

# SOUTHGATE NEWS



**Cllr Charith Gunawardena, resident in Southgate ward for 26 years**



## LONG-TERM VISION FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Charith is supporting local community groups that are shaping the long-term vision for the Station Parade

## FESTIVE FUN IN SOUTHGATE

"The Southgate Community Groups are shaping the programme for the 'Festive Fun in Enfield' organised by Enfield Council **scheduled for Sat 18th December** at the Southgate High Street and Southgate Parade.

Singers, buskers, dancers, poets, pantomime shows, characters in outfits & Father Christmas will provide entertainment and help encourage engagement.

Local groups are engaging with organisers to direct some of this **effort to a lasting legacy**, such as planters, that could remain in Southgate Shopping Parade.

**Charith said "I am hoping to see high community engagement** and also support for community litter picking, weeding, cleaning sessions being organised before and after the event". ●

## CHARITH SAYS "COP26 WAS A MISSED OPPORTUNITY"

**The failure of global leaders to agree firm actions to achieve new green jobs, guarantee a just transition and help fund climate action was a missed opportunity at COP26.**

There is now an urgent need to treat the climate crisis as the emergency it really is at both national and local levels. The UK government must release the necessary funds to make this possible. The time for greenwashing is now firmly over.

**Enfield Council can do more** by insulating its housing stock, protecting the green belt, implementing a fair, green transport strategy, increasing recycling rates, planting more street trees, considering carbon tax for high polluting vehicles and not burning waste.

**Charith backs Georgia Elliott Smith, who led a legal challenge to UK's exclusion of incinerators from emission targets** and said **"Enfield should reject the expansion of an incinerator** costing over £1bn to burn large amounts of recyclable waste generated from across London. **Why are we causing more air pollution in one of the poorest wards of the borough** where the Meridian Water regeneration scheme plans to add a further 30,000 more people?" ●



## CHARITH TAKES ACTION



## CALLING FOR A PAUSE AND REVIEW

Charith backs campaigner Georgia Elliott Smith

# SOUTHGATE IS LOSING ITS STREET TREES

## Charith calls for an updated urban street tree strategy

Southgate and Southgate Green wards saw a **net loss of trees last year**.

There are many reasons as to why trees have to be removed – disease, safety, causing damage, development and so on. The council's current strategy is to replace trees when removed.

Unfortunately, the often majestic and mature trees are replaced with saplings.

**Charith said** "Local residents would like to see a tree planting plan to ensure there are more mature trees across the ward **creating greener neighbourhoods and spaces for the future.**" ●



Cllr Gunawardena said "This tree was removed recently off Chelmsford Road, but residents have not seen a visible replacement nearby."



Please support St Andrews Church Southgate winter outreach and homelessness programme

# HAVE YOUR SAY



## ACTION DAYS

**CLEANER, SAFER, GREENER SOUTHGATE**

**MONTHLY LITTER PICK:**

SUNDAY 19th December, 2-3.30pm  
Station Parade, N14 5BJ

**CONTACT LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP:**  
CleanerSaferGreenerSouthgate@gmail.com

## PERCENTAGE OF SOUTHGATE HOUSEHOLDS

Over 5,000 households



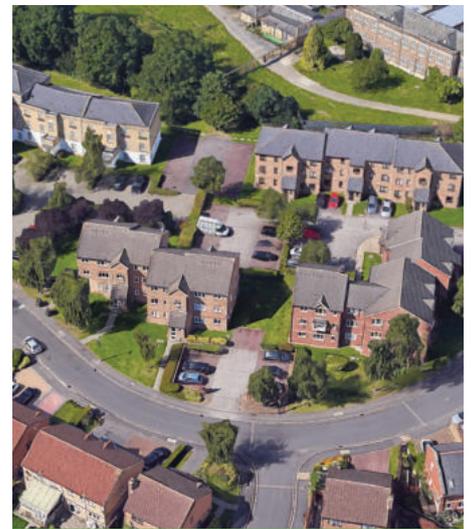
# SOUTHGATE NEEDS LANDLORD LICENSING

## CHARITH WANTS "BETTER CONDITIONS FOR RENTERS"

Private rented property licensing schemes have been introduced by Enfield Council in some parts of the borough to improve property conditions and management standards.

The schemes also help to reduce deprivation and the antisocial behaviour (ASB) that is sometimes associated with the private rented sector in the borough.

**Charith said** "With about 30% of dwellings in Southgate privately rented, tenants living in the ward would also benefit from such a scheme. **I call for the scheme to be extended to Southgate without delay.**" ●



Example: private rental properties

# 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.

**CLLR CHARITH GUNAWARDENA**



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**10-11.30am**

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