

SOUTHGATE NEWS

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Your Green Team: Georgia Elliot Smith, Nigel Watson and Cllr Charith Gunawardena

HELPING CUT CRIME AND IMPROVING SAFETY



Charith & Georgia have requested more CCTV cameras around Southgate parade from Transport for London.

Crime and anti-social behaviour is harming the wellbeing of local people and businesses. Burglary, robbery, person theft, motor theft, criminal damage and drug related crime are of concern to residents.

Charith says “The reality is that Southgate is facing the **long-term consequences of austerity**. The cuts to numbers of the local police force have not yet been reversed. Women and girls do not feel safe walking in some local streets”.

Charith is engaging with local community groups and businesses that are assisting the police to keep Southgate safe:

- **Southgate CAPE** (Sharing local policing priorities)
- **Business Watch** (Businesses supporting each other)
- **Neighbourhood Watch** (Resident groups)



CHARITH TAKES ACTION

Charith welcomes initiatives for Enfield police to deliver on violence against women and girls.

PLEASE COMPLETE POLICE SURVEY



CHARITH IS STANDING UP FOR SOUTHGATE



High Street

CHARITH SAYS “I WILL CONTINUE SCRUTINISING HARMFUL POLITICAL DECISIONS AND HELP TACKLE GREENWASHING.”

Southgate traffic congestion must be eased

Traffic congestion continues and parking violations go on unabated. The danger to local walkers and cyclists remain unaddressed. Charith has been **demanding solutions** to these local problems. He has been **scrutinising and challenging poor policy decisions** that fail to be backed up by robust and transparent evidence. His proposals must be heard.



Tidier waste bins at top-end of Crown Lane

CHARITH SUPPORTS STRONG ENFORCEMENT

- LITTERING
- FLY-TIPPING
- OTHER WASTE RELATED OFFENCES

879 Fixed Penalty Notices issued in ward in 12 months

Green Party councillor Charith Gunawardena has accompanied council officers on walks around the ward pointing out the reasons why increased resources are needed to **keep Southgate clean and tidy**. He facilitates the monthly litter picking sessions at Southgate Circus, now led by a Community Taskforce.

SOUTHGATE ACTION PLAN PUBLISHED

CHARITH'S STRONG VOICE CALLS FOR CLEAR DELIVERABLES



Georgia & Charith believe that the voices of residents must be genuinely listened to and local community groups fully supported

The long awaited Southgate Action Plan has been published by the council after much delay, and it identifies challenges but not clear solutions for local issues.

Many residents are underwhelmed.

Charith is calling for the **immediate publication of key information** to help track the success of the action plan including

- footfall, high street spend, vacancy rates, business mix, public spaces

The report must also include **clear time lines, resources and investments** that will deliver the aspirations listed in the action plan.

Enfield Council received support from the High Streets Task Force, a panel of experts to redefine the high street.

What about Southgate?



SOUTHGATE ACTION PLAN

MONTHLY COMMUNITY LITTER PICK



SUNDAY 20 February **2-3.30pm**

Station Parade, N14 5BJ

CONTACT LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP:

CleanerSaferGreenerSouthgate@gmail.com

The **Green Party team** will continue conducting surveys across Southgate to **identify your top priorities**.

Someone from the team may visit your house and the survey will only take 60 seconds to complete.

If you miss our visit, please scan the QR code with your phone to access the online survey.



GREEN PARTY CO-LEADER CARLA DENYER VISITS SOUTHGATE



Carla Denyer

Carla Denyer says "I am so pleased Southgate ward has a hardworking Green representative in Cllr Gunawardena. He brings Enfield Council a strong independent Green voice to speak on behalf of residents".

The new co-leader of the Green Party visited Southgate to support Enfield's Green councillors Charith Gunawardena and Anne Brown. Carla says "Like many other London boroughs, Enfield is benefitting greatly from

having a diverse range of political voices. It is important for local councils to **address the climate emergency in a socially just way**, creating lots of sustainable and well paid jobs. Our councillors will

monitor if Enfield's Climate Action Plans genuinely benefit the local environment and people – measures like home insulation, protecting green belt, more street trees, green energy & less congestion".

CAN WE HELP?

Your **Green team in Southgate** are ready to help if you have any local issues you'd like to raise with us.

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Southgate Library
High Street, N14 6BP

Every Saturday from

10.00-11.30am

Please email for appointments

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