

NORTHWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Extracts from the minutes of Meeting 10 September 2024, 8pm in the Family Room,
Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate

Present: Tony Ellis, Sue Mansfield, Trevor Sherling, John King, Peter Lansdown, Hoda Lacey, Rajen Shah, Paul Barker, Jan Harding, Valerie Mellor, Ros Plume, Vikram Chudasama, Brian Geminder

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Miles Gillman, Vijay Kotecha, Neha Tanna, Andrew Egan

2. **Minutes of 13 August Meeting** were approved

3. **Matters Arising:** None

4. **Correspondence**

From RP:

- Email from resident in Halland Way requesting help with objecting to their neighbour's planning application. Passed to TS.
- Email from Remembrance Parade organiser informing us that a new Poppy Appeal Organiser has been found. Has anyone been contacted by her yet? RP will contact the new Poppy Appeal Organiser, to introduces us and offer help.

From TE:

- A reply was received from Cllr Eddie Lavery, saying they are 'close to agreement on a temporary library'. So no change.
- The parents of a Wilford Close resident wrote to TfL about the ULEZ cameras, but has had no reply. New cameras are being put up.

5. **Former Police Station**

There are now 137 signatures on the petition to oppose the latest Planning Application, plus 26 handwritten ones.

6. **TfL Development**

It is reported that the Cockfosters station car park is to be taken over to build 351 flats. This loses 315 of the 350 existing car park spaces. The flats will have 11 blue badge parking spaces.

7. **Pop-up events**

The licence has been applied for, for Saturday 19th October.

19 December, Carols at Costa, to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. **Proposal for 'Litter Legends' initiative**

AE's report was read out, see below for details.

9. **Autumn Newsletter**

VC is supplying 'more styling, same content'. New copy is required. VC will discuss the schedule of events with PB.

10. **Subcommittee Reports**

10a **Woods and Open Spaces**

No further comments.

10b **Traffic and Highways**

The accident on the Rickmansworth Road at midday on Friday Sept 6 was a result of a

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driver speeding, losing control, crashing into a person, then into a fence. The person, a postman, was badly injured and is in hospital.

Lack of a local newspaper has meant no reporting of this so far.

The speed display going towards Rickmansworth has been removed. A proper speed camera is required, and it was agreed to support raising a petition for this.

10c Communications.

From RP

Website.

Posted on website since last report:

- Former Police Station: e-petition
- Northwood Ward Police Survey
- Various local events

10d Police

No further comments

10e Business Membership

No further comments

10f Health

NT will be happy to answer any questions on her report.

10g Planning

No further comments.

10h Environment

No further comments

10i Finance

No further comments.

10j Chief Road Steward

No further comments.

10k Membership

Sharmans reported being unhappy about the state of some envelopes received.

11. AOB

- 1) RP reported that Philip Green could not make this meeting due to problems with his new house. He sent good wishes and said it had been a privilege to serve on such a great committee.

The meeting ended at 9.16 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8 October 2024

Appendix: REPORTS

a) Woods and Open Spaces

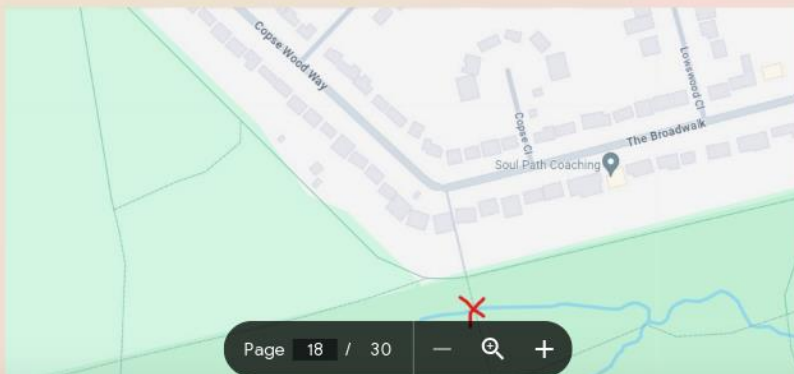
- I met with Councillor Higgins and showed him the area we wish to help with the paths. He assures me that it is feasible and it will help him dip into ward funds to help with improving the broken fencing in the same area to help stop rogue motor bikes. We wait to hear.
- We had our walk in the woods where there were five of us. I think it went ok which means I will now roll it out to the general public, at a later date.
- The Ruislip Res Assoc has compiled a major report on flooding in the woods that directly affects them. I have included a couple of screen grabs just for interest on areas that affect us. Notably the polluted pond in Cope Wood and the Northern pond by the Golf Course.
- I have not followed up as yet about the Waitrose notice board. I am also halfway through applying for our Pop-up license, just waiting for our latest insurance certificate.

