



Northwood

Residents' Association

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Planning Permission Refused



On Thursday, 9th March, Hillingdon Council Planning Committee refused Iron Aid Foundation's planning applications for the change of use of the former Police Station and for the internal alterations to this Grade 2 Listed Building. The grounds for refusal were based on the adverse impact that the development would have on local traffic and the resultant additional air pollution.

The NRA lobbied strongly for a refusal on the grounds of the detrimental effect the resulting extra traffic and air pollution would have on the area - as did many residents and petitioners. Thanks are due to all who supported this refusal.

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**The Northwood Residents' Association 57th Annual General Meeting
will take place on
Thursday 20th April 2023
at Northwood Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate, Northwood
at 8.00pm**

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome and introduction from Tony Ellis, Chairman.
- 2) To receive the Chairman's Report.
- 3) **Guest speaker.** Colonel Clinton Read, Commanding Officer, Northwood HQ
- 4) Vote of thanks by Valerie Mellor
- 5) David Simmonds MP
- 6) To receive the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022.
- 7) To set the rate of subscription for the year 2023
(currently set at a minimum of £2 per household and £10 per business).
- 8) To elect the Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Independent Examiner;
currently Messrs Tony Ellis, Miles Gillman, Rashmi Chauhan and Chris Rogers respectively,
all of whom are willing to stand again.
- 9) To elect an Executive Committee:
Members standing for re-election: Mr Paul Barker, Mr Andrew Egan, Mr Philip Green, Ms Hoda Lacey,
Dr Amir Lakha, Mr Peter Lansdown, Mrs Sue Mansfield, Mrs Ros Plume and Mr Trevor Sherling
- 10) To elect the President, currently Mrs Valerie Mellor.
- 11) Northwood Safer Neighbourhood Team
- 12) Open Forum with our local councillors, Henry Higgins and Richard Lewis

All Northwood residents and businesses are invited to attend.

NOMINATIONS in writing for Officers and Members of the Executive Committee [other than those named in 8) and 9) above], with the written consent of the candidate, must reach the Chairman by 13th April 2023

The minutes of the 2022 AGM can be found on the NRA website: www.northwoodresidents.co.uk - click on the "The Association" tab, scroll down to "NRA's 56th AGM".

Members, this is your newsletter!

I am always eager to receive comments, articles and suggestions for topics that you would like us to cover. The next issue will be published in July with copy deadline mid June.

Do get in touch.

editor@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Ros Plume

*All views and opinions
expressed in this newsletter
are those of the individual
contributors.*

From the Chairman

INTRODUCTION

Coming towards the end of 14 years as your Chairman, I still have a spring in my step, even though there is little likelihood of anyone rushing to replace me. Or is there? Towards the end of last year an individual emailed accusing me of being lazy, stating she was going to replace me, but when challenged went silent.

Talking of Spring, it's great to see bulbs emerging and the first signs of blossom. Time to buy seeds and to plan the vegetable beds.

USE IT OR LOSE IT

OWL is the system through which the Metropolitan Police and our Safer Neighbourhood Team communicate with residents. Its messages give service updates, information about current crime, meetings with them and numerous tips about crime prevention and how to remain safe. Only about 15% of Northwood residents are signed up to receive OWL messages, and with such low user numbers, the powers that be in the Ivory Towers of the Greater London Authority could well decide to withdraw funding. The NRA feels that OWL is an essential communication tool that benefits residents so please do sign up to receive it. The link is www.owl.co.uk.

TOWN CENTRE AND THE OLD HIGH STREET

Compared to other local town centres, Northwood has very few empty properties. If you haven't visited lately, do look at what is available and spend some money. Northwood needs a variety of successful businesses to maintain its vitality.

NEW BLOOD

Every organisation needs new members to ensure its vitality. Of the NRA committee members, many are long-serving and drawing their pensions. The same criteria apply to ordinary members and our Road Stewards. The NRA isn't being successful in attracting the younger generations and there is a danger that we are no longer serving the whole community. I would like to receive suggestions as to how we can attract younger people. It would be great to have a committee member who has children at school to give us a new perspective.

We currently have a vacancy for the role of Membership Secretary, the committee member who maintains our membership database. See page 8 for details.

I have stated on many occasions that our Road Stewards are the main arteries of the NRA and, without a full contingent, our organisation will decline. Owing to Anno Domini, we URGENTLY need more Road Stewards NOW. The roles are not very time consuming and give you the opportunity to meet your neighbours. If you are interested, please contact our Chief Road Steward.

POLICE

In the past I have been somewhat critical of the local police. Recently I met with our new sergeant, Gareth Blackburn. Unlike his predecessor, he is an experienced officer and committed to local policing and he has promised higher visibility. As yet there is no sign of the Met Commissioner's promise to prioritise local policing and give it more resources. I have asked MP, David Simmonds, to intervene.



OUR HOSPITALS

Recently, Hillingdon Hospital won planning permission for the new hospital. Details can be found on page 5. An update on the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre is on page 12.

It is good to be able to report that the Mount Vernon site will be an integral part of local medical treatment for many years to come. Many of you will remember the old Minor Injuries department at Mount Vernon. This has now reopened being called The Urgent Care Nurse Led Practitioner Service (Oh how the NHS likes long titles). The difference now is that it is not a walk-in service, and it is necessary to make an appointment by calling 01923 844263. It would appear that many residents are unaware of this service as it is not being fully utilised. Hours are 8am to 7pm seven days a week. Minor injuries might include cuts, grazes and bruising, minor burns, animal bites and simple broken bones.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Details of our Annual General Meeting are shown on the previous page. Do make every effort to attend to hear an update on what we are doing, to hear our speaker Colonel Clinton Read (Commanding Officer at Northwood HQ) and to have the opportunity to question our MP and councillors. I hope to see you there.

CONCLUSION

I am full of admiration and gratitude to all of our residents who act as Road Stewards delivering newsletters and keeping us informed of local events, to the committee members who work so hard to make our organisation a success and to Ros Plume who has, for many years, produced a brilliant newsletter. Finally, a big thanks to our local police, our MP and councillors. Every one of you makes Northwood a better place in which to live.

Tony Ellis
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Planning Matters

I continue to monitor and review all planning applications submitted within the area covered by the NRA. There have been 70 planning applications since the last Newsletter and, out of those, I have submitted objections or comments on 14 of them, on planning grounds primarily directed at the adverse impact on the neighbours or others affected. The majority of applications continue to be for extensions to existing properties.

Dealing with planning applications that affect them is something that is a one-off for most people, and I'm happy to help guide through the process any neighbours who are concerned about a planning application close by. It remains the case that, once approved, neighbours cannot appeal except on a point of process, which is very limited indeed. Therefore, all applications that might affect you, should be studied and dealt with preferably within the timescale referred to on the LBH planning portal.

LBH does notify neighbours of planning applications, but anyone can search for a planning application using the following link:

<http://planning.hillingdon.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>

Just enter the first part of the address in the 'Location,' box, 'View' the documents, and enter any planning comments/objections by pressing the 'Enter Comments' box.

Where you are adversely affected you can submit an objection on the LBH Planning portal. This is very easy to do by using the search link above, viewing the documents, and then going back to the first page and entering the objection by pressing the 'Enter Comment' box.

If you want to present your case personally to the Planning Committee then you will need to produce a petition, which I can help draft for you. To be valid it will require a minimum of 20 signatures from any residents living within the LB Hillingdon. Signatories do not need to be affected themselves by the application and more than one resident per household can sign. The petition will entitle you to speak at the committee meeting for up to five minutes, and it's live on YouTube.

