

# Sutton Housing Society Summer Newsletter 2009

## Whats on in the summer holidays

[Carshalton Lavender Harvest Weekend](#) - The ever-popular, annual opportunity to pick-your-own lavender from the heritage lavender field returns! Be transported back in time and pick bunches or buckets of lavender. Extra attractions: NEW large-scale still demonstration, aromatherapy/massage, lavender cookies, barbecue, beekeepers, lavender arts & crafts, herb & lavender plants for sale. Sales of lavender fund the field's maintenance.

*Saturday 25 Jul 09 - Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July, 10am to 4pm both days Free entry but small charge for bunches or buckets of lavender. Bring scissors + bag for lavender if possible + protection from the sun.*

Stanley Road Allotments, off Oaks Way, Carshalton Beeches Surrey SM5 4NQ

[Sniff of History - Stuff about snuff](#) - Explore the story of snuff and how it was made and its importance with hands on activities and exhibitions

*Sunday 2 Aug 09 - 12pm - 4pm. No Additional Charges. National Trust. Snuff Mill - Morden Hall Park. Tel:King's Head, 01296 381501*

Morden Hall Park Morden Hall Road Morden London SM4 5JD

Lots on for kids in August at [The Ecology Centre](#) The Old Rectory, Festival Walk, Carshalton, Surrey, SM5 3NY see their website at [www.ukattraction.com/south-east-england/sutton-ecology-centre.htm](http://www.ukattraction.com/south-east-england/sutton-ecology-centre.htm) or telephone 0208 770 5820

## Repairs and Maintenance

We all like to have a say about the merits and pitfalls of repairs and maintenance. Now is a golden opportunity for your views to be heard and your decisions to be counted.

We are looking to set up a repairs and maintenance focus group. This group will meet around every 6-8 weeks. We will look at day to day maintenance but will also discuss larger issues such as:-

- The gardening, general cleaning and window cleaning contracts which are to be reviewed spring 2010
- Any refurbishment/major works/Emergencies/contingencies etc
- Provision of CCTV in sheltered housing schemes
- Provision of automated front entrance doors in sheltered housing schemes

Please contact Noel Manchee or Judith D'arville to express your interest by July 31st 2009.

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### SHS Repair slip Winner

The winning returned resident satisfaction repair slip winner this issue, and winning the £25 Marks and Spencer's voucher is:- Mrs C. Tribe from Ronald House

# Useful websites

Here are some money saving web sites to help you through the credit crunch

[www.moneysupermarket.com](http://www.moneysupermarket.com)

This price comparison website allows you to compare thousands of products and services to help you find the best deal. Whether you are looking for cheap flights and broadband packages or insurance policies and energy deals, moneysupermarket.com will search out the best rate for you at the touch of a button.

[uswitch.com](http://uswitch.com)

Many people waste hundreds, if not thousands of pounds every year because they don't shop around for the best deals and contracts on things like fuel, mobile phones, credit cards and insurance. A lot of service providers in particular offer great deals when you first sign up, but after a while you are automatically moved on to a different rate or tariff which can leave you out of pocket. At uswitch.com you can find out whether the price you are paying for these various goods and services is really the best available, and if it isn't it will help you find the deal that is right for you and help you to switch.

[www.vouchercodes.com](http://www.vouchercodes.com) and  
[www.myvouchercodes.co.uk](http://www.myvouchercodes.co.uk)

There are big discounts to be had on all sorts of goods and services if you can track down the various online voucher codes, promotional codes and discount coupons - and these two websites are dedicated to finding these codes and telling you what they are. On both sites you can search for the store of your choice to see if there are any current promotional codes, or search for all the latest discount coupons which you can print out and take on your next visit to the High Street.

[www.ebay.co.uk](http://www.ebay.co.uk)

This famous online auction website is still a brilliant place to pick up incredible bargains and have them delivered straight to your door. With millions of worldwide users selling, just about anything you could ever possibly want, why not try bidding before heading off to the high street.

[www.lastminute.com](http://www.lastminute.com)

This is a one-stop shop for anyone who wants the best deals on flights, hotels, holiday packages, restaurants or days out. You simply type in what you want to do, where and when you want to do it and lastminute.com will show the best prices. You can then book (and often pay online) and all your tickets/reservation details are automatically emailed or sent to you, easy!

[www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)

The online CAB service that provides independent advice on your rights. It includes practical, up to date information on a wide range of topics, including benefits and housing, employment rights and discrimination, debt and tax issues. There are also links to Citizens Advice Bureaux, information in a wide range of languages, a wide selection of fact sheets to print off and details of other reliable online sources of information.

[confused.com](http://confused.com)

confused.com was the first insurance price comparison website. confused.com is not a broker, but a one-stop shop that makes it easy for you to find the right deals on car insurance, home insurance, utilities and much more. confused.com is not about selling the very cheapest deal, unless the very cheapest deal is right for you.

[www.gumtree.co.uk](http://www.gumtree.co.uk)

This is a website devoted to classified advertisements where you can find great deals on everything from cars and property to furniture and computer equipment.

# Pat Shaw Community Award

What is the Pat Shaw Community Award?

Pat Shaw was the Chairman of the Society for over 20 yrs.

Sadly Pat passed away in February 2005. In her memory and in recognition of her contribution to the Society the Board of Management has set up a community award.

What does this award mean for you?

Each year SHS residents will be invited to nominate a fellow SHS resident for the Pat Shaw Community Award

The criteria for nominations are simple:

1. Nominations should be individuals who are residents of the Society and who, in the view of the nominee, have made a real contribution to their community through their actions or a single gesture.
2. Nominations will go to the Housing Operations Committee (HOC) who hold responsibility for considering the nominations and selecting the annual winners with a residents panel, which was established at the Residents Forum in April 2006.

The Award consists of three elements:-

1. A permanent plaque in our reception that displays a list of annual winners
2. An engraved silver cup/crystal vase will be given to the person who has won the award which they then hold for that year.
3. A cash prize of £50.00

What do you need to do now?

Basically nominate a neighbour, now. There are numerous worthy residents who deserve recognition for what they do.

How do I nominate?

Fill in the slip attached to this newsletter and send in your nomination to the office by August 7th 2009.

Please write on the envelope 'nomination for PSCA' and we will store it, unopened, until the panel meet in August 2009.

How will I know/who has been successful?

We will announce the winner and let the nominating scheme/block/house residents know by early September. There will be an article in the Autumn 2009 newsletter to let all residents know who the winner was. The award will be presented at the Annual AGM in September

PLEASE GET NOMINATING NOW ON THE ENCLOSED SHEET!!!

# The Vine Project

## JOB CLUB



Let our friendly team help you with:

One to one support and guidance to help with:-

- ♦ Writing CVs,
- ♦ Job Search
- ♦ Job application forms
- ♦ Cover letters
- ♦ Use of computers and telephones



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When? **Tuesdays 10 – 2pm**

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