



# Northwood

## Residents' Association

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## Business News

I hope you were aware we ran a “**Promotional Event**” for Business members during August.

At the time you will have received an email highlighting that fact and I want to thank **Lamertons, Bubbles, Estamira Jewelers, The Three Wishes Pub, Laughing Monk Tai Chi, John Ashmele**, our Toastmaster, **Forum Insurance** our specialist landlord insurance broker and **Amit Sodha** our Business Coach for participating.



I am hoping to run another event in the commercially quiet month of January and would encourage as many of our business members as possible to take part. You can tailor make the promotion to suit your own business. The idea is merely to find ways in which to promote our local businesses and service providers.

We have also recently supported **local charity** raising events by circulating members that they are taking place so please do get in touch with me if your business will be doing anything similar in the run up to Christmas.

Please remember that we do want our local businesses and services to thrive, but this can only happen with your help, so please think locally when out and about.

On a cautionary note, it came to my attention in early October when a local business member contacted me to complain that “**Enforcement Officers**” (my terminology as I don’t know what their titles are) visited a number of our local retail high street business on Green Lane who had **advertising boards** outside their premises and fined them on the spot for not having licences from the Council permitting the stationing of boards on the pavement.

As you can imagine, those retailers who were fined were outraged as not only did they not know a licence was required (some had been doing this for 4 years) but they were not even cautioned that a licence was needed. Instead an instant and immediately payable fine was levied.

I know some of the retailers have complained directly to the **Council**, and we the NRA also brought this to the attention of one of the Councillors. A complaint has been made to the Leader of Hillingdon Council, but as I write this missive I do not yet know the outcome. What I do know is that this is hardly the way to treat local traders. It also highlights that checking with the Council before doing anything on their land is highly advisable.

As always it would be great to have a **2-way conversation** so if you have any constructive ideas, or even a business complaint such as referred to above, be you a resident or a local business, *Just contact me at my email below.*

**Brian Geminder**  
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## From the Treasurer

My thanks to our members, and particularly the **Road Stewards**, for all their time and effort in supporting the NRA. We rely on your efforts to deliver Newsletters which is greatly appreciated.

We are having some envelopes printed with our name on so that residents can leave subscriptions at **Sharmans** to make it as easy as possible for the Chemist to sort out for us.

Any resident can pay directly into the bank and the minimum subscription is **£3** from January 2025 onwards but many households pay more. I think we have received most subscriptions for 2024 but additional donations are always welcome.

If you are a **business** then please supply the name of the business on the bank transfer and the annual fee is **£10**.

If you are a resident your name will generally appear on the first line of a BACS payment so please put an abbreviation of your address on the second (e.g. Flat 4 Kingsbr Hse).

**Bank details for any member who wishes to pay from their own bank account.**

**NRA Bank Account Details:  
Northwood Residents Association  
HSBC Bank plc  
Sort Code: 40-35-08  
Account Number: 30614971**

We have funds available to spend on **local projects**.

If any member has a suggestion that would benefit the whole community, please contact me or any member of the committee and we will discuss at the next committee meeting.

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## From the Chairman

### INTRODUCTION

As one gets older, time does fly by. It seems only yesterday that I was writing about Vikram Chudasama becoming our new editor. This is his first edition and what a splendid job he has done!

As the nights draw in, and the weather deteriorates, driving becomes more difficult. It is time to slow down. Over half of drivers caught speeding are **Northwood residents**. Need I say more. I have written a separate article about speeding and the dreadful accident on Rickmansworth Road in a separate article (page 7).

### NORTHWOOD LIBRARY

A year has passed since the Northwood Library was closed. I recently wrote to **Cllr Eddie Lavery**, the Cabinet Member responsible for libraries asking for information. This is his reply dated 9th October -

*"The Council is in negotiations to open a temporary library in High Street, Northwood and we will share further details once this is confirmed. Additionally, the Council is currently looking at options for a new permanent library for Northwood as close as possible to the original site. Thus we have a firm commitment for a brand new library."*

Cllr Henry Higgins has stated that the Council will not consider using the **old police station** as a replacement library. We will keep you informed of developments.

### 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We have agreed a provisional date for the 2025 AGM – **Thursday, 24th April**. As yet, we haven't booked a speaker. I would welcome ideas for a speaker from you. As usual, an item on the agenda will be spending some of our surplus funds on something that will be of benefit to the community. The last major purchase was in 2019 for the clock. Again, ideas please.

### WASTE DISPOSAL

We are fortunate to live in a Borough that has very efficient waste collection. The Council has recently issued a newsletter detailing instructions about waste collection. Many residents are not sorting out their recycling properly which causes loads having to be rejected and burnt.

During the winter months of December to February, garden waste will only be collected **fortnightly**. Collection dates will be circulated shortly. Refer to the Council website for more details  
<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/rubbishandrecycling>.



### AGEING POPULATION

Northwood has a higher proportion of **pensioners** than most other wards in Hillingdon.

*From personal experience,* I know that as we age, we slow down. Mobility, sight and hearing are not as they used to be. When you are out and about, please do not hesitate to offer help to any elderly person who seems to be in need. Drivers, please be aware that an elderly person may be slow in crossing the road or even step into the road. And with the onset of winter, please keep an eye on elderly neighbours, see if they need company or shopping done. A community that respects its elderly is a good community to live in.

### SHOPLIFTING

Shoplifting is rife in Hillingdon and Northwood is no exception. It was good to hear that members of our **Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)** recently arrested three miscreants in Waitrose.

However, I understand that the formalities of the arrest took some seventeen hours which took them off the beat. As many of these thieves are violent, do not get personally involved if you see shoplifting, report it to the shop staff.