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Copse Wood SSSI Site Visit: Pollution Event



The above pool is located just to the west of R188, the statutory footpath leading south, down from the residential roads where The Broadwalk and Copse Wood Way meet.



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Accompanying Tony Booker of ColneCAN, (for identifying sufficient density of Himalayan Balsam), on the 13th of August, it was clear there was something wrong. If you have ever smelt the result of a misconnection, (a domestic foul water pipe plumbed into the storm water network), you would recognise this, but intensified. Thanks to the work ColneCAN has been doing elsewhere in the Colne Catchment, Tony has direct access to the responsible department of Thames Water, and we subsequently arranged to return on Wednesday the 21st with Rachel Sargent of Thames Water.

Rachel had brought with her a sampling device, on a telescoping, long reach handle, and a device that gives onsite measurement of common pollutants. [I'm awaiting confirmation of the readings]. The readings were sufficient for this to be declared a pollution event.

The values obtained are indicative of something more than a simple mis-connection, potentially a blocked foul water sewer leaking into the storm water network, with possible mitigations of local concentration in the mal-odorous pool due to the recent low rainfall.

We also walked down to the pond at the top end of Poors Field, where a further sample was taken and determined. As one would expect, the recorded levels were much reduced, but still in excess of what would be expected from an unpolluted watercourse, indicating a flow of pollution along this intermittent watercourse. [A mitigating factor is the presence of the cattle providing conservation grazing on Poor's Field. A couple of those defecating in the pond would, temporarily, raise the recorded levels].

Confirmation has now been received from Thames Water that a pollution event has been registered, and, on the morning of the 22nd that TW/contractor engineers had been on-site yesterday afternoon, into the evening, putting some mitigation in place, and would be returning today.

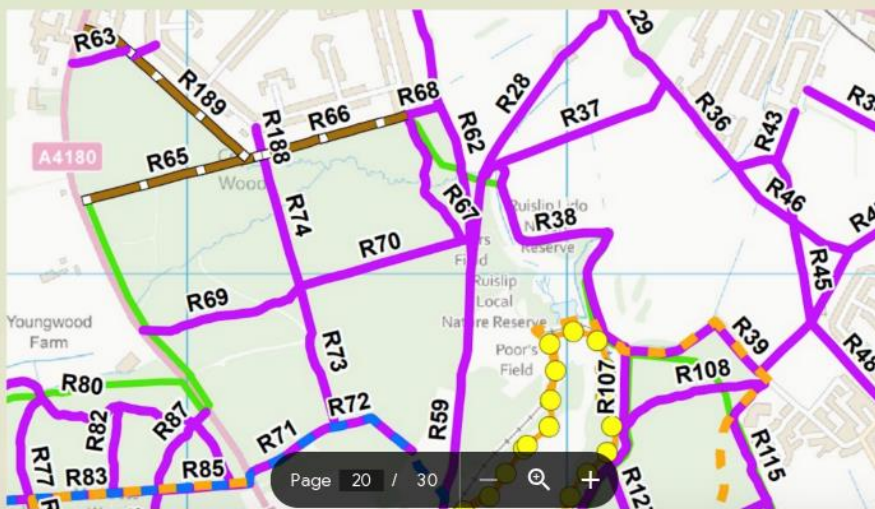
Hopefully Thames Water will be able to find a resolution to this likely continuing source of pollution.

Copse Wood SSSI: Ducks Hill Road road gully

An intermittent watercourse through Copse Wood SSSI clearly starts at a road gully on Ducks Hill Road.

This screen grab from the [LBH Definitive Map and Statement](#) (of Rights of Way), shows the start of a thin blue line, (above R69), at the eastern side of DHR:

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RWMAG can have no quibbles about the placement of the road gully, as this section of Ducks Hill Road has a double summit, and the resulting bowl has to drain to somewhere.

