

WHAT WE DO

The Mortlake with East Sheen Society is your local civic society concerned with the protection and enhancement of our urban and natural environment.

Our area is defined by the boundary of the Parish of Mortlake with East Sheen which extends from the riverside to the southern end of Richmond Park. Much of the urban area has Conservation Area status while Richmond Park is a Grade I listed park and a National Nature Reserve.

Our Society monitors planning applications and any proposals for traffic management, makes representations as needed, works with our local councillors and provides a forum for residents to make their interests and concerns known. It also plays an active role in the improvement of local amenities and occasionally initiates projects.

While often acting as a pressure group the Society is entirely non-political – the well-being of Mortlake with East Sheen is our sole concern.

Social gatherings, lectures, walks and visits to places of interest provide opportunities for members to meet.

Our Aims/Achievements



Urban Environment –

We promote and ensure good standards of architecture and town planning including the preservation and enhancement of features of historic interest. As well as monitoring planning applications we make representations on all updates of the Borough Local Plan, the Mayor's London Plan and Conservation Area designations. Achievements have included saving two buildings from extinction, namely the WW2 air raid shelter at St Leonards Court and the petrol station at the end of Derby Road, both subsequently listed.



Natural Environment –

We care for the conservation and improvement of parks, commons, green areas and trees and we monitor any development or change of land use in such areas and any proposals for tree felling. We have advised on the landscaping of Milestone Green and funded the replacement of trees on Palewell Common.



Traffic and Roads –

Ever-increasing traffic through our area and its associated air pollution continues to be a critical problem. The Society has made representations on road proposals, traffic management schemes and all transport matters, including public transport services. Achievements have included collaboration with the Council and TfL on the Red Routing of the South Circular Road.



Aircraft Noise –

This is a major nuisance and liable to worsen. We insist that any expansion of Heathrow must be subject to conditions indicating no increase in noise and air pollution and no increase in traffic at ground level except for public transport. Achievements have included our representations on night flights.



Local Amenities –

The Society cares for the protection, improvement and development of local amenities. These range from open spaces, like playing fields and children's playgrounds, to footpaths and pavements, benches and litter bins. Achievements have included our advice in the creation of the thriving Sheen Lane Centre and the Shene Sports Centre. We have also been responsible for the creation of the boules piste on Palewell Common and for the installation of the defibrillator at Waitrose including help in organising training sessions in how to use it.



Social –

We organize social activities for our members including talks, walks, visits to places of interest and occasional fund-raising activities. These provide opportunities for members to meet. In addition we help the local charity FiSH organize a biennial open gardens visit which alternates between our area and Barnes. We held our 50th anniversary celebration in 2019 with a sit-down lunch for 120, including the Mayor of Richmond, at All Saints Church.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Join the Society

If you share our concerns, please join us by completing the form below and returning it to our Membership Secretary as indicated. If you prefer to pay by Standing Order please ask our Membership Secretary for a form or you can obtain one from the Membership section on our website at www.mess.org.uk.

Get Involved

If you would like to be actively involved in any way, your help would be most welcome - all unpaid, but very worthwhile and often rewarding! Please contact the Committee on info@mess.org.uk.

Application for Membership

To: the Membership Secretary,
Mortlake with East Sheen Society

I/we apply to join the Society as an individual/
family member/business and enclose an annual
subscription of £10.

Name:.....

Family Members.....

Address.....

Telephone(s).....

Email:.....

Please send the complete leaflet with your
subscription payable to the Society to:
Ann Mathews, 12 Clare Lawn Avenue, SW14 8BG

Some Recent Projects of Note

St Leonards Court Air Raid Shelter



The Society saved the WW2 air raid shelter at St Leonards Court from extinction and now opens it to the public on the Open House weekend every September and to local school parties.

www mosaic plaque at Sheen Lane Centre



The Society commissioned the design and installation of a plaque on the front wall of the Sheen Lane Centre Library to commemorate the founding of the World Wide Web by Tim Berners-Lee, who grew up in East Sheen (seen here with the artist, Sue Edkins).



Founded in 1969