For those making a planning application, it is always helpful if, before you make the planning application, you speak to your neighbours to explain what you intend to apply for and consider any of their valid concerns.

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Trevor Sherling

Traffic and Highways

TO BE, OR NOT TO BE?

Will Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London, extend the existing Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) to cover the outer boroughs as promised (threatened) by the end of August 2023? If so, most owners of vehicles with petrol engines registered before 2005 and diesels before 2016 will have to pay £12.50 per day of use. Please note that anyone travelling into London from the surrounding areas, e.g. Home Counties and further afield, will have to pay £12.50 per day.

Hillingdon Council, along with Bexley, Bromley and Harrow boroughs and Surrey County have brought a legal action which will challenge the expansion in the High Court on five grounds:-

1. Failure to comply with relevant statutory requirements
2. Unlawful failure to consider expected compliance rates in outer London
3. The proposed scrappage scheme was not consulted upon
4. Failure to carry out any cost benefit analysis

5. Inadequate consultation and/or apparent predetermination arising from the conduct of the consultation.

GREEN LANE

On Sunday morning, 22nd January, between 8.45am and 10.00am there was a traffic accident in Green Lane, close to the car park. As a result a damaged car was left restricting both the road and footpath. As it was still there on Friday, 27th January, the Northwood Safer Neighbourhood Team was contacted and asked to arrange removal. The car was removed on Tuesday 31st January. Thank you SNT!

RICKMANSWORTH ROAD

In the last newsletter I mentioned serious traffic congestion between the Ducks Hill Road junction and Maxwell Road, at times causing major disruption in the surrounding area and asked for thoughts/comments. As I received none, I assume that everyone is happy with the present position.

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Peter Lansdown

Parking & Selfish Drivers

One particular example of inconsiderate motoring is the car or van driver who comes out of their parking place on a road and executes a 3-point turn with little or no regard to other road users.

Around Northwood and its nearby areas, we can see this done regularly, often immediately in front of other moving traffic. That traffic then has to come to a standstill while the selfish driver completes the manoeuvre.

The correct practice for a driver wishing to drive off from a parking space is to drive away in the direction their vehicle is facing and then when a suitable turning space, side road or roundabout presents itself, to undertake the required change of direction turn. If that is by a 3-point turn, it should be executed only when the road is clear of free-flowing traffic in either direction.

In this way you can become a considerate road user when undertaking a 3-point turn or 180 degree turn.

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Andrew Egan

A Message From Our MP, David Simmonds

It will come as no surprise to readers that one of the issues continuing to dominate my mailbox is the expansion of ULEZ to all areas of Greater London. Being on the border, I know this will impact the residents of Northwood, not least the confusion caused by where the charging zones actually begin. In addition to this, I have also been listening to concerns from small business owners about the effect it will have on them and their employees, as well as lower paid workers and those who work nightshifts and are at risk of being double charged. It is simply unaffordable and does not deliver the improvement in air quality that is being sold by City Hall.

I have been working with colleagues both in local and national government to challenge the unpopular decision, and I very much welcome the cross-party support at both Hillingdon and Harrow Councils who are united with other outer-London boroughs in their objections to the expansion. Both councils have committed to challenging the decision and have embarked upon a legal challenge alongside the London boroughs of Bexley, Bromley and Surrey County Council.

At the time of writing, I am working to support an amendment tabled in the House of Lords that would grant local authorities the ability to prevent the expansion of ULEZ. This would allow Hillingdon to prevent the extension and give the council greater power to improve local air quality in a way that would meet the needs of residents. I am encouraged by conversations with Ministers and hope that progress has been made by the time you are reading this.

Another issue of concern to residents is the future of the former Northwood Police Station site, which I understand is going to Planning Committee in the near future. I note that there is both support for and opposition to the plans, which council colleagues are working to address. Based on the plans submitted, I remain very concerned about the impact on traffic in the vicinity of the site and will be writing to the council to emphasise this issue.

Finally, my regular surgeries are continuing in venues around the constituency. I encourage residents who would like to meet with me to get in touch with my office via the contact details below. I will also be circulating a monthly newsletter, which you can sign up to on my website.



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Plans to redevelop Hillingdon Hospital



The Hillingdon Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust

The plans for the New Hillingdon Hospital got a massive boost recently as Hillingdon Council's Major Planning Committee agreed to approve the planning application submitted in May 2022.

This is another major step forwards to delivering a state-of-the-art new building and finally giving patients and staff the facility they deserve. Following the council's decision, the planning application will be referred to the Mayor of London for final sign-off – this is standard practice for a project of this size. We're also awaiting final confirmation of funding for the plans from central government.

We would like to thank everyone for coming forward to support us, asking questions and giving their feedback so far.

While the council's decision is fantastic news, there is of course a great deal more work still to do – especially as we continue to develop our plans in more detail – so please do keep giving us your support and getting involved.



Artist's impression of the new hospital
View of the main building from Pield Heath Road

You can view the plans online:
thh.nhs.uk/redevelopment/exhibition/

and have your say in our survey:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XFYWQBH.

We will soon be announcing the next events in our series of roadshow events around the borough which will include large-scale drawings of the new hospital plans for people to look at.

Niall Smith

Communications & Engagement Manager
The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Dear Residents,



METROPOLITAN
POLICE

From Northwood SNT

This is my first time writing a letter in the NRA newsletter, so I'll use it to introduce myself and explain some of the changes to the Northwood neighbourhood team. I hope in the future that my team and I will use the letter to inform you of some good stories on the ward, alert you to crime trends and answer some questions that you may have.

I'm Sergeant Gareth Blackburn and I joined the team a few months ago. I have worked for the Metropolitan police service for 23 years, 17 years of that on Hillingdon borough as a sergeant so I know the borough well. The majority of my service has been in proactive policing (which is trying to catch the bad guys and girls before or while they are committing crimes) and on response teams (the officers you see driving around in marked vehicles responding to the 999 calls). This is my first time working in community policing and I'm very quickly finding out that there is a lot more to it than appears from the outside. I'm also quickly seeing the huge advantages of working alongside residents and the benefits it can bring to the ward and borough.

As some of you may be aware PC Max Christmas has now left the ward and has in fact also left the Metropolitan police to join Warwickshire Constabulary, I wish him the best of luck with his move. Max has been replaced by PC Mike Fowler who joined the team in January, Mike has 2 years' service in the police and is currently on the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship scheme which means he spends the majority of his time as a full-time police officer but every so often goes off for a couple of weeks to University to study for his policing degree. This is also Mike's first time working on a neighbourhood team but is settling in quickly and getting to know the ward. PCSO John Usher remains on the ward doing the great work that he's been doing for the past 10 years. We also have a new police officer joining us in a couple of months, which will bring the team back up to its full strength, but I'll introduce the officer on arrival. Apologies but no photo of the team with this letter but I'll try and get one included for the next letter with our new ward officer in it.

Hope to see as many of you as I can in and around the ward.

Kind regards, Gareth Blackburn

The Team members are:

Sgt Gareth Blackburn

PC Mike Fowler and PCSO John Usher.

The Neighbourhoods Inspector is Insp Daniel Lipinski

Northwood Ward Team can be contacted on

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Email: SNTWA-Northwood@met.police.uk

Twitter: [@MPSNorthwood](https://twitter.com/MPSNorthwood)

Website: www.met.police.uk/your-area/

Address: Ruislip Police Station, The Oaks, HA4 7LF

NRA Membership

For more than a dozen years, NRA has kept membership data on a custom-written database and collected cash payments via road stewards. This has required a lot of manual effort on the part of the Road Stewards and the committee.