### CONCLUSION

My volunteer committee members spend many unpaid hours working hard on your behalf. I do hope that we are able to make Northwood a better and safer place to live in and you consider membership of the NRA to be worthwhile. Our Area Road Stewards and Road Stewards keep pounding the pavements to deliver newsletters and collect subscriptions where necessary. The introduction of paying by bank transfer (BACS) has certainly made administration easier. My heartfelt thanks to all of you.

**Councillors Henry Higgins** and **Richard Lewis** and **MP David Simmonds** answer many of our questions and make representations on our behalf. Thank you, gentlemen. Thanks also to the SNT for their diligence.

If you have questions about our activities or suggestions as to how we can improve Northwood, please don't hesitate to contact me or a member of the committee. Contact details are on the back page of this newsletter.

**Stay well and safe and enjoy the festivities this winter.**

**Tony Ellis**  
chairman@northwoodresidents.co.uk  
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# Planning Matters

There have been **48 planning applications** since the last Newsletter and, out of those, I submitted objections or comments on **6** of them on planning grounds directed at the adverse impact on the neighbours or others affected. The majority of applications continue to be for extensions to existing properties, but also a small number for the demolition of the whole building and erection of a new build house or flats.

The second set of planning applications to change the use of the **Former Police Station to a Children's Nursery and for External and Other Alterations to the Grade II Listed Building were refused**, once again substantially on the grounds of traffic and air pollution. The Planning Officer's Report noted the large number of objections submitted by residents and signatures on the petition opposing the applications.

There are major changes to aspects of planning proposed by the new Government. There was a Public Consultation and I submitted comments for the NRA through the National Organisation of Residents Associations.

Dealing with planning applications that affect you is something that is a one-off for most, and I'm happy to help guide through the process neighbours or others affected who are concerned about a planning application close by. It remains the case that, once approved, only the applicant can appeal against the decision 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.

It is easy to search for a planning application on the LBH portal using the following link to access the plans and other papers submitted by the applicant:

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

Just enter the first part of the address in the 'Location,' box, and then 'View,' the documents.

Where you are adversely affected you can submit an objection directly onto the **LBH Planning portal**. This is easy to do after viewing the documents, by going back to the first page and entering the objection by pressing the 'Enter Comment' box.

If you have any difficulty submitting your objection, then I will be pleased to help you.

If you want to present your case personally to the Planning Committee, then you can do so by producing a petition with a minimum of **20 signatures** of any residents living within the LB Hillingdon. That will entitle you to speak at the Planning Committee meeting for up to 5 minutes, and it's shown live on YouTube. I can help draft the petition and work with you on the proposed presentation to the Planning Committee.

I don't like to raise specific applications, but do for the Former Police Station and Northwood Station. Therefore, my reports do tend to be similar each time.

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Trevor Sherling

## Sign up for free food waste collections

Why not join the thousands of residents already using our free, food waste collection service to help minimise their household waste?

So far, more than 54,600 households have signed up to the service, with 15,000 of those recently joining following our door-knocking campaign.

The service is really simple to use and helps us all contribute to minimising the borough's environmental impact.

If you're already on board, don't forget that if you need more food waste caddy liners, you can [order them online](#). You can also [sign up online](#) for our automatic bag delivery service.



## Changes to winter garden waste collections

From December, the council's garden waste collections will change from weekly to fortnightly for the winter.

This change reflects recent data that shows usage by residents halves during these months. It will also help the council reduce its carbon footprint by reducing lorry journeys and vehicle emissions.

Weekly collections will return in March 2025.

For more info visit:  
[www.hillingdon.gov.uk](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk)

# The Changing Role of Secretary to the Northwood Residents' Association

When a new volunteer joins an organisation, they are often told that *'the role is what you make it, give as much or as little time as you can'*. This is certainly true for the NRA secretary – there is no formal job description, or even a mention in the Constitution. I joined the NRA committee in **1997**, was Treasurer for 10 years then decided it was time for a change and jumped at the chance to become **Secretary** and **Newsletter Editor**.

Back in those days, the secretary was not a committee member as such and was actually **PAID** by the hour to do the job. I told the chairman I thought that was ridiculous, the NRA wouldn't be able to afford me – not that I was particularly good at the job, rather that I was slow and thorough!

So, *the role is 'what I have made it'*. In the beginning one obvious task was to take the minutes of meetings and produce a formal document for the archives. I confess, I spent more time on the minutes than any other part of my secretarial role. By **2018**, I was starting to begrudge the time it took and was delighted to welcome **Sue Mansfield** on to the committee as our Minutes Secretary.

Other aspects of my role include producing the agenda for our monthly meetings, liaising with administrators to book venues for those meetings as well as the **AGM** and any other ad hoc meetings we might call.

Then there are policy documents to be kept in order, contact lists to produce and mountains of filing. Of course, we have electronic filing systems, but I do like to keep hard copies of all important documents and minutes, just in case. *My paper archive is quite bulky ...*

Another large part of my role is maintaining the **NRA website (www.northwoodresidents.co.uk)**. I've thoroughly enjoyed being involved with the design and development of each of our websites, starting with a very basic one in 2001 – we were ahead of our time. By comparison, our current website is a dream to update, and I have **Rajen Shah** to support me with the really techy stuff.

Alongside the website we have NRA generic email addresses which we encourage committee members to use when answering your queries. I also encourage them to use agreed formats for file naming, all pretty pedantic but makes such a difference for my renowned filing system!

Now I have passed over the Editor role to **Vikram**, I can concentrate on being just the **Secretary**, keeping the paperwork, the website and the committee members in order.

