

NORTHWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Extracts from the minutes of Meeting 14 January 2025, 8pm in the Family Room,
Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate

Present: Sue Mansfield, Trevor Sherling, Paul Barker, Valerie Mellor, Ros Plume, Tony Ellis, John King, Miles Gillman, Andrew Egan, Hoda Lacey, Jan Harding, Peter Lansdown, Rajen Shah, Neha Tanna, Brian Geminder

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Vikram Chudasama, Vijay Kotecha

2. **Minutes of 10 December Meeting** were approved

3. **Matters Arising:**

Nearer the time of the AGM, MG to put the speaker in contact with Keith Tabor who manages the sound and recording.

MG is pursuing various quotes for work on the benches from Ducks Hill Carpentry.

MG's quote for a cover over the Waitrose notice board was approved. BG noted that he had recruited a new business member who wished to advertise on it. It was decided that we would not allow commercial adverts on our noticeboards.

MG

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Correspondence

4. *From RP:*

- Email from resident wanting to give away lever arch files. Circulated to committee and referred him to Freecycle.
- Email from LBH Customer Engagement Team about consultation for addition of sites to the Local List of buildings of architectural and historic importance. Circulated to exec and posted on website.
- Email from Richard May, manager of Northwood Library, on 6/01/25:
We haven't had an official council word for the website or anything but I have been told (haven't received a copy yet) it is in the Hillingdon People magazine about the Northwood Library pop up site and that it has been agreed for it to be at the Kate Fassnidge site. I have asked and there is no set date but it shouldn't be too long now.
- Email from LBH Customer Engagement re. Budget Consultation 2025/26. Circulated to exec.

From TE:

Cllr Henry Higgins told TE that when the new library is opened at the Fassnidge Hall, Northwood Hills library will close for refurbishment, as was planned before the condition of the Oaklands Gate library was identified.

5. **Meeting with Sgt Blackburn**

TE reported that Sergeant Blackburn had disliked the cover of the last newsletter, and had pointed out that pictures of the under-18 boys should not have been shown, even though their faces were obscured. Since the publication, speed cameras were reinstalled and road strips were laid down to monitor the speed of vehicles near the junction of Murray Road. A meeting with David Knowles, LBH Head of Transport and Town Centre Projects, is planned for later in January.

TE will recommend laying down of road strips to ease identity of speeding vehicles. Sgt Blackburn explained that a major amount of his team's time has been taken by extraction for work elsewhere in the Met. He and TE agreed to meet on a regular basis.

6. **Former Police Station**

No further information

7. TfL Development	No further information.	
8. Pop-up events	19 December, Carols at Costa were agreed to be enough of a success to be worth repeating this year.	
9. Spring Newsletter	The editor was not present, so no actions here.	
10. Subcommittee Reports		
10a Traffic and Highways	No further information	
10b Planning	No further information	
10c Environment	AE to ask Cllr Henry Higgins about current pothole repair work. AE to remind our residents how to report potholes to LBH	AE
10d Health	VM reported that there is a lot of rubbish on the footpath between the Cottage Hospital bus stop and Northwood Health Centre. TS to give VM Andrew Riley's contact details.	TS
10e Communications.	No further information	
10f Police	HL has asked Inspector Sarah Fox to the AGM. HL will now suggest she talks about how Northwood residents can help the Police.	HL
10g Woods and Open Spaces	MG will write an article in the Spring Newsletter describing the function of the various Ruislip Woods' committees and the problems caused by lack of personnel.	MG
10h Business Membership	RP to amend the online application form to include a Business Name if appropriate.	RP
10i Finance	All subscriptions received in 2025 will be treated as subscriptions for this year.	JH
10j Chief Road Steward	A publicity drive to be considered at the next meeting.	PB
10k Membership	JK to consider publicity for blocks in which we have no residents' names. A letter will go out with the spring newsletter to remind people that the minimum subscription is now £3.	JK
11. AOB	TE said that Dennis Cave, who was a stalwart Northwood supporter and worked a lot on Save Our Northwood and trees in Northwood, has died. TE to write to his family and suggest we plant a tree in his memory in Northwood. MG to investigate possible sites.	TE MG

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 11 February 2025, in the family room at Oaklands Gate.