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However, road debris should not be vented into a National Nature Reserve. Go back a generation and there was a concerted effort to educate dog owners about the danger to the environment of dog excrement entering watercourses. These days all responsible dog owners don't think twice about cleaning up after their pets.

The discharge of road debris, non-biodegradable tyre particles and non-biodegradable brake pad particles leads to slow degradation of the woodland as chemical components and process chemicals slowly leech out into the soil. (These particles are also the source of the 'black' debris found blocking Elma's Ditch, between Park Avenue and the River Pinn). This intermittent watercourse, in times of high flow, runs in the furthest part of the Lido, thence to the Cannon Brook and finally enters the Pinn just upstream of the north east corner of Ruislip Golf

Miles Gillman

b) Traffic and Highways

Again, very little to report.

Minor road works completed.

A number of ULEZ cameras cut down. It must be very frustrating if your cul-de-sac in the ULEZ area exits into a ULEZ free area!

HS2 – I understand that Breakspear Road South has been closed for an unspecified period because of a burst water main.

This road is planned for closure for two weeks in October – no dates available yet.

Peter Lansdown

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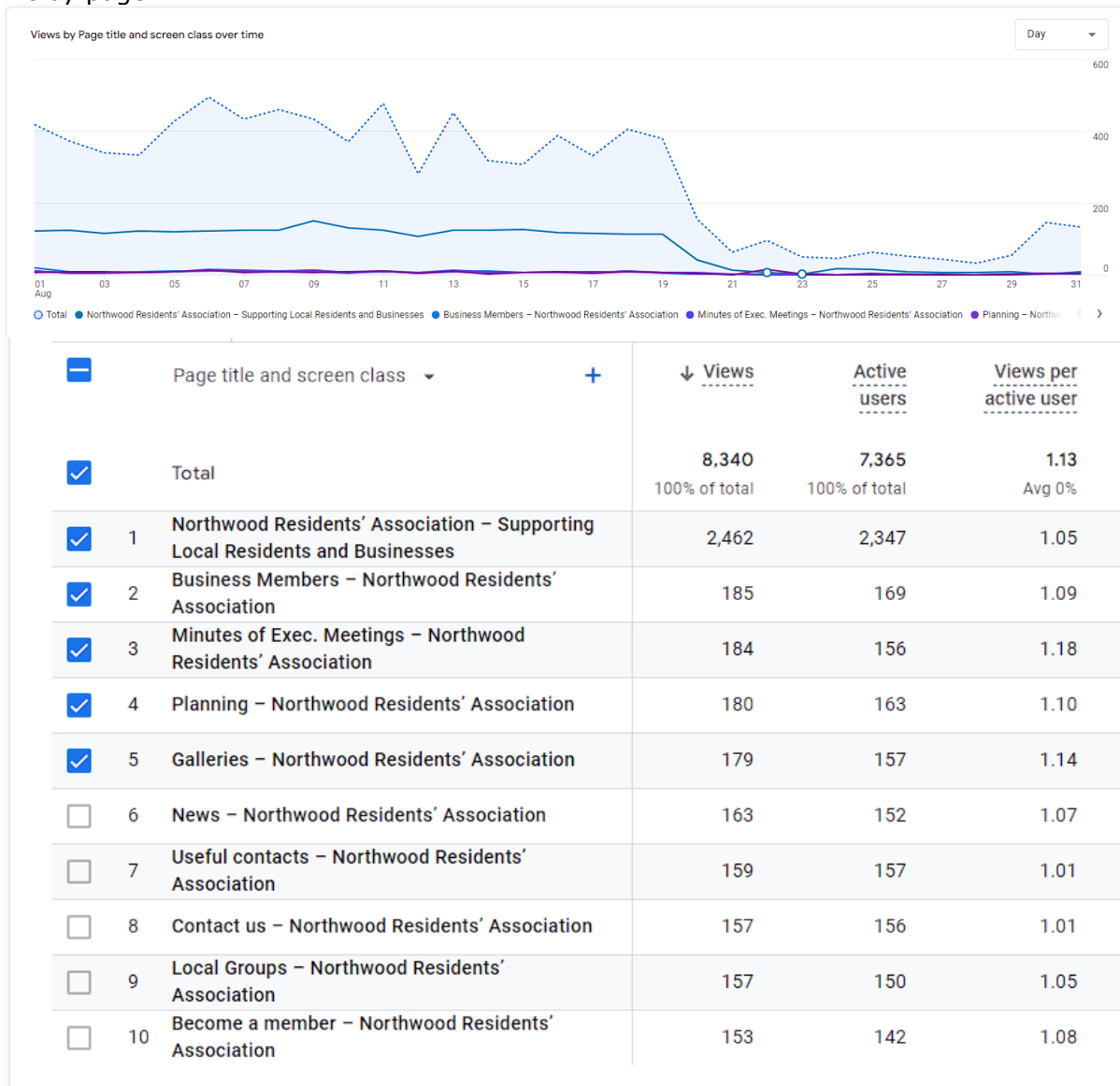
c) Communications