**Ros Plume**

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## NRA Membership

Many thanks to the increasing number of members who are paying their annual subs by **BACS transfer** to NRA's Bank Account – it significantly reduces the admin workload our end (but do remember to identify yourself by the reference – for example *Surname, Post-Code* works well if your whole address can't be fitted in).

This year we asked those of you who preferred to pay by cheque or cash, depositing via Sharmans or Carter Chemists, to include your sub with your details on the tear-off strip (from the bottom of the subs reminder letter) in a plain envelope.

- to make this easier, we will in future be including suitable envelopes pre-addressed to Northwood Residents Association.

Hopefully the **Alert messages** we send out by email are not too frequent, but if there are additional urgent topics you wish to hear about, please email me your suggestions.

Since the last newsletter, we have said goodbye and thank-you for their service to **Road Stewards** Philip Green (Northgate, Buttsmead, Rogers Ruff and Silverwood Close) and Heather Ferroussat (Chestnut Avenue, Lees Avenue, Manor Cottages, Watkins Close) who are leaving Northwood, to Dr Mair Barltrop (Grove Road, Mezen Close) who is resigning due to infirmity, and to Caroline Young (Sandy Lodge Way, part of Dene Road) who needs to reduce her workload.

They are replaced by **Alison Lane, Kamala Chellapen, John Adams** and **Giuseppe Messina** respectively.

Finally, as usual, give us your email address if you haven't yet, or if you change yours, do let us know. If we don't have a current one on our database, we can't contact you this way, **so do email me to be listed**.

**Paul I. F. Barker**

*Chief Road Steward and Data Protection Officer*

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*Don't miss out on the latest news - register your email address with us!*

## Local Policing from the NRA Police Liaison Officer

Are you one of the hundreds of residents who responded to the Met Police's survey on crime in Northwood?

An interesting point is that **71%** of respondents were aged **60 and over**. Your Ward Panel (WP) uses this information to agree your Safer Neighbourhood Team's priorities over the following three months. It would assist us if we had a more age-balanced response.

Your WP has initiated a School Watch program with **Northwood College for Girls and St. Helen's**. Two senior students from each school conduct an annual survey with their peers. This provides us with valuable opinions from the younger group, missing from the quarterly survey.



Our student Ward panellists meeting with PC Michael Fowler and PCSO John Usher

Their presentations are professionally presented and delivered and give us a valuable insight into what our younger generation think and feel regarding crime and safety in Northwood.

To view Northwood current crime statistics, visit [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk) and enter your postcode or ward. You will see your list of local officers, plus contacts and the latest crime statistics. Northwood remains a relatively low crime ward and we wish to keep it that way.

The Met Police have insufficient human and financial resources to assist them in doing everything they would like to do. They have a valuable job and they have to prioritise. It falls on residents to tell the WP what priorities you would like your local officers to focus on.

The Met's next quarterly survey will be circulated around Mid-**November** via the NRA, X and Next Door. Your responses are so important to us in assessing your views and deciding on quarterly priorities. Our WP goal is to receive an extra 100 responses in December. Please help us reach our target.

Your Northwood Ward Panel is always looking for more volunteers to join our panel. We meet with your local officers and councillors quarterly in central Northwood. Please contact Hoda Lacey at [police@northwoodresidents.co.uk](mailto:police@northwoodresidents.co.uk) to arrange an informal chat.

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

## Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch

### All change at Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch!

Since the last publication, the Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch (Hillingdon NHW) Steering Group has been faced with a sudden change in the way that we have to operate. Since 2018, the Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime ("MOPAC") has funded access to the OWL ("Online Watch Link") communications tool. However, funding has now been withdrawn, which means that after **31st October** the police and Hillingdon NHW will no longer be able to message residents directly.

Hillingdon NHW has decided that in order to maintain communications with the public on crime matters we will be adopting the National NHW system which is free for us and residents to use. However the police will not have accounts on this system and will be relying on social media for messaging until something else is put in place. We will in the meantime endeavour to assist the police with messaging on key topics as best we can.

### Action required please!

We would ask all residents who wish to continue to be members of Hillingdon NHW to sign up as soon as possible please on the following link or using the QR code <https://members.ourwatchmember.org.uk/join>

You will then receive a 6-digit signup code by email to enter; after which select your exact address, tick the THREE information sources in red as a minimum, and create a password. You do not need to sign up to a Watch at this stage, you will still receive messages!

Alternatively visit [www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk](http://www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk) and follow the instructions on the home page.

Your support to both us and to the police is extremely valuable, and above all it helps to make Hillingdon a safer place to live. Please also encourage your neighbours and friends in the Borough to join – it's free, and it makes a difference!

If you need to contact the team you can email us at [hillingdonnhw@gmail.com](mailto:hillingdonnhw@gmail.com)



**Dave Ludlow**  
Chairman,  
Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch

## Traffic and Highways

### ULEZ

Over a month ago **three ULEZ cameras** were cut down around the west end of **Green Lane** – not for the first time. At present the poles have been replaced, but so far not the cameras.

In one recent related incidence several local residents lost all power to their homes for about two hours in the night. Although I have some sympathy with drivers who have to pay **£12.50** each time they leave their roads and then pass into non ULEZ streets, damaging camera equipment is obviously an offence.

### Rickmansworth Road

There have been a number of recent traffic accidents on this road. One was particularly serious, close to the junction with **Murray Road**, when a postman was knocked down with one leg badly broken. I understand that he is recovering well. The NRA committee has suggested that a camera should be installed in this area, but the council, police and TfL do not appear to be interested.

We now have a police officer trained to use speed guns and able to carry out speed checks. I expect these will begin soon on streets in Northwood.