Appendix: REPORTS

a) Traffic and Highways

Nothing to report this month

b) Planning

NRA / LBH Northwood Ward Planning Report : January 2025 (25:01 Planning NRA)

Planning Applications – No Objection / Comment

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	
15 th November 2024	20A FRITHWOOD AVENUE NORTHWOOD	Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 9 (demolition and construction management), 3 (Materials) and 8 (step free access) of planning permission ref. 50632/APP/2024/1594, dated 29-08-24 (Erection of a two storey, 2 bedroom newbuild dwelling house with car parking space, cycle and bin store, amenity space and landscaping including boundary treatment and ASHP, following the demolition of existing dwelling.	
15 th November 2024	TORMEAD 27 DENE ROAD NORTHWOOD	Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 4 (basement impact assessment) and 5 (sustainable water management scheme) of planning permission ref. 9043/APP/2022/2490, dated 12-05-23 (Demolition of existing buildings and replacement with up to 2.5 storey extension to main building to provide 4 self-contained flats and redevelopment of existing coach house building to provide 1 maisonette unit with associated parking, cycle and bin storage, and landscape works)	
15 th November 2024	5 FRINGEWOOD CLOSE NORTHWOOD	Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission ref. 76184/APP/2024/2039, dated 26-09-24 Erection of a part single, part two storey wrap around extension to the side and rear, erection of front porch canopy, erection of rear terrace, 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) to amend proposed first floor side extension	
19 th November 2024	65 HILLIARD ROAD NORTHWOOD	Conversion of roof space to habitable use to include a rear dormer with juliette balcony, 2 front roof lights and new gable end window (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed Development)	
2 nd December 2024	ST JOHN'S COURT 59 MURRAY ROAD NORTHWOOD	TPO 135 T6 Yew Reduce length by 1.5 metres	
2 nd December 2024	50 GATEHILL ROAD NORTHWOOD	TPO 165- T49 1x Chestnut (Aesculus hippocastanum) Reduce crown by approx 2.5m spread and 3m height, back to previous points.	
25 th November 2024	23 LINKSWAY NORTHWOOD	Installation of vehicle cross over including entry gates, hardstanding and associated works to existing dwelling frontage.	
4 th December 2024	LAND TO SOUTH OF GREENEND 17 DENE ROAD NORTHWOOD	Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 3 (Construction Management Plan) of planning permission ref. 73243/APP/2022/2535, dated 11-11-2024 (Erection of 6 dwellings with new access to Foxdell and erection of 3 dwellings with new access to Dene Road with associated landscaping and parking.)	
2 nd December 2024	9B ROFANT ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a single storey rear extension, replacement of existing porch and conversion of garage to habitable use (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed Development)	

5 th December 2024	ST JOHNS UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALLOWELL ROAD NORTHWOOD	Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 3 (External Materials), 4 (External Finishes), and 5 (Accessibility) of planning permission ref. 10494/APP/2024/1634, dated 29-08-2024 (Erection of new entrance foyer and single storey side extension, including new access path and ramp.)	
9 th December 2024	1 WOODSIDE ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a two storey extension to the side and front, erection of a single storey extension to the rear, erection of front porch, following the demolition of existing conservatory, porch canopy and shed.	
16 th December 2024	102 GREEN LANE NORTHWOOD	Erection of a ground floor rear extension and lower ground floor rear extension with rear lightwell and patio to residential dwelling	
6 th December 2024	7 NICHOLAS WAY NORTHWOOD	Erection of a detached side outbuilding. Erection of a single storey front extension and part single part two storey rear extension. Loft conversion with alterations to roof form, installation of solar panels and 5 roof lights. Amendments to fenestrations, removal of chimney stacks and replacement of boundary wall.	
17 th December 2024	16 HIGH STREET NORTHWOOD	Change of use for existing ground floor retail unit (Class E) to fitness studio (Class E). Application for Lawful Certificate	