TIME TO MOVE TOWARDS ONLINE PAYMENTS? With the increasing desire to move towards cashless payments, last year we introduced a direct online BACs facility. But to go further, and reduce the additional manual accounting effort this incurred, the decision was taken to investigate ways to enable online membership management and the collection of online payments.

The world is moving online, with a very strong desire to go paperless, and also to reduce the amount of manual processes. To achieve that goal, we have been trialling a third-party product that is used for membership management and allows updating contact details and also making payments.

SUCCESSFUL TRIALS. The system also allows us to send alert emails to those who wish to receive them, for example to alert members to road closures or other activity around Northwood. It was used to send a trial alert for "Carols at Costa" in December. It has now been successfully used to email members in early March regarding the Hillingdon planning meeting for the proposed change of use of the former Northwood Police Station – this went to more than 1,200 members who had listed their email addresses.

DON'T MISS OUT ON NORTHWOOD NEWS!

Did you receive those email alerts? If not, either you have not registered your email address with us or we have an incorrect one recorded for you.

For the system to work at its full potential, we need resident members to provide their email addresses for communication purposes. We urge you to provide your details if you wish to receive such notifications. In each email that you receive, you will have the option to opt out of receiving future emails from NRA.

To register your email address, simply send an email to membership@northwoodresidents.co.uk with 'Member email' in the subject line and your **NAME** and **POSTAL ADDRESS** in the body of the email.

Full details of the scope, capability and member benefits of the new system will be posted on our website, and advised by your Road Stewards, before the system goes fully live in the Spring.

For those who are unable or do not wish to go fully online, you will be supported by the Membership team.

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Paul I. F. Barker
Chief Road Steward and Data Protection Officer

Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch



In 2022 our Chairman, Roy Parsons, sadly died after a short illness. Roy had been Chairman for six years and was very active in recruiting new members, interacting with the police and the council, and meeting residents on the many stalls that he helped to set up around the borough. He will be very much missed by us all.

I have since stepped into the role of Chairman, and the Steering Group is in the process of setting the future direction of NHW, underpinned by the renewal of the OWL (Online Watch Link) communications system contract from April. For those who are not aware, OWL is funded for Hillingdon by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and it is in their hands as to whether it is renewed each year. We will keep you posted through these pages as we move forwards with that renewal.

In the last newsletter I noted that OWL was being updated to reflect the new ward boundaries, and this work is now complete, so if the boundary changes mean that your property is now in a different ward, you will now be receiving messages from your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) for that new boundary. If you own a mobile device and download

the OWL App (it's free to download and use), you can receive messages on the move, and you can also quickly see the names and contact details for your SNT. Several SNTs have also posted their local policing priorities which can be viewed in the App.



CRIME STATS are available at borough level rather than ward level, and have remained reasonably low for burglary which is the category that is usually of most interest to residents. The pre-Covid domestic burglary level for Hillingdon was at a high of 258 in November 2019, but rates dropped sharply during Covid as residents spent more time at home and it is good to see that those levels now remain at their lowest level (lowest recent figure was 60 in March 2022). There were 79 burglaries across the borough in December 2022 and several good arrests have been made thanks to eagle-eyed residents and their CCTV systems. However, theft of motor vehicles – especially keyless cars – has risen, so please do keep your keys secured in a Faraday bag, including the spare.

If you need to contact the team you can email us at hillingdonnhw@gmail.com

*Dave Ludlow
Chairman,
Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch*

Streetsafe. A recent OWL email message alerted members to the **Streetsafe** website which allows anyone to record areas where they don't feel safe. This helps the police and partner agencies to make the streets safer for everyone, particularly women and girls.

You may have felt unsafe due to environmental factors such as lack of street lighting, abandoned buildings, vandalism or perhaps you've been followed or verbally abused in a particular street. Your information will help to pinpoint problem areas which can lead to changes such as installation of CCTV, street lighting or targeted night-time patrols.

You can report an area that you feel is unsafe on the **Streetsafe** website here: www.police.uk/streetsafe

Please note that Streetsafe is not for reporting crime or other incidents.

Local Policing from the NRA Police Liaison Officer

Spring is in the air and longer days are coming. This is also the time when many of us leave more windows and doors open. Criminal opportunists' Paradise! Join OWL at www.owl.co.uk for good crime prevention advice. Some will say it's all common sense, but you'd be surprised how little of that there actually is in practice.

Here in Northwood the **POLICE WARD PANEL** is working hard on your behalf. But do you know much about us? We are a small team of volunteers who work closely with your local Safer Neighbourhood Team (known in the past as police!). We represent different communities within Northwood and take our duties very seriously.

SO, WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE? The Northwood Police Ward Panel's aim is to help safeguard Northwood's residents, visitors, businesses and other institutions. We achieve this through collaboration with your Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), the Northwood Residents' Association, your Neighbourhood Watch, Hillingdon Council and the wider community.

We intend to build strong, trusted, local partnerships to fix local problems by **D**eterring, **D**isrupting and **D**etecting

criminal activity and anti-social behaviour.

I see criminal activity reported on the social media platform, NextDoor.co.uk. This is helpful in advising neighbours but what does it actually do to help deter crimes? Many posters say they haven't reported the incident to the police because they believe no action will be taken. And if nothing is reported, how can the police take any action? Our SNT officers are really good, but they do not have extra sensory perception!

No police report equals no action

and more to the point, no criminal history to follow up and include in any charges subsequently brought.

Do you feel inclined to help keep yourself, family and neighbourhood safe? Then do get in touch.

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*Hoda Lacey
Chairman of Northwood Police Ward Panel
NRA Police Liaison*

Have you considered getting a video doorbell?

Is what you see in this picture a delivery of goods, or the discarding of unwanted items, otherwise known as illegal dumping or flytipping? This is a single image in a sequence of images from a video of activity typical of what a quality CCTV system can record when correctly placed in a particular location. The identity of the person and the registration number of the vehicle have been blurred over for obvious reasons.



Today an increasing number of householders and business owners are placing CCTV cameras and video doorbell cameras in strategic positions to protect their properties. For instance, in the alleyway in Green Lane Northwood between the Cancer Research Charity shop and the new Animal Veterinary Practice, cameras are operating to deter dumping activity both from perpetrators coming from within and outside of our borough. Where illegal activity is captured on camera the video footage or images from it can be passed to council or Police Authorities, or indeed to online community forums such as Nextdoor.

Installing CCTV camera systems can be expensive, but a video doorbell is relatively inexpensive. Such additions to your home or business can help to stop criminal or anti-social behaviours and help protect your property.

environment@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Andrew Egan



EHIC has been replaced by GHIC. As we are gradually getting used to the idea of travelling abroad post Covid restrictions, we thought it would be timely to remind you about the UK Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC). This card replaced the EHIC following Brexit.

The GHIC lets you get state healthcare in Europe at a reduced cost or sometimes for free. It does not replace travel insurance. There are different rules which apply to its use in certain countries; for details please refer to the Government website: www.gov.uk/global-health-insurance-card

To apply for a GHIC, visit the NHS website and type 'GHIC' in the search box. www.nhs.uk

From the Treasurer

As our income and expenditure are roughly equal, we still have over £31,000 in our deposit account which is far more than necessary. We have made several appeals in the past asking for ideas as to how we could spend some of this money in a way that benefits the community. Our last big expenditure was on the town centre clock and we have recently purchased two winter-flowering cherry trees for the Recreation Ground. Suggestions please.