### HS2

For those of you who use **Breakspear Road South**, it may be helpful to know that a three week closure is planned for 5th to 27th April 2025, but the date will probably be changed nearer the time.



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**Peter Lansdown**



## A Message From Our MP, David Simmonds

I am delighted to be writing this article having been **re-elected** as MP for Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner in July. It was a tough campaign, but I am grateful to residents for their support.

At the time of writing, we are approaching **100 days** since Labour took office and already missteps have been made. One of the most contentious of these is the change to the **Winter Fuel Payment**. My inbox continues to be flooded with emails from impacted residents who are concerned about what the loss of this payment means for them.

Although Labour have been able to push this policy through, I am continuing to campaign alongside colleagues in the run up to the Autumn Statement to get this reversed. It is a particularly perverse policy, given that the Government's stated aim of moving more pensioners onto benefits will cost more than the saving which is the stated purpose of the cuts.

In response, Hillingdon Council have extended its **Household Support Fund** until March of next year to help mitigate the impact of these cuts on the elderly and vulnerable this winter. Similarly, I know that **loneliness and isolation** are more profound at this time of year, and I would urge anyone experiencing this to reach out to the council or Age UK.

Turning to other local matters, I know that many concerned about **speeding issues**, particularly on roads around Moor Park and Mount Vernon Hospital. Because of this, there has been enthusiasm locally for having residents trained to use speed cameras, something which I raised with the Mayor of London. Despite not receiving a response, I understand that local officers are carrying out speeding checks with residents accompanying them at various sessions, which is welcome news.

Once again, I am grateful to residents for their support. It is back to business, with my regular surgeries being held in venues in and around the constituency, including **Marjan's, Cofix and Caffé Casa Mia** in Northwood.

**Please do not hesitate to get in contact with my office should you require assistance.**



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## Mount Vernon Cancer Centre - Relocation Proposals



Proposals developed with staff and patients to relocate the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre to the nearest local acute hospital, and improve access to specialist cancer treatment in other local hospitals could go out for public consultation later this year.

The proposals only affect services provided by the cancer centre and the Paul Strickland Scanner Centre and not the rest of the medical services on the site which are run by the Hillingdon Hospitals, and not the Michael Sobell Hospice. The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which owns the Mount Vernon Hospital site, intends to maintain a long-term healthcare presence on the site beyond the completion of the new hospital in Hillingdon. In addition, the trust plans to temporarily relocate more services from Hillingdon to the site during the construction period for the new hospital. A trust spokesperson said; "Our aim is to continue providing a range of healthcare services at Mount Vernon to best serve our local communities well into the future."

Whilst capital funding for the cancer centre proposals hasn't been agreed, concerns are growing about how long the services can continue to be provided on a site that doesn't have the supporting medical services needed for a modern cancer centre. A decision on its future would provide stability for staff and patients and enable crucial short-term decisions to be made whilst the finances are acquired.

Local residents and patients will have plenty of opportunities to ask questions and get involved in the public consultation when it starts.

The proposals follow an independent clinical review of cancer services in 2019 that concluded "There is increasing concern as to whether high quality, safe and sustainable oncology services can continue to be delivered within the existing organisational framework and there is an urgent need to address this concern."

The report said that status quo was not an option and that to provide modern oncology care, "comprehensive medical and surgical support services including critical care are needed." These services are not available on the Mount Vernon site.

Watford General Hospital is the nearest acute hospital with the right services and is marginally closer to the largest proportion of patients of the cancer centre who come from Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. As part of the proposals to move the cancer centre to Watford, there would also be a new chemotherapy unit at Hillingdon Hospital and more chemotherapy facilities at Northwick Park Hospitals and more radiotherapy facilities at Hammersmith Hospital which is part of Imperial College Healthcare.

The new cancer centre would be expected to be run by University College London Hospitals (UCLH), itself a major specialist cancer provider.



More information about the improvement works is available on our website.

Please go to: [www.enherts-tr.nhs.uk/hospitals/mount-vernon/building-works/](http://www.enherts-tr.nhs.uk/hospitals/mount-vernon/building-works/)

National discussions are continuing around funding for the relocation of the cancer centre following the review of its long term sustainability, and the local community, patients and staff will be updated once a solution is identified. For more information on the MVCC review and future plans, visit [www.mvccreview.nhs.uk](http://www.mvccreview.nhs.uk)

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





# From Councillor Henry Higgins

Dear Residents of Northwood,

Since the last newsletter, Summer 2024, we saw a new government. One of their policies, the cruel removal of the **winter fuel allowance** for pensioners, has prompted Hillingdon Council to announce three initiatives to provide valuable support for Hillingdon's elderly residents this winter. The initiatives are assisting pensioners to submit claims for pension credit, prioritise pension tenants for energy efficiency improvements and creating a **pensioners support fund**. To find out more I am urging the elderly residents to contact Hillingdon Council.

We have seen an increase in accidents as a result of speeding in Northwood. Both **Richard Lewis** and I have been trying to implement speeding measures to alleviate this issue, approaching both the council and TFL. **Tony Ellis**, Chairman of NRA, met with the local Sergeant Gareth Blackburn and discussed the subject of speeding. The information given by Sergeant Blackburn is that our local officers have now been trained to be able to carry out speed checks in Northwood.

Addressing the ongoing issue regards refuse left beside the vets in **Green Lane**, I have been constantly reporting the dumping of rubbish and have asked the refuse team to collect if passing as it is on private land. Going forwards we have officers investigating in order to provide a solution. We also have another issue regards refuse on **Oaklands Gate** and we have managed to get an officer team to investigate the potential issues and speak to residents in the flats above the shops. We have also advised Waste Supervisors to ensure that collections take place as there was some confusion between commercial and residential waste collection. I have been assured by Officers that this will be monitored over the coming weeks.