Planning Applications – Objections / Comments Made

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	Comment
8 th May 2024	36 MOOR PARK ROAD NORTHWOOD	Change of use from residential dwelling (Use Class C3) to children's care home (Use Class C2), to include a bike and bin store (reconsultation 12.12.24)	Re-Consultation: We continue to object on the same grounds as already submitted. The revised Management Plan still has the shortcomings already stated in previous objections. There is inadequate on-site car parking, and there are no state schools for children of this age in Northwood, notwithstanding the applicant's assertion that there are. The other points of objection still stand.
5 th December 2024	4 ROFANT ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a new dwellinghouse with associated parking, bin storage, and cycle storage, following the demolition of the existing outbuilding.	Given two properties and six bedrooms, two car spaces are insufficient and there is a parking management scheme in the road. The home gym could also easily be a bedroom and so the assumption should be car spaces sufficient for two units with a total of seven bedrooms, some of which are double bedrooms.
9 th December 2024	32 HALLAND WAY NORTHWOOD	Erection of a double storey side and single storey rear extension	As the subject house is already set well back from No 30 Halland Way, it is unclear if the rear extension complies with the 45-degree rule. The additional depth would make the extension over-dominant when viewed from No 30.
16 th December 2024	10 CULLERA CLOSE NORTHWOOD	TPO156- T48 Oak reduce crown by 25% and remove lower branches to 20ft. T55 Horsechestnut back to previous points	Whilst there is an outline of the works in the application there is no Arboricultural Report attached to the application.
20 th December 2024	26a-28a HIGH STREET NORTHWOOD	Erection of a single storey extension to the rear, erection of	There is limited natural light to the dining room and kitchen in 28a High Street.

		a single storey extension to the side/rear	
31 st December 2024	26 MOOR PARK ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a part single storey, part double storey side extension with new side garage extension. Conversion of existing garage to habitable use with amendments to fenestration. Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of front porch extension and installation of new windows.	All new side windows should be obscured glazing and unopenable below 1.8m to avoid loss of privacy and overlooking of neighbouring properties in accordance with A1.22.

Planning Appeals :
Planning Appeals : Decisions

None

Planning Appeals : Submitted

NORTHWOOD CRICKET CLUB RICKMANSWORTH ROAD NORTHWOOD

Installation of a 20m monopole supporting 6no. antennas and 1no. Lancaster cabinet and ancillary works thereto (Application under Class A, Part 16 of Schedule 2 to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for determination as to whether prior approval is required for siting and appearance).

Planning Decisions Where Objections / Comments Made:

1 IVY WALK RICKMANSWORTH RD NORTHWOOD

Erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 4.00 metres, for which the maximum height would be 3.00 metres, and for which the height of the eaves would be 3.00 metres.

Decision: Approved

Reasons: Prior Approval not required

19 ELGOOD AVENUE NORTHWOOD

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

Decision: Approved

Note: The tree concerns are noted

5 HALLOWELL ROAD NORTHWOOD

Erection of a part two storey wrap around extension to the rear and side, erection of front porch

Decision: Approved

Reasons: Making new side glazing obscured and unopenable dealt with by condition

10 SANDY LODGE WAY NORTHWOOD

Change of use from residential dwelling Class C3 to Doctors Practice Class E

Decision: Refused

Reasons: Given the lack of supporting information, the proposed use is considered unacceptable in principle, introducing a non-residential use into a predominantly residential area, outside of a designated town centre location, leading to the loss of a family-sized dwelling, without identifying the need.

The application fails to satisfactorily and fully demonstrate that the traffic generated by the proposed development would not have an adverse traffic imposition/parking impact on the surrounding highway network thereby potentially leading to adverse congestion/additional on-street parking to the detriment of pedestrian and highway safety.

The proposed development would have an unacceptable and undue impact on existing residential amenity in terms of noise and disturbance

Enforcement Action By LBH

None

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

None

ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MINUTES:

None

c) Environment

There is very little to report largely because my attention mainly has been on other matters.

Re the call for evidence of flooding in Northwood issued by Hillingdon Council in December (see attachment) I am unaware of any developments, but would have expected the affected residents of Rofant Road to have been on the respondent list. If any of our committee know of a resident whose property is afflicted by regular flooding then now is a good time to check with that resident or residents concerned to ensure that response has been provided to Ian Thynne at flooding@hillingdon.gov.uk as their participation is likely to be more productive than silence. Though the call for evidence date by 12 January has passed the Council letter only went out in December, so if there are issues to be raised it is still timely to do that now.