Website Activity

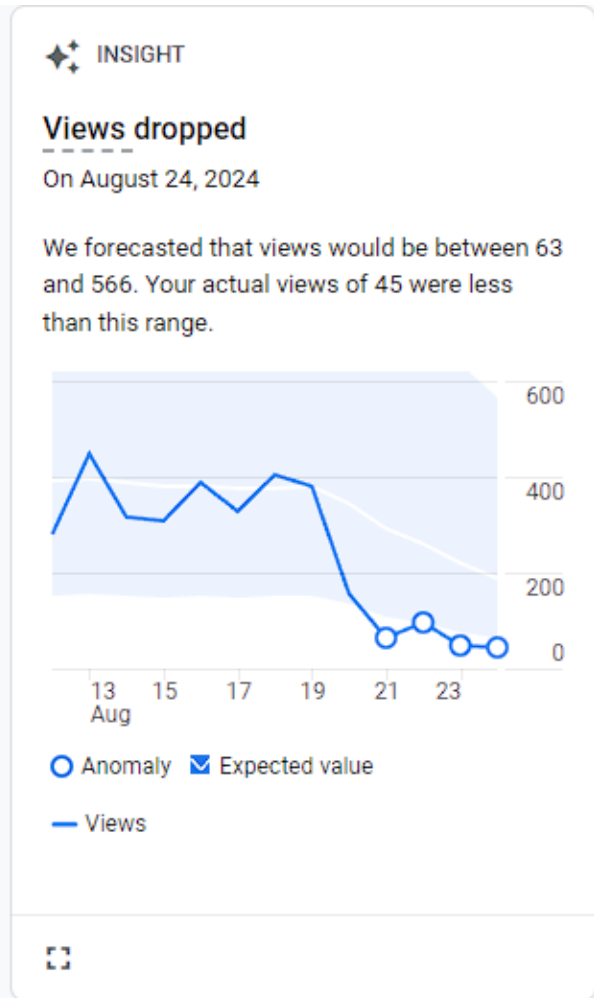
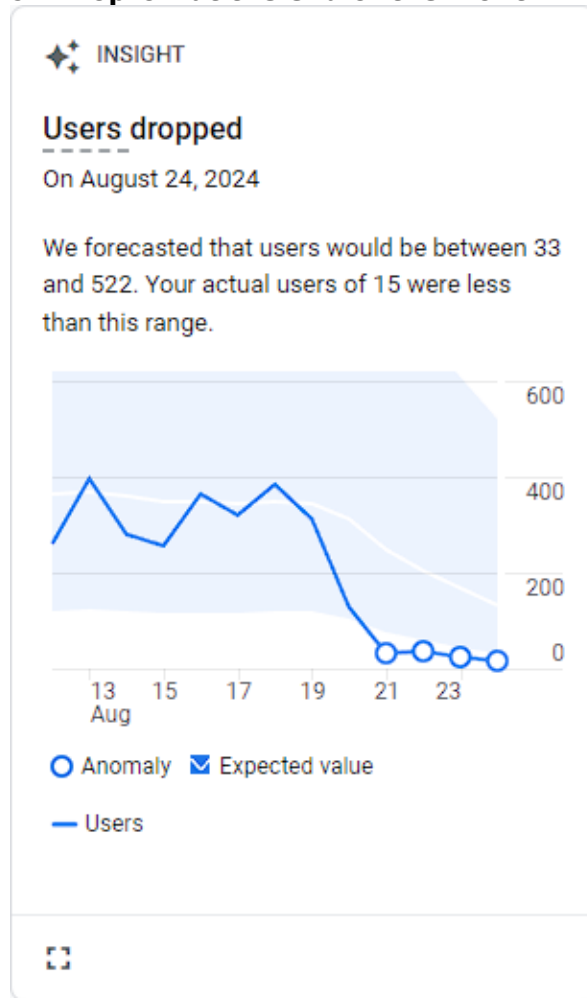
1 Points to note

