

SOUTHGATE NEWS

Cllr Charith Gunawardena, resident in Southgate ward for 26 years



WARMEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR USING THE SCRUTINY PROCESS FOR A BETTER SOUTHGATE

CHARITH HOLDING DECISION MAKERS TO ACCOUNT

Green Party councillor Charith Gunawardena is a member of two scrutiny panels of Enfield Council.

- **Regeneration & Economic Development**
- **Environment & Climate Action** (this includes quieter neighbourhoods)

Charith said “I spend a lot of time scrutinising council policies. I often recommend changes that could benefit Southgate ward residents and I do not hesitate to call out Council decision makers publicly when they get things wrong.”



For example, Charith has been pushing for:

- **Reducing traffic congestion** at the Southgate circus
- Improving recycling levels and **stopping burning recyclable waste**
- Transforming Southgate town centre (**cleaner, safer and greener**)
- **Protecting the green belt** against proposals in the draft local plan
- Developing **affordable family sized homes** for local residents
- Challenging the **levels of borrowing** that mainly benefit property developers and investors rather than local residents



Charith has publicly highlighted concerns related to the Environment Strategy of the £6bn Meridian Water scheme

Scrutiny is meant to increase accountability by making the decision-making process clear and understandable and ensuring that the decisions being made by the Council are the best option for all those living and working in the borough. However, scrutiny is failing in Enfield.

LISTENING TO YOUR PRIORITIES



Charith and his 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.

This will enable us to:

- Identify your local issues that we can immediately address
- Identify broader, more long-term priorities shared by larger numbers of residents

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



SOUTHGATE COMMUNITY SUPPORT INFO

CHARITH IS ENCOURAGING MORE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



Leading local sustainability campaigner Georgia Elliot-Smith and Green Councillors Anne and Charith agree that social justice underpins all progressive policies



Facing financial hardship
<https://tinyurl.com/3rdwhtuy>



Mental Health Support
<https://tinyurl.com/yc546zbc>



St Andrews Church Outreach programme
<https://tinyurl.com/yeysa5sv>

As we emerge from Christmas and New Year celebrations, we need to remember that the rest of winter will be tougher for many this year. Here are some ways **you can help your community or get help yourself.**

There are number of places that can help with food and essential toiletries, including St Andrews Church Can Bank and North Enfield Food Bank, who operate a food hub with partner agencies.

- **Call a neighbour or drop them a note**, especially those who live on their own – check they are all right and have what they need.
- **Self Care tip:** Do one thing that makes you happy. Make sure your loved ones do too.

ACTION DAYS



CLEANER, SAFER, GREENER SOUTHGATE

MONTHLY LITTER PICK:

SUNDAY 23 January 2-3.30pm
Station Parade, N14 5BJ

CONTACT LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUP:
CleanerSaferGreenerSouthgate@gmail.com

CHARITH GETS THINGS FIXED



POTHoles



HIGH STREET

Potholes not only damage motor vehicles but are also dangerous for cyclists. As more are emerging with the winter weather conditions more are being continuously reported.

Potholes reported on

- High Street
- Chase Road
- Bourne Hill

OVERGROWTH



BOURNE AVENUE

Changes to the council's maintenance procedures meant delays that led to a number of paths and pavements being impassable.

Plants were eventually trimmed in late summer on

- Winchmore Hill Road
- Bourne Avenue
- Blagdens Lane
- Crowland Gardens

FLOODING



OAKWOOD CRESCENT

Heavy rains continue to cause flooding on streets and some pavements, making them inaccessible.

Reported to get blockages cleared on

- Oakwood Crescent
- Chase Side near the Southgate Club
- Crown Lane outside Nando's
- Winchmore Hill Road

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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