My on-going discussions with Thames Water remain on-going with regular communication by phone to say that there is nothing (new) to report.

The fly-tipped sofa cushions opposite Northwood Golf Club were reported and duly removed. Also the large mattress dumped on the pavement outside the hardware shop in Maxwell was removed quite quickly.

At the previous meeting it was requested that I use a Freedom of Information Request to find out how many flooding incidents occurred in the preceding 12 months, this is awaiting my attention.

Recent heavy frosts and light rainfall will have further damaged existing road potholes and likely to have helped create new ones. As a resident if you are aware of road potholes near your property or on a route you take regularly, please advise the Council and request remedial attention.

Andrew Egan

d) Health

Mount Vernon Hospital Services Review:

An update was published on 9th May 2024 and is 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:

1. Fresh Fruit and Vegetable trial at Hillingdon: [LINK](#)

Anyone with a fondness for fresh fruit and veg can get their 'five-a-day' more easily, thanks to a new shop on trial at Hillingdon Hospital. The wooden cabin next to the main entrance will be bursting with bananas and broccoli, packed with peppers and stuffed full of strawberries – when in season. You can even buy honey, pickles, chutneys and gift baskets. Five-A-Day Greengrocers will set up shop for staff and the public every Monday and Tuesday until the end of January, trading from about 7.30am. The company has partnered with numerous NHS Trusts since 2019 and the our Estates and Facilities Team, who organised the experiment, will monitor take-up as the trial progresses.

2. New phonenumber launched: Call 4 concern – Martha’s rule

A new phonenumber is being launched by the Trust for all patients, as well as their families and friends, to further highlight when someone’s condition in hospital might be getting worse.

Call 4 Concern, the confidential phonenumber - 01923 844448 - will be open to those who are worried about their own condition as an inpatient, or that of a relative or friend admitted to hospital.

The patient safety service, which will be available for adults, children and neonates, is amongst a suite of measures in place for patients admitted to receive care in our facilities.

It is particularly useful for those patients (and their relatives) whose condition may be getting worse but feel their concerns are not being heard or acted upon by clinical staff.

3. The Trust has landed a £126,000 government grant to help us make our two hospitals ‘better by design’ for our patients.

The funding - usually given to the private sector – is part of the Knowledge Transfer Partnerships scheme of Innovate UK, which for more than 50 years has been helping businesses collaborate with academia to promote innovation.

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 21st January 2025 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 22nd January 2025**. 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.

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: Changes to how to make appointments:

Falls Prevention Workshop:

A team is coming to Mountwood to deliver a workshop on identifying risks with the aim of preventing falls. Please go to Reception to book a place.

Time: Weds 22nd Jan at Mountwood, 1-3pm

Self assessment tool: reducing trips, slips and fallsWe have introduced a new assessment tool to help residents better understand their risk of falling and take action to help prevent falls.

Use our Falls prevention self-risk assessment (click here: [Self Assessment Form](#)) to:

- identify the risks that could affect you (Section 1: What is my risk?) and
- find ways to reduce your risk of falling by making small practical changes (Section 2: My action plan).

Important changes for Mountwood from Monday 21st October

Urgent Appointments

Call (01923 828488) for urgent appointments between the following times:

- 8am to 11am in the mornings
- 2pm to 5pm in the afternoons

Outside these times, they will signpost you to other support, such as your local pharmacy and 111.

This is to enable safe working for our staff and patients due to the intense pressure on General Practice. They say they need adequate time to manage patients safely, as advised by the recent BMA guidance. ([News Item on BMA Guidance](#)).

PATCHS

To further manage demand, PATCHS (online form system) will remain open throughout the day. Appointment slots will now be staggered and released at intervals to provide fairer access for all patients. However, please note that the number of slots is still limited based on our capacity.

PATCHS is for NON-URGENT issues only.

PATCHS is NOT for prescription requests or queries.

If one is unable to access PATCHS, please contact Reception on **01923 828488** This extension of access to PATCHS should reduce the frustration expressed by patients who were unable to access at 8am. Contact at MountwoodPPG@gmail.com

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.myhealthhillington.co.uk/workshop-calendar>
 - **Ageing Well Clubs:** <https://www.northconnectpcn.nhs.uk/2024/04/04/ageing-well-clubs-in-hillingdon-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

e) Communications

From RP

Website.