- NRA pages have overtaken bus and hospital schedule searches – this means that more people are engaged in our activities
- The last week in August was low traffic, most likely because there were no alert emails going out.

2 Traffic by page



3. Drop-off at the end of the month



Rajen

d) Police

SNT Update:

No change to officers. Mani still on long term sickness.

Ward Panel Meeting

Our next meeting will take place on 18 September at James Court, Hallowell Road. We have been lucky enough to be offered a free venue for our meetings after Iron Aid could no longer host us. Thank you to Ros and Paul for sending out the survey and posting on our website.

Hillingdon Safer Neighbourhood Board meeting

I attended this meeting on 3 Sep 24, with Malcolm Lucas, my No 2 on the ward panel. Also in attendance were Kevin Mephram and Dave Ludlow of Neighbourhood Watch, who submitted an excellent report on their activities.

A particular issue was raised regarding the Hillingdon crime stats, usually circulated beforehand by the met. The Met now no longer wish hard copies of the stats to be circulated. However, these were presented in PP form by Ben Wright and Pete Thackeray.

I am one of the very few ward panel chairs who attend as it is by invitation only. A few issues arose that I wish to follow up and have arranged to meet Jean Hillman, chair, next week.

Hillingdon Independent Advisory Group (HIAG) 11 September 24.

The next HIAG meeting will be held on 11 September. I will attend. There will be a presentation on cyber crime. Previous presentations have been most informative. There are no other ward panel chairs in attendance. I am there by invitation from Malcolm, who takes their minutes (as he takes ours).

Both Ben Wright and Pete Thackeray usually attend. We receive the same crime stats as those presented at the SNB.

Business Watch (BW):

From the BW WhatsApp group chat it appears there are fewer crimes reported on Green Lane. We have no Business Watch on the High Street yet.

Last week Bubbles was broken into during the night. There was some damage. Not much was taken apart from their phone and card machine which have been located in Pinner. This is the second time they have had a break in. Last one was around three months ago.

Our SNT visited Neha of Bubbles after the first break-in and gave advice. This time they stole the card machine, uber tablet and shop mobile phone. There was no cash till on display following police advice. The team also visited again after this break in.

Also, our team together with Northwood Hills team managed to arrest a prolific retail thief and drug user last week. If you read Next Door regularly, you will have seen much of what I am reporting.

Ward Panel Meeting

Our next meeting is on 18 September.

We also have a "Ward Panel Improvement" online meeting on 25 September. Ben Wright usually hosts.

HL 9/24

e) Business Membership

As you may recall we agreed to roll out an initiative with businesses willing to offer NRA members special offers during the month of August

The take up was very thin with only 7 participants, namely Bubbles, Estamira Jewellers, Lamertons, Laughing Monk Tai Chi, Amit Sodha (Business Coach), John Ashmele (Toast Master) and Forum Insurance

Having now checked with each of them, the reaction has been almost negligible. Only Lamertons reported interest from members and I assume that was because a check on frames was being offered for free

I was surprised Bubbles' offer had no interest as they appeal to the youngsters who were on holiday

I also thought some of our older members would take advantage of the free tai chi lesson but it seems not

So to sum up it all up, very disappointing

When I asked for reaction and feedback from the participants, one felt the email was too text based with no pictures or life, or as he called it 'no pull factor' so perhaps people didn't properly look at the email.

Another commented whether it would it be worth getting a small group of local business owners, managers together to discuss how we might improve advertising. Like a focus group particularly for the non visual business who don't have presence on the high street

A further suggestion was perhaps a facebook page where businesses could engage with members

What I have taken from this feedback is that if we decide to give it another go in a lean month like January, that I consult with the "lack of appeal" member and ask him help me formulate the email

I should also like the Committee's view of a facebook page managed by a Business member so that we don't have the administration hassle

f) Health

Mount Vernon Hospital Services Review:

An update was published on 9th May and is now on the NRA website: [Link](#).