Regards the new library in Northwood, the good news is we have had a commitment from the Leader **Ian Edwards** and the Cabinet member for Residents Services, **Eddie Lavery** to build a new library in Northwood.

Whilst there has been much talk regarding Northwood Police Station as being the new home of **Northwood Library**, this will not be considered as there are multiple issues such as planning and funding.

Richard and I have been lobbying to get **Kings Close** resurfaced and work commenced on the 30th September and has now been completed.



Cllrs Lewis and Higgins

**Northwood councillors hold regular surgeries** on the fourth Saturday of every month (except December) at **Northwood Hills Library** from 10.30am to 11.30am until further notice.

**Elected councillors for Northwood ward are:**  
Richard Lewis and Henry Higgins.  
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Tel: 01895 250316 - Civic Centre office (9am - 5.30pm weekdays)

## Early Lights?

Some residents got very excited at the sight of the Christmas Lights being installed in mid October.

Unfortunately this is merely a logistical exercise on behalf of the lighting company. I know some residents are worried how Christmas seems to come earlier and earlier these days but these lights will not be officially turned on till the end of November. If one did appear to be on early, that was the result of a timing error.

Happy Christmas to all.  
Miles Gilman



**METROPOLITAN POLICE** No report from the SNT this time, but here are their contact details. Don't forget to check the NRA notice boards and website and online platforms such as Nextdoor, for the SNT's planned community engagements.

**The Team members are:**  
Sgt Gareth Blackburn, PC Maninder Sohal  
PC Mike Fowler and PCSO John Usher.  
The Neighbourhoods Inspector is Insp Sarah Fox.

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Website: [www.met.police.uk/your-area/](http://www.met.police.uk/your-area/)  
Address: Ruislip Police Station, The Oaks, HA4 7LE

# The Environment *Recent Floodings*

When your **property becomes flooded** a multiple set of emotions will likely come to the surface. 'Annoyance', 'why me? why my property?', 'heartbreak', 'how can I get this sorted' are but a few. Following the recent rains, the most serious complaint received concerns flooding that affected a part of **Rofant Road**, Northwood which looked as if it had become a flowing river. One resident in particular had his front and rear garden re-appear as if they were lakes, with top soil and plants washed away. Damage to property resulted including considerable dampness.

This type of flooding here after heavy rainfalls has been going on for many years with residents complaining regularly to **Hillingdon Council**. Though localised action to clear drain blockages has been attempted, this nasty drains problem affecting several home owners remains unfixed.

Anger and frustration has resulted. Are there insufficient roadside drain grills? Are the drain pipes that may interconnect at the junction where Rofant Road, **Eastbury Avenue** and **Frithwood Avenue** meet too small to cope with the loads being placed on them as our climate becomes more extreme? Is the pipe bore size of these drains too small to cope with heavy rainfalls and the run-offs from concreted drives?

From surrounding roads run-off water flows into the affected part of Rofant Road which suggests that the whole network of drains in the area of this junction have a serious malfunction.

***How does Hillingdon Council interact with Thames Water to investigate, to identify the issues, and then to devise corrective actions?***

These are some of the pertinent questions that require answers and remedies. Residents are demanding action and remedial implementation work now.



## ***WHAT CAN I DO ?***

**Help Avoid Flooding – keep the drains clear**

- You can help very easily. Just step outside your property and locate your nearest drain gullies – to your left and to your right.
- If they are covered with leaves or the slats are covered in lichen or moss then brush the drain till it is clear.
- Now that should take just 5 minutes or less.
- Have a go – help yourself and your neighbour.

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Andrew Egan



It has been reported to the **Ruislip Woods Trust** and to the local Police, that on several occasions during the summer, loud and illegal motorbikes have been seen and heard racing through the woods.

Not only is this **illegal** it can be dangerous and intimidating for walkers.

To encourage the council to repair some of the broken access gates through which these riders gain entry to the woods we are asking the public to report any such activity to the below email.

**If you have a picture all the better.**

The more reports, the more likely the council will mend the gates.  
<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/pspo>

## Motor Bikes in the Woods



[woods@northwoodresidents.co.uk](mailto:woods@northwoodresidents.co.uk)

Miles Gillman



**NHS**  
The Hillingdon Hospitals  
NHS Foundation Trust

As we mentioned in our last update, we continue to make progress with our redevelopment plans, with the most noticeable changes on the hospital site being our decent and enabling programme to clear the western part of the Hillingdon Hospital site in preparation for construction of **the new hospital** and **multi-storey car park**. This programme will also ensure that the existing hospital and its services remain operational throughout the construction phase is progressing well.

Last month, we started work refurbishing inside **The Furze** - the listed building near the maternity department - to prepare for the provision of Adult Audiology, Haematology, the Education and Training Library and clinical administration services.

At a national level, the new government announced a review of the **New Hospital Programme** to ensure that it has a 'thorough, realistic and costed timetable for delivery'. The review excludes hospitals with reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) and those with Full Business Case approval, leaving 25 schemes in scope, **including** Hillingdon. The review will consider the possible timelines for delivery and costs for each scheme and will feed into the Government's Spending Review process in October 2024, so we expect to know the outcome around this point.

While the review takes place and we get the hospital site ready for construction, we are continuing to work closely with the national New Hospital Programme team. This has included progressing work to identify opportunities to modify and standardise elements of the new hospital design in line with emerging best practice. We have also been progressing preparatory work ahead of refreshing the Outline Business Case for the new Hillingdon Hospital, which we anticipate commencing once the outcome of the Government's review is confirmed.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone from the Hillingdon community and beyond for your continued support. For more information visit:  
[thh.nhs.uk/redevelopment-of-hillingdon-hospital](http://thh.nhs.uk/redevelopment-of-hillingdon-hospital)

Niall Smith  
Redevelopment Communications & Engagement Manager  
The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust



# What's on NORTHWOOD

Want to know what's on in Northwood?