- Posted on website since last report:
 - January Offers from Northwood Businesses
 - Hillingdon Local List – nominations
 - Christmas 2024 photo gallery
- RS has updated the website plugins

Press.

- Our small ad continues to be printed on the Community Board page of Northwood & Moor Park local directory each month.
- The December issue of Northwood & Ruislip News carried this article about the accident on Rickmansworth Road:

New speed warning sign installed following serious collision

News Bulletin

Northwood Residents' Association (NRA) has successfully campaigned for a new speed monitoring sign on a busy road.

This follows a recent incident on Rickmansworth Road in Northwood, in which a postman was seriously injured when he was hit by a car travelling at high speed. He sustained a broken femur.

Local residents and the NRA subsequently complained to Hillingdon Council about speeding drivers and the fact that a speed warning sign had allegedly been removed.

Rickmansworth Road, adjacent to the junction with Murray Road, has been the site of several incidents in recent years. Residents have pressed local councillors and Hillingdon Council to reinstall speed calming measures.

Recently, the newly appointed cabinet member for traffic safety, councillor Steve Tuckwell, agreed to



The new speed warning sign on Rickmansworth Road

meet with NRA representatives at the site to discuss the situation. The missing speed warning sign has now been replaced at the council's cost.

A spokesperson for Hillingdon Council said that the sign was not removed but had been knocked down during a previous collision.

Website Activity

There has not been much activity this past month, probably due to the holiday season.

General Website Activity

The last 28 days have been relatively quiet, even compared to the prior 28 days.

f) Police

Update:

We are one officer short. PC Mani Sohal is on full time admin. Therefore, we have one Sergeant, one PCSO, and One PC.

Ward Panel Meeting:

This took place on 4 December 24. Malcolm chaired the meeting. Richard Lewis attended. Statistics below.

November figures were not yet available. Statistics are for the 2 months September & October. Volumes are broadly similar to previously, but there have been reductions in some of the main categories.

Results of survey attached to covering email.

Business Watch

Retail theft is down to 36 from 42 (2 months). The SNT have done hi-vis patrols around the supermarkets. With persuasion, reporting of crimes has improved.

Although the figures submitted by the police indicate 36 retail theft incidents, there is very little about this in the WhatsApp group.

Speeding:

Operations were carried out using a speed gun. Warning letters were sent to the few offenders. Richard pointed out that speed bumps could not be put on A roads. Cameras would be difficult to justify. Generally speeding is not a serious problem in Northwood. Sgt Blackburn said that in the past two years, there have been 12 accidents, 10 involving damage to vehicles and only 2 where people were hurt. The picture on the front cover of the NRA newsletter was mentioned by the police. There was general agreement by the panel that this was sensationalist, misleading & inappropriate.

Safer Neighbourhood Board

I am currently shadowing Jean Hillman, Chair of the SNB, for possible election to her position when she resigns next March.



Crime Figures: September 2024 – October 2024

THEFT	45	
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	21	
ARSON AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE	15	
VEHICLE OFFENCES	9	
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	8	
BURGLARY	5	
DRUG OFFENCES	5	
ROBBERY	2	
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SO..	1	

June 2024 – August 2024

THEFT	63	
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	44	
ARSON AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE	30	
ROBBERY	10	
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	7	
VEHICLE OFFENCES	6	
BURGLARY	5	
DRUG OFFENCES	3	
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SO..	2	



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Crime figures breakdown

THEFT	SHOPLIFTING	36	
	OTHER THEFT	7	
	THEFT FROM THE PERSON	2	
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	VIOLENCE WITHOUT INJURY	20	
	VIOLENCE WITH INJURY	1	
ARSON AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE	CRIMINAL DAMAGE	15	
VEHICLE OFFENCES	THEFT OR UNAUTH TAKING OF A M..	7	
	THEFT FROM A VEHICLE	2	
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	PUBLIC FEAR ALARM OR DISTRESS	8	
BURGLARY	BURGLARY - RESIDENTIAL	4	
DRUG OFFENCES	POSSESSION OF DRUGS	4	
	TRAFFICKING OF DRUGS	1	
ROBBERY	ROBBERY OF BUSINESS PROPERTY	2	
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SO..	MISC CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	1	