On page **xx**, our Chief Road Steward describes the progress we are making on a new system to enable residents to pay

subscriptions not using cash. Presently you can pay by bank transfer to our account.

The minimum subscription is still £2 per household but many residents pay more.

NRA bank account details:

**Northwood Residents Association, HSBC BANK PLC
Sort Code 40-35-08 A/c No. 30614971**

- **please** remember to put your name and first line of your address on the payment reference - the only way we can track subs!

Rashmi Chauhan

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Membership Secretary Needed! The NRA Membership Secretary works in a team with the Treasurer, coordinated by the Chief Road Steward, to record and store membership data. Good computer literacy is required.

Key features of the role:

The Membership Secretary

- ♦ is an elected member of the NRA committee and is expected to attend monthly committee meetings and report on activity from the previous month.
- ♦ has admin privileges to enter data on the NRA membership database.
- ♦ receives applications from new members to join and records them on the database.
- ♦ handles subscriptions paid by cash or cheque.
- ♦ routinely collects subs envelopes from Sharmans pharmacy.
- ♦ communicates with Road Stewards regarding new members and subs received.

Would you like to be involved in the nitty-gritty of running the NRA? Does the above job description appeal to you? Then please get in touch with me, Paul Barker.

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Paul I. F. Barker

Chief Road Steward and Data Protection Officer

Councillors' Column

This time, our councillors want to take the opportunity to highlight the council's stance on **THE EXPANSION OF THE ULEZ ZONE INTO HILLINGDON.**



Hillingdon with Bexley, Bromley, Harrow and Surrey are taking legal action in the High Court, to try and stop the Mayor of London expanding the ULEZ scheme in August into Greater London, despite incredibly strong opposition.

The challenge is being made because:

- The Mayor failed to comply with relevant statutory requirements;
- He unlawfully failed to consider expected compliance rates in outer London;
- That the proposed scrappage scheme was not consulted on;
- That TfL failed to carry out any cost benefit analysis;
- There was inadequate consultation and that it was predetermined based on the conduct of the consultation.



Northwood's councillors enjoy Jubilee in the Park

Cllr Ian Edwards, the Leader of Hillingdon Council said, "Our position has remained unchanged from when TfL's plans were first mooted - ULEZ is the wrong solution in outer London as it will have negligible or nil impact on air quality but will cause significant social and economic harm to our residents. We shared this view in our response to the TfL consultation last summer and we've said it since when the plans were confirmed in November. Now, we'll say it in the courts.

"We believe Sadiq Khan's decision to impose this scheme on outer London boroughs is unlawful – he is spending nearly £260 million of public money without any cost benefit analysis. Hillingdon, and the other coalition local authorities wouldn't dream of making decisions in this fashion.

"The predominant effect of ULEZ expansion will be to financially cripple already struggling households, further isolate the elderly and harm our local economy with negligible or no improvement to air quality. Investment in improved transport links - on a par with those in areas within the existing ULEZ is the better way to reduce car use in Hillingdon."

"To date, our requests for due consideration to be given to these mitigations have not been acknowledged, let alone acted upon. It's disappointing that we, along with other local authorities, have to resort to legal proceedings to try and bring the Mayor of London to the table, but we have no choice but to do so."

Northwood councillors hold regular surgeries

on the fourth Saturday of every month
(except December)
at Northwood Library in Oaklands Gate HA6 3AA
from 10.30am to 11.30am.

Elected councillors for Northwood ward are:

Richard Lewis and Henry Higgins.

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Health Matters

NEW WEBSITE

The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust announce the launch of their new public website at thh.nhs.uk.

The new design makes content easier to find, with patient support, hospital redevelopment, and news items, it's packed full of the latest information. Details about all of the services is still there but can now also be printed out into a leaflet form at the click of a button. More accessibility tools have been added to change the contrast, links to Accessible access guides for getting around the hospitals, and each page can now be translated into 100 different languages.

Please use the website to check for the current restrictions that are in place before attending or visiting hospital.

PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

Proposals for the new Hillingdon Hospital got a massive boost at Hillingdon Council's Major Planning Committee on 18th

January 2023 when they resolved to grant approval for the plans.

The plans set out a new state-of-the-art facility for the people of Hillingdon and beyond that will support the very best of modern healthcare. The new hospital will have the same mix of services as available now at Hillingdon Hospital, be built in the same location (next to the existing hospital) and services will remain open during construction.

URGENT TREATMENT CENTRE (A & E)

The provision of the Urgent Treatment Centre at Hillingdon Hospital was transferred to Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on Thursday 26th January 2023. The change in provision of the service follows a very recent request from the North West London Integrated Care Board.

health@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Dr Amir Lakha

Northwood's Contribution to the Queen's Green Canopy

OUR JUBILEE TREE. In the Autumn 2022 newsletter we featured the story of our own tree from the 'Tree of Trees' which was presented to representatives from Northwood and Northwood Hills Residents' Associations at a ceremony at the Royal Chelsea Hospital in October 2022 in recognition of their work in the community, in particular by organising *Jubilee in the Park*.

The Field Maple sapling that we were awarded was cared for at the Hillingdon Rural Activities Garden Centre until we were ready to plant it. It was formally planted in the Northwood Recreation Ground in Chestnut Avenue on Tuesday 17th January 2023. The ceremony was performed by Councillor Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana, Deputy Mayor of Hillingdon with committee members from Northwood and Northwood Hills Residents' Associations, and Hillingdon's Open Spaces team in attendance.

Many thanks to Northwood Football Club for serving welcome hot refreshments in their clubhouse following the rather chilly ceremony.



The sapling came with an aluminium pot embossed with Her Majesty's cypher.

We plan to display this pot at events such as the NRA and NHRA's AGMs, but don't want it to be hidden away for the rest of the year. The NHRA will be displaying it at Fairfield Church for part of the year, but where shall we display it when it's our turn? **Do you have any ideas as to where we could put it on public display but in a secure setting?**

A NEW AVENUE OF FLOWERING CHERRY TREES. To mark Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, the NRA and NHRA have each purchased two pink winter-flowering cherry trees (*Prunus subhirtella Autumnalis Rosea*) which have been planted alongside the path leading into Northwood Recreation Ground from Chestnut Avenue.

Thanks are due to Miles Gillman for leading this project and to LBH Green Spaces Team and LBH Arboricultural Manager, Sophie Coughlan for their co-operation.

The trees were obtained through a government agency called 'Trees for Streets' and the council Parks Team will water and maintain the trees for us.



Spot the cherry trees!

We're looking forward to seeing them flourish alongside the path in the Recreation Ground



Remembrance Sunday

On 13th November 2022 we marked Remembrance Sunday with our traditional Parade and Service at Northwood War Memorial. It was a fine day which encouraged a good turnout of local residents wishing to pay respect to those who gave their lives in service in both World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

In Northwood our event is held under the auspices of the Ruislip Royal British Legion Club Limited who have delegated the organising to us as local residents. We thank them for arranging the insurance and liaising with Hillingdon for permission to hold the event.

The service is planned around the two minutes silence held at 11am and followed by the laying of wreaths. We have more than 50 individuals and organisations laying wreaths at the Northwood Memorial and this has been ably organised by Chris Boulton for many years.

Representatives of all three Armed Services and our Parade was led by W/Officer Marcus Doona who kindly assisted in the overall organisation. The Base also supplied the musical accompaniment with C/Sgt Daniel Page leading the Royal Navy Volunteer Band.