Just head to the NRA website:  
[www.northwoodresidents.co.uk](http://www.northwoodresidents.co.uk)

Did you know that we have a virtual noticeboard on our website where we post news of forthcoming events?

If your organisation has a local event that you would like us to publicise, just send the details by email to:  
[secretary@northwoodresidents.co.uk](mailto:secretary@northwoodresidents.co.uk)

## Welcome

Many of us enjoy living and working in Northwood, Middlesex, a thriving community with a strong local identity and situated close to both countryside and city. The purpose of the Northwood Residents' Association, established in 1966, is to maintain and develop a high standard of amenities and community spirit.

## Noticeboard

### HCS Concert

Saturday 6th July, 5.30pm, St Alban's Church North Harrow HA2 7PF; Harrow Choral Society, Harrow Choral Society will perform Brahms'...

### Bereavement Support in Northwood: Drop-in Café

Tuesdays, 10am to 12 noon, Holy Trinity Church Hall, Gateway Close HA6 2RP

## Latest news

### Volunteers needed!

Posted on 1 July 2024  
Help to remove Himalayan Balsam in Ruslip Woods. Working party Sat 13th July at 10am. Click title line for more...

### Northwood Police Ward Survey

Posted on 7 June 2024  
Have your say as to what issues our local Safer Neighbourhood Team focuses on. Please take the time to complete...

## NRA Activities

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



## ACTIVITIES 4 YOU St John's Church Hallowell Road, Northwood, HA6 1DN

### GAMES AFTERNOONS

**Time:** 2.15pm to 4.15pm (doors open from 2pm)

**Cost:** £2 including refreshments

**Dates:**

- Monday 4th November
- Monday 18th November
- Monday 2nd December

We have had such positive feedback from our Games Afternoons so far. If you are at home during the day and enjoy boardgames do consider coming along.

We have a good selection of classic and retro games to choose from and have just acquired additional sets of Rummikub in response to popular demand!

**MUSIC** Every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Tea/coffee at 10.30am followed by a **free** half hour concert at 11.30am.

### SQUARES R US

Tuesday afternoons, 2pm - 4pm. This friendly group knit squares to make 'happy blankets' for those they are supporting. **free**

### CREATIVE WRITING GROUP ON ZOOM

First and third Tuesday of the month, 2.00pm - 4.00pm, **free**  
Sessions encourage and develop the enjoyment of writing providing support and incentive even if you are new to writing.

### Art 4 Fun

First and third Wednesday of the month, 10.30am-12.30pm, **£5**  
Explore different Artist's styles and techniques. Led by local artist, Lucy Lardner, all abilities welcome.



For further information please contact the Church Office

Telephone: **01923 829166**  
Email: [stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com](mailto:stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com)





**THE ARTS SOCIETY MOOR PARK**  
**FOR PEOPLE WHO ENJOY ART IN ALL ITS FORMS**

We have a friendly and active membership and meet to learn, explore and enjoy ourselves. A charity run by members for members, we're always delighted to welcome new members and visitors. What better way to make new friends while pursuing a love of the arts?

**JOIN IN JANUARY FOR JUST £45**

find out more on our website [moorparkdfas.com](http://moorparkdfas.com)

## Michael Sobell House where our house is your home.

Michael Sobell House (supported by Harlington Hospice) is really struggling for funds, but wants to go the extra mile for all our patients - as we have done for Nathan and Michelle last week !

### WEDDING DAY AT MICHAEL SOBELL HOUSE

Nathan and Michelle, from Northwood, had had a lifetime together for over 25 years, four children, some good times, some difficult times, but when Nathan was diagnosed with a serious illness, the thing that mattered most was to get married!

**Nathan and Michelle** told the hospice team on a Friday and, by Tuesday morning, they were married at the hospice! A beautiful cake was baked by the hospice Chef, flowers were gathered from the hospice garden, our Day Care room was rearranged with seats for guests and the visiting Registrars from Hillingdon Borough Council and donated champagne was ready to pop.

The wife of someone we cared for two years' ago, within 24 hours, came and built a balloon arch for the bride and groom. This was all for free.

The family arranged rings and the couple were married. This couple has created a very special memory for their children which we hope will be a comfort for whatever the future holds.

Remember our Light up a Life Memory Ceremony Sunday 24th November 3pm and 5pm



If you would like to donate please contact  
[www.harlingtonhospice.org](http://www.harlingtonhospice.org)  
 or call the Fundraising Team on 020 8106 9222



32 Hallowell Road, Northwood HA6 1DW  
 Tel: 01923 840736 for more information  
 Website: [www.stmatthewsnorthwood.org](http://www.stmatthewsnorthwood.org)  
 Email: [northwood@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:northwood@rcdow.org.uk)

## St Matthew's Church



On 13 October Area Bishop Jim Curry joined Parish Priest **Fr. Tom Montgomery** in celebrating a special Mass to mark the end of our centenary year as well as the 70th anniversary of the Consecration of St Matthew's. The occasion also provided an opportunity for a defibrillator to be blessed.

This potentially life-saving equipment has been installed on the exterior wall of the church. It was purchased thanks to the success of our Flower Festival which was so well supported by our friends and neighbours, close by and further afield, and we hope is a fitting legacy of our centenary year for the benefit of the whole community.