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NORTHWOOD SNT Ward Survey - DECEMBER 2024

1. Please indicate what age group you fit into.

					Response Percent	Response Total
1	17 or younger				0.00%	0
2	18-20				0.00%	0
3	21-29				1.00%	5
4	30-39				4.80%	24
5	40-49				9.40%	47
6	50-59				14.00%	70
7	60 or older				70.80%	354
Statistics	Minimum	3	Mean	6.49	Std. Deviation	0.92
	Maximum	7	Variance	0.85	Std. Error	0.04
					answered	500
					skipped	6

2. How safe do you feel in Northwood when doing the following activities:

	Extremely Safe	Very Safe	Somewhat Safe	Not so Safe	Not at all Safe	Response Total	
Travelling	11.9% (60)	46.3% (233)	35.4% (178)	5.4% (27)	1.0% (5)	503	
Living	11.6% (59)	50.1% (255)	30.6% (156)	6.3% (32)	1.4% (7)	509	
Working	13.5% (54)	54.6% (218)	26.6% (106)	3.5% (14)	1.8% (7)	399	
Socialising	13.2% (65)	51.5% (253)	29.1% (143)	5.1% (25)	1.0% (5)	491	
						answered	502
						skipped	4

Matrix Charts

2.1. Travelling





					Response Percent	Response Total
1	Extremely Safe				11.9%	60
2	Very Safe				46.3%	233
3	Somewhat Safe				35.4%	178
4	Not so Safe				5.4%	27
5	Not at all Safe				1.0%	5
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	2.37	Std. Deviation	0.8
	Maximum	5	Variance	0.64	Std. Error	0.04
					answered	503

2.2. Living							Response Percent	Response Total
1	Extremely Safe						11.6%	59
2	Very Safe						50.1%	255
3	Somewhat Safe						30.6%	156
4	Not so Safe						6.3%	32
5	Not at all Safe						1.4%	7
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	2.36	Std. Deviation	0.82	answered	509
	Maximum	5	Variance	0.67	Std. Error	0.04		




2.3. Working							Response Percent	Response Total
1	Extremely Safe						13.5%	54
2	Very Safe						54.6%	218
3	Somewhat Safe						26.6%	106
4	Not so Safe						3.5%	14
5	Not at all Safe						1.8%	7
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	2.25	Std. Deviation	0.8	answered	399
	Maximum	5	Variance	0.64	Std. Error	0.04		

2.4. Socialising							Response Percent	Response Total
1	Extremely Safe						13.2%	65
2	Very Safe						51.5%	253
3	Somewhat Safe						29.1%	143
4	Not so Safe						5.1%	25
5	Not at all Safe						1.0%	5
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	2.29	Std. Deviation	0.8	answered	491
	Maximum	5	Variance	0.63	Std. Error	0.04		

3. The main MPS priority is violence against women and girls (VAWG). What other issues would you like to see the local policing team focus on? Please use the comment box to provide more specific details.

			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Drugs		41.58%	195
2	Burglary		73.99%	347
3	Robbery		40.72%	191
4	Knife Crime		33.69%	158





3. The main MPS priority is violence against women and girls (VAWG). What other issues would you like to see the local policing team focus on? Please use the comment box to provide more specific details.

			Response Percent	Response Total				
5	Theft		39.45%	185				
6	Anti-social Behaviour		55.65%	261				
7	Vehicle Crime		44.99%	211				
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	3.92	Std. Deviation	2.04	answered	469
	Maximum	7	Variance	4.17	Std. Error	0.05		

4. As a local resident, we want you to have your say on the issues affecting you and how you think the local SNT should be using their time when on duty. Please select from the list below the priority in which these issues should be dealt with (1 being the highest priority). There is also a free text box if your concern is not listed.

