

Billericay District Residents' Association



Our History

1926 Billericay Residents Association was formed.

1957 (ish) The proposed development north of the railway line caused concern to the people of Buttsbury who formed the Sunnyville Residents' Association which eventually became known as the Buttsbury Residents' Association. Shortly afterwards the journal "Buttsbury News" made its appearance as the Association's means of communication with its members.

1960 The Billericay Residents' Association journal "The Mayflower" was started.

3 March 1978 In anticipation of electoral boundary changes which removed Buttsbury Ward the two Residents' Associations decided to merge to form one to represent the whole of Billericay. Thus on Friday 3 March 1978 the Billericay District Residents' Association was born.

1 May 1978 The new Association launched its own newsletter – The Resident – which was, and still is circulated to all members.

The Resident
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Our Coach Trips

During the early days of contesting the Council elections the costs were funded by proceeds of jumble sales and "Bring and Buys". Committee members then decided to hold social events; dances were held at the Archer Hall and later also at the Mayflower School. Dinner Dances were arranged at various establishments out of town. The only regular social activity still arranged are the coach outings, whereby thousands of coach seats have been filled to many places, far and wide.



Our Councillors

1961



As a result of the rapid development which was taking place in Billericay the two Residents' Associations decided it was necessary to have representations on the District Council.

Consequently an election committee was formed to contest the Billericay Ward and at a second attempt the first RA councillor was elected to District Council in May 1961. Further successes followed with four more RA candidates being elected in consecutive elections.

1979



Probably the highlight of the Association's life occurred in 1979 when its candidates on the District Council elections won all nine seats and thus held the balance of power in the Council Chambers, for three years, and the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council during that period.

In addition it was represented in the County Council in Chelmsford. There are no longer Councillors in either District or County Councils.



1967



The fortunes of the Association suffered a temporary reversal in the period 1965/67 when there were no RA representatives on Basildon District Council. However by the time the plan for the development of Queens Park was published in 1967, two RA candidates had been elected to the District Council.

1997

A group of Billericay people, including BDRA, formed a Steering Committee which ran the successful campaign for the creation of Billericay Town Council and the nearby parish councils. In 1997 the new parishes of Billericay, Great Burstead & South Green, Little Burstead, Ramsden Crays and Ramsden Bellhouse.



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