There is a plan to go ahead with a public consultation, this financial year, to review moving the cancer services to Watford General Hospital. The documents are still being prepared and further information will be made available here: <https://mvccreview.nhs.uk>

This is still ongoing with no new further updates as of yet.

Hillingdon Hospital Update:

Annual Member's meeting taking place Tuesday 17th September

All are welcome to join in person or online

Information can be found [here](#)

Blood Tests within THH Trust:

Phlebotomy (taking blood)

Routine tests ordered by a GP

They no longer offer a service for blood tests requested by a GP (the only exception is for urgent or specialised tests that have to be processed on the same day).

If a doctor from Hillingdon or Mount Vernon hospitals has asked a patient to have a blood test before their next appointment, they must book an appointment at one hospital or the other. The booking link is [here](#)

This does not apply to patients sent directly from an outpatient clinic on the same day, or those requiring specialised tests that need to be processed on the same day. These patients will be seen without the need to book.

Only urgent glucose tolerance tests can be booked, and by telephone only.

Call Mount Vernon Hospital on 01923 844732 or 01923 826111, or Hillingdon Hospital on 01895 238282

Children aged 10-16 can be seen at Hillingdon Hospital only.

For children under 10, please contact Rainbow Ward via the Hillingdon Hospital switchboard on 01895 238282.

Annual Plan 2024 – 25:

THH have developed a visual summary ([Plan Strategy one page.pdf \[pdf\] 20MB](#)) which brings together the strategy, the vision, the values, the important role of each of our sites and their priorities for this year in one place.

The full strategy and plan can also be found here:

[Strategy](#)

[Annual Plan](#)

North West London Acute Provider Collaborative:

The [North West London Acute Provider Collaborative](#) includes:

1. Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
2. The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
3. Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
4. London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust.

Together, they manage 12 hospitals, employ 33,000 staff and serve a diverse population of 2.2 million people.

The four acute NHS trusts in north west London have set out a shared vision for collaboration and priorities for joint action:

By 2027, this will mean:

- Patients will access care sooner, care will be more personalised and person-centred, with improved and more equitable outcomes, regardless of which trust or hospital they attend.
- Health and care partners will be able to work in a more consistent way with our trusts, with common approaches to communications, engagement and improvement.
- Staff will be able to move across our trusts more easily, be encouraged and supported to compare data and feedback in order to drive improvement, and have stronger cross-organisational networks and ways of working.

The Acute Provider Collaborative's first three-year strategy is published at:

nwl-acute-provider-collaborative.nhs.uk

Most recent Board papers from 16th July can be found here: [Common Papers](#)

The next meeting where all are welcome is on Tuesday 15th October 2024 13:00 – 17.30

Links will be available in due course but can be found [here](#)

Hubs mobility Service for patients:

There is a service which supports patients who might have mobility challenges - and it is now available at Hillingdon Trust.

Patients who might need to visit one of the hospitals regularly and could benefit from alternatives to driving or being driven - but who might need extra help using public transport - might find the Hubs Mobility Service helpful (one for the NRA website maybe).

See links below for leaflets of the new service partnered with the trust:

[Hubs Flyer HA](#)

[HA leaflet new](#)

North West London Integrated Care System:

Local residents and stakeholders are invited to attend North West London Integrated Care Partnership meeting that will take place at 2 – 4pm on Wednesday 11 September 2024. It will be held virtually on Teams.

You can find the Teams joining link for the meeting, as well as the meeting papers [here](#).

There are items for discussion/approval or to note: including dentistry/oral health; vaccination and immunisation; shared needs assessment and mental health strategy.

It's now #AskAboutAsthma Week.

They want everyone involved in the care of children and young people with asthma to be even more prepared for week 38 – the week where nationally there is a rise in asthma attacks following the return to school after the summer holidays.

The Learn Live educational event for schools and parents and carers, which takes place on Friday 13 September 2024, 10 – 10.30am, provides an excellent opportunity to learn more about asthma and how you can help people with the condition. You can register for the [event here](#).