Item	Total Score ¹	Overall Rank
1 Drugs and anti-social behaviour, such as street drinking, begging and fly tipping.	1995	1
2 Speeding and traffic related offences, including school drop-off/pick-ups.	1674	2
4 Weapons related offences. For this we can arrange for a knife arch outside the train station periodically and also conduct weapon sweeps in various locations.	1446	3
5 Vehicle related offences, such as theft from motor vehicle.	1267	4
3 Community engagement events, such as Crime Prevention Stalls.	983	5
¹ Score is a weighted calculation. Items ranked first are valued higher than the following ranks, the score is a sum of all weighted rank counts.	answered	491
	skipped	15

5. How well informed do you feel about what the Safer Neighbourhood Team have been doing over the last 12 months?



							Response Percent	Response Total
1	Very well informed						20.52%	102
2	Fairly well informed						50.70%	252
3	Not at all informed						22.13%	110
4	Don't Know						7.24%	36
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	2.16	Std. Deviation	0.83	answered	497
	Maximum	4	Variance	0.69	Std. Error	0.04	skipped	9

6. Have you attended any of the police engagement events in the last three months? If not please use the comment box below to tell us why.



			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		12.85%	64
2	No		87.15%	434
			answered	498

								Response Percent	Response Total	
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	1.87	Std. Deviation	0.33	Satisfaction Rate	87.15	skipped	8
	Maximum	2	Variance	0.11	Std. Error	0.01				



7. Are you aware that we have a Twitter account (@MPSNorthwood)?

			Response Percent	Response Total					
1	Yes		29.78%	148					
2	No		70.42%	350					
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	1.7	Std. Deviation	0.46		answered	497
	Maximum	2	Variance	0.21	Std. Error	0.02		skipped	9

8. Are you aware of NextDoor - a new online platform that the police use to communicate with local neighbourhoods?

			Response Percent	Response Total					
1	Yes		49.10%	246					
2	No		51.10%	256					
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	1.51	Std. Deviation	0.5		answered	501
	Maximum	2	Variance	0.25	Std. Error	0.02		skipped	5

9. Do you know how to contact your local ward officers?

			Response Percent	Response Total						
1	Yes		41.00%	107						
2	No		59.00%	154						
Statistics	Minimum	1	Mean	1.59	Std. Deviation	0.49	Satisfaction Rate	59	answered	261
	Maximum	2	Variance	0.24	Std. Error	0.03		skipped	245	

g) Woods and Open Spaces

No separate report this month

h) Business Membership

I spent the last 2 weeks of December contacting Business members to encourage them to promote some special offers to our residential members during January

The take-up was not overwhelming but at least 7 responded and you will all (hopefully) have seen the email that was circulated on 1st January. Thank you, Paul, for working on the Bank holiday!

It was gratifying to hear from Ros that a residential member contacted her to say, in effect, that it was nice to see the NRA supporting our local businesses

A little niggle came to my attention when visiting friends in Myrtle Side Close. They informed me that they had not received the “Special Offers” email. When I explored further, the block of 45 flats has a “Block Membership” so a quantity of the Newsletter is left in the hallway for residents to pick up if they so wish. We therefore do not have direct contact and do not have residents email addresses. I would assume this applies to all flats with “Block Membership”. It is possible some have informed us of their emails but certainly some have not

To correct this situation, I was wondering therefore if we could make contact with the Chair of Management Committees and ask them to make contact with their residents and get the information to pass on to us

Nothing more to report and in February I shall start asking for 2025 subscriptions

Brian

Brian Geminder

j) Chief Road Steward

Very little to report with a quiet build-up to Xmas/New Year.

Report-access links re-sent by Vijay Kotecha our db manager to all RSs who reported they had not received theirs initially – no further feedback yet.

A change to the columns in mmjo to be able to record for '25 was planned, discussed with MemSec John King and Treasurer Jan Harding – agreed and implemented by Vijay.

The search is now on to replace retiring RSs in good time before the #189 Spring NRA Newsletter is prepared and distributed.

Paul Barker
NRA CRS & DPO

k) Membership

Membership Secretary's Report 14th January 2025

Jan and I have agreed that the Bank and MMJO receipts are the same to end of December.

During December I adjusted the DRRA payments for 2023 and 2024 to reflect the actual allocation of the payments made. This did not change the amount, only the number of residents in the Block payment.

END OF REPORTS