Any open-air event needs an excellent sound system so that everyone can follow the proceedings and we were again fortunate to have the voluntary services of Carl Landsbert in supplying, setting up and operating the equipment. Crowd control was aided by the Scouts in erecting the barriers supplied by LBH and taping off areas for safety and providing gazebos for the comfort of the wreath layers. We thank Christine Bennett and Doug Horgan, the Scout and Guide leaders and their teams.



The Order of Service, organisation of the clergy and programme printing was expertly arranged, as in previous years, by Rev Tim Meathrel, Vicar of Emmanuel Church to whom we extend our sincere thanks and to the other participating clergy: Rev Andrew Pottage, Northwood Methodist Church, Rev Ann Lyles, Holy Trinity Church, Fr Tom Montgomery, St Matthews RC Church and Rabbi Aaron Goldstein, the Ark Synagogue.

We are grateful to Sgt Damian Keyes at Ruislip Police for assigning four Officers to ensure our safety led by PC Max Christmas.

A special thank you to Eva Stanczyk, Operations Manager, Costa Coffee for the provision again of complimentary refreshments to all attendees throughout the morning.

We look forward to you all joining us next Remembrance Sunday on 12th November 2023.

*Philip Austin and Adam Stapley
Joint Organisers on behalf of Ruislip RBL Club Ltd*

Are You Planning a Street Party to Mark the Coronation?

Then be sure to take lots of photographs and send them to us at the NRA together with a short description of what you and your neighbours did to celebrate. We plan to make a feature of how the community came together over the Coronation Bank Holiday weekend in the next Newsletter. Have fun!



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Ros Plume



Next NRA Pop-Up event will be on Saturday 15th April from 11am to 1pm next to the War Memorial.

We will be joined by Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch. Northwood Lions Club will be raising funds for local causes. The Scouts representing the District at the World Jamboree in South Korea will be selling home-made goodies.

Do come along to say 'Hello'.



Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Review

At the time of writing, there has not been any news from the New Hospital Programme on funding for the proposed relocation of the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre to the Watford General Hospital site. However, the team at Mount Vernon is continuing to work with commissioners on the proposals which would secure the future of specialised cancer services in the area.

NEW TREATMENTS AVAILABLE. Since our last update, four new chemotherapy treatments have been approved nationally. These are suitable for a number of patients who would otherwise not be on active treatment. These four new treatments will add nearly three thousand outpatient

appointments to the Mount Vernon site each year. To reduce the number of patients travelling to the site (many from some distance), to combat the challenges of the ageing buildings, and to help recruit staff, the team at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre has developed a new *Chemotherapy at Home* service for suitable patients who choose this option. Patients on a small trial have given positive feedback and the team is looking to expand the number of patients on the trial whilst work continues on plans to re-provide the cancer centre itself.

WE HAVE TO MAINTAIN SERVICES FOR OUR PATIENTS. Focus also remains on maintaining current services and facilities. £7.5 million has been invested this year. Work either underway or planned includes improvements to the Chemotherapy Suite and main Outpatients Department, work to meet mandatory fire requirements in the main building, and to make fire, water safety and other improvements to wards 10 and 11. Improvements to the Elliott Building, Nuclear Medicine and main building will also begin this year. Investment in current facilities is important to maintain the services for patients, but is not a long-term solution. This is in large part due to the lack of co-located services on the site and the impact that has on the care that can be provided at MVCC.

Jessamy Kinghorn
Head of Partnerships and Engagement
NHS England and Improvement – East of England

Events

at St Helen's School

Last Autumn, St Helen's School in Northwood opened its doors as a destination entertainment and cultural hub, attracting a wide audience from across the local community.

All proceeds from this new venture will go towards supporting the School's ambitious bursary and scholarship programme, continuing its commitment to widening access to an exceptional education to all prospective pupils, irrespective of financial means or social circumstances.

Since the cultural hub opened, a number of well-attended local events have taken place. Most notably a recent Book Club event in March 2023, which hosted internationally

acclaimed author, Lynda La Plante. Lynda joined in person and answered questions from the audience and shared fascinating stories about her life and career.

The cultural hub at St Helen's School is open to everyone, and we'd love you to join us at our events.



To sign up to event news and to find out about our upcoming events, please visit:

www.sthelens.enterprises

For enquiries contact: **events@sthelens.london**

Follow us on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter): **[@StHelensHub](https://www.facebook.com/StHelensHub)**

Iron Aid Foundation Elderly Coffee Event



On Saturday the 21st of January after a long wait imposed by Covid, Iron Aid restarted its monthly event for the elderly in the community. This is one of the activities that we hope to continue and develop further once planning permission is gained for the Old Northwood Police Station.

The plight of the elderly in terms of loneliness and lack of social interaction was particularly heightened during Covid.

It was noticeable at the event how grateful the elderly were to Iron Aid for restarting the meeting. We normally operate such activities through St John's Church Hall. That was flooded and needs extensive work to get it back into working order. We need to get back to the core community in Northwood as soon as possible and we in the Iron Aid Foundation are very clear this is the sort of activity that we want to develop into the wider Northwood community.



A recent coffee event held at Northwood Hills URC, Joel Street



If you are able to help as a volunteer or arrange an activity, please do not hesitate to contact us:
email - **info@ironaid.org**

Tariq Zaman MBChB, FRCS
Chairman Iron Aid



It is official: The Ark Synagogue in Oaklands Gate, Northwood, has a resident dinosaur!

It is occasionally tempted to appear on a Saturday morning, when the Synagogue is full of babies and pre-school children joined by carers, parents and / or grandparents for a monthly, 'Tots Shabbat.'

The 'Dinosaur Song' is one of a number of creative songs alongside those more traditional, which are enthusiastically sung and accompanied by a wide range of children's instruments as the Shabbat is celebrated, led by the Synagogue's Rabbis, Aaron Goldstein and Lea Muhlstein. Tots Shabbat is one of the range of activities for families, ranging from early childhood right through to 18 year olds.

Nippers @ Northwood, is a weekly group for babies and pre-school children to welcome Shabbat, Fridays 10am-noon.

The creative 'cheder' runs during term-time for Reception to Year 10. Many of the teachers and assistants are Year 11 – 13, complementing the adult teachers. Many other events are led by the national youth movement.



For more information about this or any of the other Ark Synagogue events, many of which are open to all local residents, see arksynagogue.org or email rabbiaaron@arksynagogue.org

Mount Vernon Comforts Fund

The Mount Vernon Comforts Fund continues to provide vital equipment and facilities for departments on the Mount Vernon site for which all too often the NHS has no money. We have recently provided equipment for the children's hearing unit and the breast screening unit.



There are always plenty of bargains to be had at our 'Look-in' shop

WE RAISE FUNDS THROUGH OUR RETAIL OUTLETS. At the time of writing, we have three outlets fully open on the Mount Vernon site: our general shop sells confectionary, gifts and newspapers. The 'Look In' shop has an extensive range of used clothes and bric-à-brac and the bookshop has a wide selection of second-hand books, all for £1 each.

THE MINOR INJURIES UNIT which closed at the beginning of the original lockdown, is now functioning as an 'Urgent Care Nurse Practitioner Service.' We are delighted to contribute money to help refurbish this unit which provides a great service to the community.

TROLLEY SERVICE TO RESTART. We have been given permission to restart our trolley service to some clinical and non-clinical areas. As ever, we are very grateful to our volunteers whose hard work and dedication are undiminished. We need more volunteers to help in this important work.

If you feel able to help, please contact Lesley Almond, the administrator of Mount Vernon Comforts Fund: lesley.almond1@nhs.net

Robert Elkeles
Chairman

Radio Mount Vernon is back in action after all the restrictions of Covid!

