavy rain and wind stopped just about an hour before the start and over 50 members enjoyed a fine evening. The display of local items of history was once again very popular and informative. Our thanks go to member Ashley Hitchcock for organising this.

## **Conservation Awards - 2011**

2 properties were nominated this year for work the Committee agreed enhanced the Conservation area and set a good standard of work and renovation. A Buildings plaque is awarded to Mr & Mrs Wood for 26 St Vincent's Road and a Gardens plaque to Mr & Mrs Allen for 17 St Vincent's Road. Congratulations on their efforts - we hope we will be justified in making similar awards in the future.

## **Current Work**

A huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes and this will get reported later in the year but we try to keep our website up to date. As well as the regular planning application consultations that come up, current work includes:

- Contact with English Heritage and Hastings Borough Council to help progress action against badly damaged properties that are detrimental to the conservation area.
- Meetings with other local conservation societies to try to progress conservation generally across the town.
- Representation on the Conservation Working Party to take our concerns directly to Council Officers and Members including our own Ward Councillors Jonathan Garston and Maria Counce who chair and vice chair these meetings.

## **Recent Success**

After considerable effort, letter writing and lobbying, we were successful in getting the demolished garden wall at 64 Park Road re-build. This was demolished without consent but is now reinstated.

## **Parking Management Scheme**

Following the public consultation for a local parking management scheme the majority of residents responding objected to the proposals and we have been told by Councillor Garston that the proposal will not now go ahead in the Milton Conservation Area but will proceed to the east of Park Road. For the full report with consultation results see the Council website ([www.southend.gov.uk](http://www.southend.gov.uk)) Transport & Parking Working Party meeting minutes for the 8<sup>th</sup> September.

## Then and Now

Concern over the future of our streets is nothing new. Today we often see family homes divided into flats changing residential areas while High Streets are the subject of a report by Mary Portas on their future in the face of competition from out of town and on-line shopping, one hundred years ago people were concerned with the loss of family homes to shops.

### “SPOILING HAMLET COURT ROAD.”

“Candid” writes concerning the spoiling of Hamlet Court Road by the transformation of residential villas into shops. He considers a protest should be made against this vandalism, which is altering a road largely occupied by private people into one which would be purely commercial. The writer adds that the present shops should be sufficient, and that the present tradesmen will not welcome more shops.

This article above right appeared in the Southend and Westcliff Graphic newspaper dated 11 August 1912. Below Hamlet Court Road c1912 and today.



## A Regular Reminder

Do not fit UPVC windows or doors to your property where they can be seen from the road or side road. As this is a Conservation Area any new windows or doors fitted should be in the style and material as originally fitted when the property was built. In nearly all cases that means timber. There are many other types of work where additional planning controls apply and permission is normally only given if proposed development preserves or enhances the property's character. Demolition of buildings and work to trees are also controlled.



If in doubt, ask before you commit yourself so you don't have to pay twice!

## Contact Us

Chairman	Mr Andrew Atkinson	28 Park Road	437722
Vice-Chairman	Mr Tony Brown	15 Park Crescent	394094
Secretary	Mrs Jill Freeth	1 Park Crescent	340498
Treasurer	Mr Paul Cavanagh	1 Park Crescent	340498

### Other Executive Members:

Sally Harrup (Park Rd) Neil Lands, Steve Smith (Avenue Terrace) Matt Norfolk (Avenue Rd), Lisa Cooper co-opted member (Park Road)

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## Become a Member

If you would like to help keep our area a special place to live please join us. Membership costs £5 per year per household and runs from 1<sup>st</sup> June each year. Your contribution really does help the Society! Thanks to **MGA Printing at 52-54 Milton Road** for kindly sponsoring our membership cards again this year.

Please fill in the form below and drop it with your subs in a sealed envelope to 1 Park Crescent

Name(s)	
Address	
Tel No	
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I/we enclose £5.00 for membership for \_\_\_\_\_ adults living at the above address