West Herts launches five-year plan to transform services and facilities across the region:

This is a five-year plan which aims to transform services, facilities, and care across the region for more than 600,000 people. The Trust's ambitions include:

- Building a new state-of-art hospital at Watford General Hospital
- A new elective care hub at St Albans for planned operations
- Hemel Hempstead will become a focal point for chronic and complex care treatment.

Building work is expected to get underway in 2025 and the government confirmed last year the rebuilding would be fully funded. The strategy document can be found through this link [here](#)

Community Health Initiatives

- Mountwood Surgery:
 - The BMA has advised that to ensure safe and sustainable care we should limit the number of GP appointments to 25 per day. By reducing the number of appointments to 25 per day, GP's would have more time to spend with each patient. This should lead to improved patient outcomes and greater patient satisfaction.
 - Mountwood Surgery is hosting a COPD Workshop on 9th October between 1 and 3pm. Anyone who wishes to attend can register at Reception
 - There is a workshop on hypertension and cholesterol on 18th September. between 1 and 3pm:

- The workshop will cover:
 - What is Hypertension
 - Your Heart & You
 - What Causes High Blood Pressure
 - What Causes High Cholesterol
 - Blood pressure Control & Reading Your Blood Pressure
 - Your Wellbeing
 - Being Active & Diet
- **Eastbury Surgery and [North Connect PCN](#):**
- **In line with GP's nationally there is a call to action for patients to get involved in saving General Practice:**
 - **See the article here and call to action to help make changes [here](#)**
- The North Primary Care Network, inclusive of several local practices, has launched a new website to enhance patient access to health information and services, with a focus on collaborative care and community health initiatives:
 - There are Hillingdon Health workshops on various conditions that patients can sign up to here (part of the North Primary Care network):
<https://www.myhealthillingdon.co.uk/workshop-calendar>
 - Ageing Well Clubs: <https://www.northconnectpcn.nhs.uk/2024/04/04/ageing-well-clubs-in-illingdon-for-65-years/>
 - There is a drive to increase awareness of Measles, information can be found [here](#).

Satisfaction with GP services is declining, there is an ongoing GP survey by Healthwatch Hillingdon where you can provide your feedback. This can be found [here](#).

End of report

g) Planning

NRA / LBH Northwood Ward Planning Report : Sept 2024

Planning Applications – No Objection / Comment

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	
1 st August 2024	10 THE BROADWALK NORTHWOOD	Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission ref. 48088/APP/2022/3820, dated 15-02-2023 (Erection of a porch, two storey rear extension, extension to two-storey front extension, raising of main roof ridge and conversion of roof space to habitable use to include 6 no. roof lights) to change the entrance portico from a stone profile with columns to an enclosed brick profile	
29 th July 2024	29A DENE ROAD NORTHWOOD	To carry out various tree work, see applicant's tree survey for details	
6 th August 2024	42 THE AVENUE NORTHWOOD	To carry out tree surgery to crown reduce by 1-2m one Monterey cypress (T1 on TPO 685) and to re-pollard 6 lime trees (G1 on TPO 685)	
5 th August 2024	60 COPSE WOOD WAY NORTHWOOD	Erection of single storey side extension	
1 st August 2024	5 FRINGEWOOD CLOSE NORTHWOOD	Erection of a part single, part two storey wrap around extension to the side and rear, erection of front porch, erection of rear terrace to the rear, conversion of roof space to habitable use to include a rear dormer, 4 roof lights, following amendments to fenestrations, and the demolition of existing rear extension and garage	
8 th August 2024	132A PINNER ROAD NORTHWOOD	Conversion of Roof Space to provide 1(No) 1 Bedroom Flat including the installation of a side facing window, 2 no. rear and 2 no. front dormers	
12 th August 2024	JAMES HOUSE, 2 SANDY LODGE WAY NORTHWOOD	Demolition of the existing care home building and erection of a 2.5 storey building comprising of six flats (5x two-bedroom and 1x three-bedroom) with associated parking, cycle and bin storage, and landscaping.	
20 th August 2024	37 THE DRIVE NORTHWOOD	To carry out tree surgery including to reduce by 2.5m the two over extended branches growing over the roof of 95 Knoll Crescent One Cedar T15 on TPO 124	
8 th August 2024	32 WATFORD ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension, with amendments to fenestration including new rooflights.	
27 th August 2024	9A ROFANT ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a part single, part two storey extension to the rear, erection of a single storey extension to the front, to include a front porch	
27 th August 2024	7 ROGERS RUFF NORTHWOOD	To remove One Lawson Cypress (T1 on map) in A1 within TPO 95	
27 th August 2024	7 NICHOLAS WAY NORTHWOOD	Erection of outbuilding, following the demolition of existing outbuilding	