We're broadcasting live several hours a week, thanks to our enthusiastic presenters, and at other times our computer chooses from our choice of music, nothing too noisy - mostly.

We now have an aerial that broadcasts us to everyone within a mile of the hospital on **95.1 FM**. We can also be heard on www.radiomountvernon.org.uk - choose 'Play Now'. And if you have Alexa or similar in your home, you may well be able to hear us that way.

Our shows are very varied, but with music from past decades predominating. When we visit wards to collect requests, patients so often ask for songs that evoke memories for them, as well as musical favourites.

We're looking for new presenters and ward visitors, and if you have some time to spare and think this might be for you, do please get in touch.

We are working towards replacing our 'deck' in the studio, that's been in operation for several decades. If any readers have inspirations about how we can fundraise for that, do contact us.

Find out more about what we do and how YOU could be involved by visiting our website www.radiomountvernon.org.uk

To contact us by email: pr@radiomountvernon.org.uk





ACTIVITIES 4YOU

St John's United Reformed Church
Hallowell Road

SQUARES R US

Tuesday, 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Now in its 4th year the 'Squares R Us' project continues to flourish. In January more 'Happy Blankets' were collected by Bakhita House for women rescued from human trafficking and slavery.

The blankets make such an amazing addition to each woman's room, they brighten them up and add a warmth. Each woman takes her blanket when she leaves reluctant to leave behind something that brings them comfort when first settling in after escaping their awful situations.

A new guest rescued from homelessness is extremely happy with her blanket having not had any warmth for a long time!

The guests are always overwhelmed when others care enough to make them something, that a stranger cares is very special to them. So thank you for thinking of us and giving your time to make our blankets.



Best Wishes
Guests and staff at Caritas Bakhita House
January 2023

Our lovely team of knitters meet up on Tuesdays to knit squares which are then joined together to make the lovely bright blankets.

We are always extremely grateful for donations of wool to help keep the project going.

ART 4 FUN

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10.30am-12.30pm, £5

MUSIC

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Tea/coffee at 10.30am followed by a **free** half hour concert at 11.30am.

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP ON ZOOM

First and third Tuesday of the month, 2.00pm – 4.00pm, **free**

LAUGHTER YOGA AND RELAXATION ON ZOOM

9.30am Wednesdays, **free**



For further information please contact the church office:

Telephone: 01923 829166

email: stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com



All are welcome to join us this Easter at Emmanuel!

With opportunities to explore and experience what Easter is all about, we warmly invite you to:

Thursday April 6th Maundy Thursday: Join us for **dinner at 6:30pm** (booking required via our website) before we gather for **worship at 8pm** to explore what happened that first Easter week in Jerusalem.

Friday April 7th Good Friday: The whole family are welcome for our **10am Messy Good Friday**. Activities, crafts, games, and an Easter message. This is your opportunity to celebrate Easter as a family.

Friday April 7th Good Friday: At **1pm** we gather for a **Traditional Service of Reflection** followed by further reflections and silence until 3pm.

Sunday April 9th Easter Day: Join us at **9am for breakfast** at church followed by an **Easter Celebration at 10am** for the entire family.

Easter offers the opportunity to celebrate hope!

We hope to celebrate with all of you!

**Emmanuel Church, High Street,
Northwood HA6 1AS**

Web: www.ecn.org.uk

Tele: 01923 845200

email: ecnooffice@ecn.org.uk

Northwood Classical Music Group

Continuing our regular Tuesday morning sessions based on the theme of "Music against the background of its time", before Christmas Alan Mills looked at works reflecting the fascination prevalent in the 18th and early 19th centuries in the mystical worlds inhabited by witches, trolls and the like.

Many well-known composers were attracted by the idea – Mendelssohn set Goethe's "Die Erste Walpurgisnacht" to music, Saint-Saens wrote his "Danse Macabre", Grieg his "March of the Trolls" and "In the Hall of the Mountain King". But we looked also at pieces by such lesser well-known composers as Marschner, Sterndale Bennett and Liapunov. There's always something new to be discovered however broad your musical knowledge may be.

Unfortunately, Alan suffered a serious health problem towards the end of November and our sessions eventually had to be suspended. We are pleased to report that he is now out of hospital and should be able to restart his presentations during March.

New members are always welcome.



Meetings take place at Northwood Methodist Church at 11.00 a.m. on Tuesdays.
For more information, please contact Mike Paddy on **07568 495 584**.



Northwood Methodist Church (NMC), at the end of Oaklands Gate, is this year celebrating the centenary of the laying of the church foundation stone. We have

been inviting former ministers back to lead some of our services. The climax of the celebration will be in June when on the 24th we are holding a special afternoon service to which various dignitaries have been invited.

Everyone is welcome to come to our Sunday services each week at 10.30am and share in refreshments afterwards.

The next **Family Film**, suitable for all ages, is on March 25th at 2.30pm.

On **Good Friday, April 7th, at 10am** there will be a "Walk of Witness" starting at the War Memorial and pausing for prayer at NMC, London School of Theology, Holy Trinity school and finishing at Holy Trinity church for hot cross buns.

On **Easter Sunday, April 9th**, we start the day with Breakfast Praise at 9am followed by breakfast. At 10.30am the service will include Holy Communion for Easter.

Our next **Messy Church** is on **Saturday April 22nd at 4pm**, a chance for 2 to 11 year olds, with an adult, to do some crafts, have a short service and a meal.

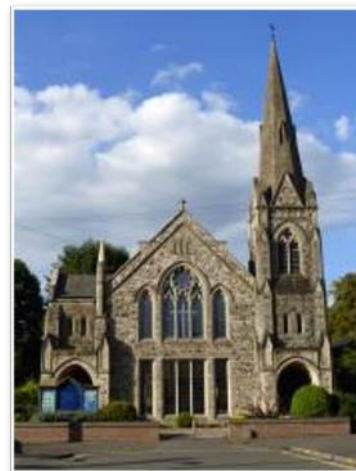
Little Acorns for parents and toddlers meets each Monday from 9.30am to 12.30pm during term time.

Warm Spaces continues each Thursday from 9.30am to 12.30pm during the cold weather offering hot drinks, soup and a dessert.

Everyone is invited to all of these events.

For further details about any of the services or events, please contact our minister.

For hire of the premises, please contact the church office.



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PALM SUNDAY 2 APRIL

Procession from Northwood War Memorial at **10am**, to join the communion service in Holy Trinity Church.

WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL

Messy Easter, 2pm - For children and their grown-ups. A chance to explore the Easter story through arts and crafts.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 6 APRIL

Supper and Vigil, 6.30pm A simple supper with Eucharist followed by stripping of the Altar and Vigil in Church.

GOOD FRIDAY 7 APRIL

Follow the Cross Walk, gathering at Northwood War Memorial at **10am** and processing to Holy Trinity Church.

Three Hours, 12pm Three-hour service of silence, prayer, meditation and music in Church.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2023

Join us at any of our services as we journey through Holy Week to Easter Sunday.

HOLY SATURDAY 8 APRIL

Easter Vigil gathering outside around the fire from **7.30pm** for an **8pm** start. Finishing with marshmallows!

EASTER SUNDAY 9 APRIL

Traditional Communion service at **8am**

All Age Parish Communion at **10am** followed by an Easter egg hunt!

PIANO RECITAL

Ukrainian pianist Denis Javorskij plays a classical programme of Chopin and other well-loved composers.

Saturday 20th May 7.30pm Holy Trinity Church Hall.

Tickets: £10 inc. refreshment (U-16s go free).