After a packed year of pilgrimages, prayer and parties, St Matthew's parish is adjusting to a "new normal" as Fr Tom now divides his time between Northwood and St Joseph's, Carpenders Park where he has also taken on the responsibilities of Parish Priest.



On Monday (14 October) Hillingdon Council launched their new campaign to further reduce contamination in dry mixed recycling.

The **'Top of the Contaminants'** campaign asks you to 'just take two seconds to check your recycling', by highlighting the misplaced items most commonly found by our crews during kerbside collections.

Contamination occurs when items which can't be recycled are put out in your clear bag for collection. If too much contamination is present, it can mean all the recycling is sent to general waste instead.

If you've been putting any of the items in their top five into your clear bag, it's time to double-check how to dispose of them and help get Hillingdon up the charts for good recycling.

**Find out more: [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/dry-mixed-recycling](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/dry-mixed-recycling)**

### Northwood & District Community Association (NADCA)

This friendly association has been providing a range of activities in the local area for over 70 years.



Activities include Keep Fit (for the over 50s), yoga, table tennis, short mat bowls, badminton, rambling, walking and card and board games sessions.

Classes are held weekly, mostly in the daytime in local church halls and are reasonably priced, with payment options of pay-as-you-go or half-termly. Get your first class free!

New members are always made welcome.  
If you would like further information, contact me on 07748 066 622

**Patti Dib**

## Christmas Craft Market & Santa's Grotto **Free Admission**

Looking for the **perfect Christmas gift**? Want something a little bit different that you won't find in the shops? Then come along to our Christmas Craft Market. All crafts for sale are beautifully handmade by the stallholders and the quality of every item reflects the love put into making it.

Not only do we offer some fantastic shopping, but the church cafe will also be open with an array of delicious refreshments, cakes and treats.

There'll be a children's hands-on craft table and our Christmas Market wouldn't be complete without our very popular **"Magical Santa's Grotto"**. Santa has lots of magic and illusions, leaving the children (and adults) speechless and amazed. With so much to see and do, make sure you put the date in your diary.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, take a look at our website:  
[www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk](http://www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk)  
Like us on Facebook; Follow us on X @CraftNorthwood  
Instagram @northwood\_craftmarket  
Email: northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk

Sat. 7th December,  
10am – 3pm  
Methodist Church Hall  
Oaklands Gate, Northwood HA6 3AA





# CHRISTMAS

## At Emmanuel Church



Come & join us this Christmas at Emmanuel Church Northwood. There are carol services for all ages, and you are invited!

### Sunday December 15th

- **Quiet Christmas - 4pm:** A reflective service for those wanting a quiet moment in the midst of the Christmas preparations.

### Sunday December 22nd

- **Family Carols - 10am:** A fun carol service aimed at families with children of all ages.
- **Carols by Candlelight - 6pm:** A traditional carol service for the whole community.

### Christmas Eve December 24th:

- **Family Nativity Service - 4pm:** Get dressed up and come along with your family to be part of the Nativity Story on Christmas Eve
- **Midnight Communion - 11:15pm:** A traditional service to see in Christmas day.

### Christmas Day December 25th:

- **Christmas Celebration - 10am:** A Christmas Celebration for all ages.
- **Christmas Communion - 11:15am:** A Traditional Christmas Communion.



Hope to see you this Christmas!  
More information: [www.ecn.org.uk](http://www.ecn.org.uk)

**Emmanuel is a fairly large Church of England parish church on the High Street in Northwood. It is attended by all ages and there are a wide range of activities and services.**

### Young Children & Toddlers:

Babies & Toddlers: for Parents/Carers and their Under-3s – Every Thursday 10- 11.30am. Cost: £2.  
Two large rooms full of fun play, craft, refreshments, story-time, and singing.

**Who Let the Dads Out?** for Dads, Step-Dads & Grandads with their little ones – Every 2nd Saturday of the month 10 – 11.45am  
Fun, supportive social group offering free breakfast, play, active games, arts 'n crafts, and occasional trips out.

### Primary School Aged Children:

Rock Up: free Children's Club for School Years 3-6 – Every 1st Friday monthly 6 – 7 pm.  
Sports, games, arts 'n craft, console games, tuck shop/refreshments.

### Secondary School Aged Children:

The Hangout: free youth club for school years 7 – 13 – Every 1st Friday monthly 7.30 – 9 pm.  
Sports, games, arts 'n craft, console games, tuck shop/refreshments.  
There are groups for children & young people running during our 10.30am Sunday service.

### Adults

English Language Cafe: Wednesdays 10 – 11.30am – Every week in term-time.  
Friendly and supportive group for those whose first language is not English, which offers an opportunity to improve you spoken English and learn more about life in the U.K.



**Emmanuel Church, High Street,  
Northwood HA6 1AS**  
Web: [www.ecn.org.uk](http://www.ecn.org.uk)  
Tele: 01923 845200  
email: [ecnoffice@ecn.org.uk](mailto:ecnoffice@ecn.org.uk)



Organised by London School of Theology, **the annual Laing Lecture** showcases Evangelical scholarship for a public audience, making them more accessible to the every day Christian.

The Laing lecture will take place on **Tuesday 12th November at Emmanuel Church**, Northwood. This year, we welcome special guest speaker Professor Daniel Jeyaraj, Emeritus Professor of World Christianity, and Former Director of the Andrew Walls Centre at Liverpool Hope University.



**Professor Jeyaraj** will be speaking on the subject Christian Mission Past and Present: An Indian Perspective.

The lecture is free and open to the public, please book your place via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/laing-lecture-2024-tickets-996292847727>



We've been busy updating our **studio technology** in the past months, and giving the studio a facelift. We have a new sound mixer to replace our 'old faithful' which had served us well for over twenty years. As **Mount Vernon Hospital** has fewer inpatients than ever, we are slowly changing our focus.