Planning Applications – Objections / Comments Made

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	Comment
6 th August 2024	NORTHWOOD POLICE STATION, 2 MURRAY ROAD, NORTHWOOD	Proposed Change of Use to a Children's Nursery and Listed Building Consent for Alterations	See further objection attached following a further submission by the applicant

Planning Appeals :

Planning Appeals : Decisions

WYLDEWOODE, 25 THE AVENUE, NORTHWOOD

The main issue relates to the effect of the external materials on the character and appearance of the area.

Decision: Appeal allowed.

Planning Appeals : Submitted

126A GREEN LANE, NORTHWOOD

The sub-division of No.126A Green Lane into 7 self-contained flats (Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use)

Planning Decisions Where Objections / Comments Made:

19 ELGOOD AVENUE, NORTHWOOD

Erection of a part single storey, part two storey side and rear extension, conversion of roof space into habitable accommodation including raising the ridge, roof lights, amendment to fenestration and removal of chimney, following the demolition of existing garage and rear extensions

Decision: Approved

Reasons: Revisions were sought to ensure the first floor side extension is set off the boundary by 1.5m.

The side windows would be obscured glazing and non-opening below 1.8m secured by condition.

Enforcement Action By LBH

None

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

27 Eastbury Road, Northwood : there were three appeals submitted, one against refusal of planning permission and two against Enforcement Notices where planning applications were breached. Submissions were made to the Planning Inspectorate supporting LB Hillingdon in the service of the two Enforcement Notices and supporting their refusal of planning permission.

ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MINUTES:

None

h) Environment

Update on the Community Project re litter collection in Northwood.

A resident who lives in Drakes Drive aims to start her project on a Saturday morning around the 3rd week in September (about a week after she returns from a holiday) and is quietly gathering some volunteer helpers from a circle of friends who I think are mainly local Mums and a few Husbands. She is thinking about a starting point location for the work and equipment / litter bags needed etc.

I mentioned that I talked to CllrHenry Higgins who has offered to be supportive and has given her his email contact so she can ask for bags and litter pickers etc which he should be able to source. I am pretty certain he can also arrange bags collection with a little bit of decent communication.

The project will likely get off to a slow start and then gather momentum – at least that is what I suspect will be the case. I have offered to help if I am able to do so.

All of this sounds quite positive.

Andrew Egan

Chief Road Steward

Vijay Kotecha (db manager) has completed a series of "scripts" to access the mmjo db centrally every Saturday evening. These update the data routinely to a separate, holding master spreadsheet for every "patch".

Every RS should have received a link from Vijay which allows them to review the current status of their "patch" as reports in Excel (.xlsx) format and /or directly printable reports for contact and payment status per address in (.pdf) format.

ARs should have received a similar link allowing them to see current "patch" contact and payment info. for all their RSs.

I have prepared and circulated full updated versions of "RS Duties", plus a more concise summary. To comply with GDPR requirements, "RS duties" again stresses that all member-data **must** be kept securely, and not transmitted outside the NRA.

- both stress RSs should pass on promptly to MemSec any subs payments they may have collected, and any new (or revisions to) member contact data for recording on mmjo.
- this is most important to allow "data-cleaning" on mmjo to continue!

Of the 30+ addresses on mmjo marked (by the recipients) as *unsubscribe* I wrote to, 3 confirmed they had moved out of our area (and hence I have unlisted their names and email addresses).

- most had said they had not intended to unsubscribe(!) and have been re-instated.

Paul Barker
NRA CRS & DPO

i) Membership

There is still very little to report as August has been quiet regarding memberships. There were only three confirmed applications in the month.

Both Jan and I can confirm that we have agreed receipts to the end of August.

I will keep reporting the previous year's applied memberships and can show how the receipts came in by end of August. I am not showing 2022 in future as there are too many anomalies.

John King

END OF REPORTS