For more information visit www.htnorthwood.co.uk

Holy Trinity Church, Gateway Close,

Northwood HA6 2RP

Tel: 01923 822990



Are you a fostering hero in the making?

Why not commit to making a positive change in your and a child's life?

Hillingdon Council is actively recruiting foster carers.

If you've ever thought about fostering, or know someone who has, please contact us to have a chat, or perhaps attend an information session.

Upcoming face-to-face sessions will be held on: 11 April & 9 May from 2-3 pm and 16 May from 4-6pm - all held at the Civic Centre in Uxbridge.

To find out more, contact **Sladjana** on **07508 908 103** or email fosteringrecruitment@hillingsdon.gov.uk

More information is available on this website: <https://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/fostering-events>

Ruislip Woods News: The Impact of HS2

A few years ago, it came to the Ruislip Woods Trust's attention that HS2 Ltd intended to place soil from the tunnelling at West Ruislip and other works associated with the construction of HS2 along the southern edge of Bayhurst Woods, part of the National Nature Reserve (NNR).

Opposite is a map which shows two soil placement mounds, shaded in brown. The lines marked in red denote the fenced off area and it is here that the large soil moving machines have been working.

The freeholder and owner of most of this land is the London Borough of Hillingdon (LBH). According to HS2 Ltd's official maps the land between and containing the mounds is under temporary possession of the Secretary of State (SOS).

Ruislip Woods Trust has learned that:

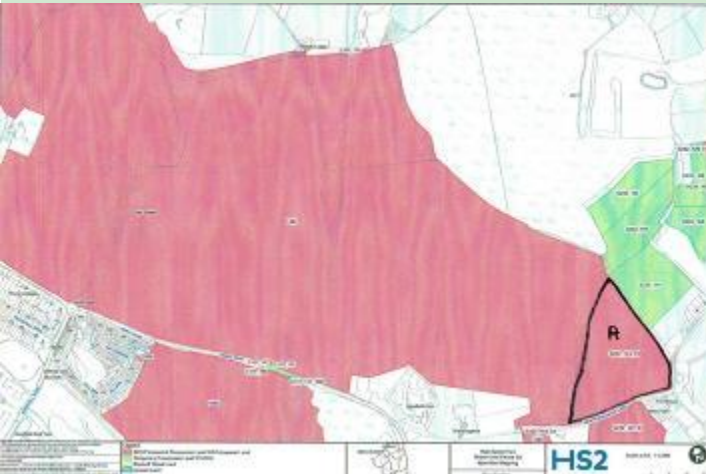
- the finished mounds will be 18m high and will contain nearly 700,000m³ of excavated soil.
- trees will be planted around the top of the mounds and the rest of the area will be allowed to self-seed.

Below is another official HS2 Ltd map, mostly shaded pink, which shows the area to the west of Bayhurst Woods.



LBH owns the freehold of this land. It is all green belt, part of the Colne Valley Park, a buffer zone for the NNR and formerly a land fill site.

Since early in 2022, the SOS acquired the lease and took over the tenancy of the area shaded in pink. We were concerned last year that the map indicated that they had permanent possession. We have been informed recently that the SOS only intend to retain permanent possession of the parcel of pink land shaded land marked "A" and surrounded by a black line on the map. A lease break notice has been served to terminate the lease over the remainder of the area and LBH will have vacant possession during the second quarter of 2023. This is excellent news for the protection of the Green Belt, this part of the Colne Valley Park and the buffer zone for the NNR.



Since the area was grassed over following the land fill in the 70s it has naturally developed as good acid grassland and supports at least two pairs of Barn Owls, a number of Roe Deer probably displaced by HS2 work in the Colne Valley and is an important area for breeding birds like Whitethroat and many species of butterflies including Marbled Whites, which can be seen in their thousands in June and July.

The work surrounding the building of HS2 has completely devastated large areas of habitat locally, so it is important that areas not affected by it are protected and enhanced for wildlife as much as possible.

Mark Morgan, Trustee RWT



If you wish to find out more about Ruislip Woods do visit www.ruislipwoodstrust.org.uk where you can join the 'Friends' and receive three newsletters a year and news of events.

woods@northwoodresidents.co.uk

Miles Gillman

Tree Preservation Orders (TPO)

Some residents have asked how a TPO request can be raised to protect trees and the answer is that residents can apply for particular trees to have a TPO put on them by contacting Hillingdon Borough Council. Just email: trees@hilligdon.gov.uk with details of the tree's location, supporting pictures, and reasons for the request. Following receipt of the request a short investigation normally should follow before any advice or ruling is provided.



News From Eastbury Horticultural Society

Our final evening event this season is on Monday 24th April when we will be holding our Annual General Meeting with the added attraction of free cheese & wine! We meet at Eastbury Farm School at 8pm.

Our annual holiday this year is from 15-18th May and takes us to a number of gardens and houses in Suffolk. Accommodation is at the Best Western Hotel in Claydon near Ipswich. If this is of interest to you and would like further details, please contact our secretary, Paul Akers, on 01923 821115, or email paul1945ginkgo@aol.co.uk.

Our Spring Plant Sale is on Saturday 20th May at 10.00am at 53 Kewferry Road, HA6 2PQ.

We have organised three excellent days out for gardeners this summer.

On 7th June we go to Wrest Park and Stevington Manor and on 28th June we visit Hidcote Manor and Kiftsgate Court. Our final visit is on 2nd September to Polesdon Lacey and Savill Gardens. All trips include coach travel, and start at 9am, returning between 6 and 7pm.

We are arranging a coach to the Hampton Court Flower Show on 6th July, but you will need to buy your own entry tickets.

For more detail about these visits, please contact Sue Mansfield, mansfieldsr@blueyonder.co.uk, 01923 829939.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that, having found an organiser for our shows, our Summer Show will take place on **Saturday 1st July** at Eastbury Farm School.



Helmington Hall Gardens – to be visited on our May holiday

We always welcome new members, so either come along to our AGM on 24th April where you will be made to feel most welcome

or contact our Membership Secretary, Tim Ellison, on 01923 822162 or email: ehs.members@gmail.com

Upcoming activities

THE WOODLAND CENTRE RUISLIP LIDO

APRIL

- Sat 1st, 12-3pm Drop in Easter Crafts
- Mon 3rd, 11am-12.30 Family Fun Walk
- Mon 3rd, 1-3pm Drop in Easter Crafts
- Tues 4th, 11am-12.30 Family Fun Walk
- Tues 4th, 1-3pm Drop in Easter Crafts
- Fri 21st, 10-11.30am Woodland Walk

MAY

- Thurs 4th, 5-6am Dawn Chorus Walk
- Mon 15th, 10-11.30am Nature Walk

Family walks and craft sessions are suitable for children 4+ and their adults.
For info call Lucy 07961 157215

At the Woodland Centre at Ruislip Lido

we run informative walks about the flora and fauna of our beautiful green spaces. We are also very happy to welcome school parties wanting to explore and learn about the ecology of the woods. During school holidays we also offer family fun walks with games and mini beast hunts, followed by afternoon craft sessions.

For opening times and info on upcoming events please contact:

dianawmail@btinternet.com or
craftylucy@gmail.com

Exploring the NRA Website



If you would like to understand the remit for each of the NRA sub-committees, you can find details by clicking/tapping on the boxes in the **NRA Activities** column. Here you will find information about the role of the particular sub-committee, who chairs it, useful contacts and related News items.

On a computer screen will see the NRA Activities column to the right hand side of each page. On a phone screen, you will need to scroll down through any page to find it.

