

RYE LANE TRADERS' ASSOCIATION

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Traders and shoppers sign charter

On 12th October 2012, a new charter was signed in Rye Lane. Retailers and the community have committed to make Rye Lane a place where people experience high quality shops, delivering a high quality service to customers who respect and value the local businesses. The charter is available for display in all shops. Copies are available from Khan's Bargains 135 Rye Lane.

Safer Rye Lane

Safer Shops: traders have asked the police for more support, guidance and training on how to handle the difficult situation when someone is seen to be shoplifting and leaving the store. The police are arranging special training sessions for shop staff on what to do while waiting for police to arrive after the incident is reported.

Safer streets: as a result of requests at the first traders' meeting, the Council arranged to see where street lighting needed to be improved, and where any places needed other action to make them safer for pedestrians.

Safer premises: too many shops have been burgled with no action being reported to the businesses by the police. Police have agreed to look into what improvements can be made.

**We will report next time on progress on these important matters
to improve safety for traders and shoppers.**

Work Experience

The Traders' Association has agreed with the Council a new scheme to give local young people paid work experience in Rye Lane shops. Six businesses have agreed to offer one or two work places for 3-4 months. The Council will manage the recruitment and placement of the young people, working with the potential employers. Each young person will have a mentor to support them, and there will be very close liaison with the employer. The scheme is a real opportunity for local young people and for local businesses at minimal cost, and it will improve relationships and links at a community level. The Traders' Association strongly encourages other traders to take an interest in how this works so they can join the scheme.

Loading in Rye Lane

The Association has raised with the Council the problems that the parking signs for the loading bays need to be improved as they are not clear, and also that customers need some 'pick & drop' bays for short periods to load up their heavy shopping. At the Peckham & Nunhead Community Council meeting on 21st November, Councillor Barrie Hargrove, who is responsible for the Council's work on everything to do with streets including parking, said to Akbar Khan he would look into these matters.

Christmas Preparations: The Council says it has street lights organised so we need to see if they are better than before. Since last December Council car parks have been free at weekends and evenings during the week, and this will continue. Christmas lights will be switched on and the Christmas tree illuminated by the Mayor and local councillors in the town square on Peckham High Street on Friday 7th December 5pm-6pm. Everyone is welcome. **Let's have the traders well represented!**

Rye Lane Traders' Association: the Traders' Association held its second meeting on 15th November, attended by a wide variety of small businesses. All agreed there is much work to do and the Traders Association needs many members.

~~Return completed Members forms to Café Spice Restaurant, 88 Rye Lane~~

Do you have any trading issues or problems? Do you want to help with the Traders' Association? Do you want more information on any of these matters? Please contact:

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**PLEASE NOTE the RLTA return address has changed to:
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