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NRA Activities

- Business Members
- Communications
- Environment
- Health
- Membership
- Planning
- Police
- Traffic & Highways
- Woodland



Northwood Lions Club

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL - on a mission to serve!

Since 1917, Lions Clubs all over the world have been places where individuals join together to give their time and effort to improving their communities.

As President of **NORTHWOOD LIONS CLUB** my job is to guide club members in delivering service within our local community. This year, I also have the role of Hunger Officer for our District, being responsible for 62 clubs located from Bedford down to the Thames.

CLUBS ARE GIVING SERVICE TO HUNGER PROJECTS by: holding fundraising events, community food collections and surplus food collections to donate to Food Banks and Community Food Hubs. They are cooking surplus food and distributing it to the homeless and those in need. They prepare food parcels for those in crisis (details supplied by Social Services) and make cash donations to the Big Breakfast project in schools.



Lion President Susan Carr presenting a donation to the Hillingdon Foodbank at Emmanuel Church. December 2022

NORTHWOOD LIONS CLUB - LOCAL HUNGER PROJECTS. We support the Hillingdon Food Bank which is part of The Trussell Trust. Recent projects include Community Food Collections at David Lloyd Northwood and Slimming World Northwood - food was delivered to the Emmanuel Church branch of the Food Bank by club members. Fundraising initiatives include running a Charity Quiz Night at David Lloyd Northwood raising £700 which was donated to London's Community Kitchen in Harrow. We held a raffle at David Lloyd Northwood Bonfire Night which raised £170 for Hillingdon Food Bank.

Northwood Lions Club would like to hear from anyone interested in finding out more about our club activities. Do contact Robert on 07860 324395, or see our website www.northwoodlions.org.uk

Susan Carr,
President, Northwood Lions Club

There's more to your library than you think!

Every Wednesday during term time, we have a nursery rhymes and stories session call Tiny Tales, it's free to attend but you need to book your places online at <https://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/events>

It's also the perfect opportunity to sign up your child to the library and borrow some books. If they are a baby, we have free bookstart baby packs to give away that feature some complimentary books and advice on how to read to your baby. You will also find many other events held at libraries throughout the borough advertised on here.

In previous issues, I talked about our FREE APP for e-books and e-audio books called Borrowbox. If you missed the article, please enquire about Borrowbox in branch or visit Hillingdon digital library. www.hillingdon.gov.uk/digital-library

Another fantastic FREE resource we have is access to **Which? Magazine**. We keep the hard copies in Northwood library and you can also access Which? online from the public computers in the library for FREE.

Do you prefer physical books? At this time of year, many authors publish their new non-Fiction books, but you can save your money and borrow many of the new titles from Hillingdon libraries for free. So, please pop along to Northwood library and find a book you will enjoy.

I have a fantastic, experienced team of staff at the library, so do come and visit us, and remember we hold FREE recycling bags and food caddy bags for Hillingdon First card holders. We have now become a NHS hearing aid replacement battery centre, so if you have the NHS card you can get your replacement batteries from us.

If you are not a member of the library then come and get an application form or join online, it's FREE to join!

We look forward to seeing you soon. *Robert Sisk, Northwood Library Manager*

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Email: northwood-library@hillingdon.gov.uk

Web: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/Hill_libraries](https://twitter.com/Hill_libraries)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/HillingdonLibraries

Open: Monday to Friday 09:30am - 5pm, to 7pm on Tuesday
Saturday 09:30 - 4pm

This issue I would like to talk about our offer for pre-school children.

**Holy Trinity CE Primary School**
Rickmansworth Road, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 2RH

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Last April the local scheme office relocated from St John's United Reformed Church in Hallowell Road to the Northwood Methodist Church in Oaklands Gate just off Green Lane. It continues to offer a supported social



New Year's lunch at London School of Theology. Members were entertained by Rat Pack tribute, Dean Ager and friends

MHA Communities West London

(formerly Northwood Live at Home)

programme to older people who want it and is dependent upon attracting local volunteers who are willing to undertake training and give of their time to serve others.

This year MHA Communities West London featured in the MHA Heart and Soul magazine and helped create a video for the charity. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rraDjqHwKtc>

We are looking for groups willing to fundraise for the local work by hosting a **communi-tea**. If this is something you could host and want to get involved with check out the website for resources www.mha.org.uk. MHA is marking this day on Friday 21st April, but groups can select any day that suits them. MHA Sunday is 12th June if churches want to raise the profile in their congregations.

To become a member, refer a parent/friend/neighbour or to volunteer with us give us a call we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact the office on **01923 842494** or email WestLondon@mha.org.uk

Web: www.mha.org.uk/communities/near-mel/west-london/

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Angela Flux

MHA Communities Scheme Manager



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- **Quiz Night, Saturday 15th April 2023, Greenfields Primary School Oxhey.**
Teams of 6. £17 per person includes supper. Cash bar and raffle.
- **Stepping Up For Cancer, Bank Holiday Monday 29 May 2023, Chess Valley**
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SCAN FOR MORE INFO



6th Northwood Scouts meet in Oaklands Gate, Northwood

2022 saw us celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Group. Founded in 1932, we have met continuously without a break even for the war years. As a Group, we have adapted to changing times and a Scout from the 1930s would not recognise some of today's gadgets and equipment. However, they would see that the basic Scouting principles and methods are still enjoyed with today's Scout Law and Promise at the heart of the movement.

We now boast a Beaver Colony, Cub Pack and Scout troop with over 80 members from 6 to 14 years old. With a healthy waiting list, we would like to be able to offer a Scouting Experience to more young people - can you support us to do that? We need both leaders in uniform, helping to run a section and others who can help with fund raising and administration. If you feel you are suited to any of these roles, please get in touch for more information.

Website: www.6nscouts.org.uk
Email: paul.catchpole@renscouts.org.uk
Mob: 07392 996199



Outdoor activities still feature strongly in the Scouting programme



NORTHWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

Northwood's season is shaping up for an exciting climax as they reach the business end of their Isthmian League South Central campaign. Woods occupied pole position in the league from the end of August until they were finally dislodged by Basingstoke Town in January as first the rain and then the sub-zero temperatures played havoc with the fixtures and led to a three week lay-off.

At the time of writing, Northwood remains very much in the competition for the one automatic promotion place with the next four teams having to contest the play-offs to secure the second promotion spot. Woods are due to host Westfield on Saturday 25th March. This coincides with the annual Former Woods Reunion Day when the club invites anyone with a past connection to come down to watch the game, enjoy a few drinks and a bite to eat, and to catch up with some old friends.

Off the pitch, the ground improvements continue apace with the opening of the Pat Byrne Stand in memory of our much-missed Club President. There is also a new in-ground catering facility in the form of a converted horse box which offers a wide range of hot food and drinks on match days. Clubs like Northwood would not be able to function effectively without the help of its selfless band of volunteers,



especially on match days. We are always on the lookout for new faces to join this growing team, please contact John Joyce on **07766 135243** for more information.

The club will be having its usual tidy up days during the summer break – keep your eyes on the website and social media for dates.

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Northwood & District Community Association

Roll up, Roll up! Just a reminder that our community association has many activities to keep mind and body fit.

As well as the bowls, cards and table tennis, there is also keep fit, yoga, tennis and walking groups. The rambles group went to Saville Gardens in February – see pictures opposite.

All activities held in local Northwood church premises.

Interested?

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Patti Dib



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Tuesday 2nd May - Daphne Grant: "This and That"

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for further details



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18 April **Northolt Park Racecourse (1929 - 1940)**, Colin Richards

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