We visit Trinity and Wards 10 and 11 twice a week to collect requests. These are played soon after the visit. The patients often really enjoy the light chat about music and sometimes the memories that go with the music. Patients can listen to us on their own devices via **95.1FM**, and if a patient would like to, we can lend them a mini radio and headset. These are then returned to us when the patient is discharged.

Many thanks to **The Hillingdon Ward Budget** for Northwood, that has provided funds for the headsets. Other money provided from the Fund is being spent on an updated Air Conditioning System, to keep our computer equipment cool, as it's in a confined space and easily overheats. Our Studio is on the MV site, above Mealings, the Taxi office.

A new project we are trying is providing small radios tuned only to 95.1FM to outpatients areas for people to listen to while waiting to be seen. These radios have been generously provided by the **Comforts Fund**. So far five radios are in place, and we're monitoring their use, with plans to reach more waiting spaces around the site.

We have Sky News on the hour, and several live shows presented each week by our volunteers, more details are available on our website [radiomountvernon.org.uk](http://radiomountvernon.org.uk).

We need more presenters and other volunteers to keep our radio station lively, so have a look at what we do and get in touch if you're interested!

Find out more about what we do and how YOU could be involved by visiting our website [www.radiomountvernon.org.uk](http://www.radiomountvernon.org.uk)  
We need some new presenters, ready to be fully trained by one of our team. If this idea appeals to you, please email: [pr@radiomountvernon.org.uk](mailto:pr@radiomountvernon.org.uk)



## Gardeners' Question Time at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre

We were delighted to welcome **Matthew Biggs** from Gardeners' Question Time to the cancer centre in September. Following interviews about the Fern Garden, Woodland Walkway and the fantastic contribution our volunteers make, we were exceptionally pleased to be featured on GQT on Friday 27th and Sunday 29th September.

Matt Biggs is a presenter on GQT and a cancer patient. He spoke movingly about his experiences and how valuable the outdoor spaces at **Mount Vernon** were to him as he went through treatment. The episode is available on BBC Sounds in perpetuity under the title 'GQT Uxbridge' if you would like to catch-up.

We have since received an incredible donation of over **80 plants** for our gardens. If outdoor space, gardening or nature inspires you and you would like to get involved in our projects, we would love to hear from you. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone interested in volunteering in the gardens or hospital and any donations of garden equipment you no longer use, compost or bulbs would be gratefully received. To find out more please drop in and visit us at the Lynda Jackson centre, contact [volunteeringmvcc.enh-tr@nhs.net](mailto:volunteeringmvcc.enh-tr@nhs.net) or call 020 3826 2515



If you would like to learn more about volunteering at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre please contact the volunteering office on [volunteeringmvcc.enh-tr@nhs.net](mailto:volunteeringmvcc.enh-tr@nhs.net) or call 020 3826 2514/5. To contact the charity, email [charity.enh-tr@nhs.net](mailto:charity.enh-tr@nhs.net) or call 01438 285182 and to support the centre, please visit: [www.enhcharity.org.uk/ljmc](http://www.enhcharity.org.uk/ljmc)

Mount Vernon Cancer Centre is a well renowned, highly specialised cancer centre based in Northwood. A centre of excellence with highly trained staff in non-surgical oncology offering technical treatments and excellent patient care.



## Christmas at Holy Trinity

**Christingle Service** - Sunday 1 December, 10am

All age service supporting the Children's Society

**Carol Service by Candlelight** - Sunday 15 December, 6pm

A service of traditional carols and readings

**Costa Carols** - Thursday 19 December, 6pm

Carol singing outside Costa Coffee, Northwood with NRA.

**Blue Christmas** - Sunday 22 December, 6pm

A beautiful, reflective service, offering solidarity and hope to all who find the Christmas season difficult.

**Children's Nativity** - Tuesday 24 December, 4pm

A special children's nativity with well-known carols.

**Midnight Holy Communion** - Tuesday 24 December, 11pm

Traditional, atmospheric service.

**Traditional Holy Communion** - Christmas Day, 8am

A quiet beginning to Christmas Day.



**Parish Eucharist for Christmas** - Christmas Day, 10am  
All age Celebration for Christmas morning.

For more information visit [www.htnorthwood.co.uk](http://www.htnorthwood.co.uk)

Holy Trinity Church, Gateway Close,  
Northwood HA6 2RP  
Tel: 01923 822990

## Northwood Classical Music Group

*"I had no idea Holst had written other music just like that in the outer reaches of the Planets".*

A thought generated during a recent presentation by our leader Alan Mills to the members of the NCMG. Alan was illustrating the similarities (and differences) in the musical styles of Holst and Vaughan Williams, two modern composers who were not just contemporaries but very good friends and walking companions who shared also an interest in traditional English folk tunes.



Even though, apparently, they each sought the other's views on their current work, the end results though equally memorable were mostly totally different. These two are the first subjects discussed under this term's theme, "Musical Pairings and Couplings". Later composers for comparison will range from Bach and Handel, through Chopin and Schumann, Verdi and Puccini, to Britten and Tippett, for example, discussing and listening to both their familiar and their lesser-known compositions.

Meetings take place at Northwood Methodist Church at 11.00 am on Tuesdays.  
If you enjoy having the boundaries of your musical knowledge stretched, please contact Mike Paddy on 07568495584 for more information.



## News From Eastbury Horticultural Society

Since the Summer Newsletter, some **20** members enjoyed a further visit to Church Gardens, Harefield to see the progress being made there. The pond, well, lake, was finished and there was a lot of new planting along the back wall. Work continues repairing the old side wall – a major project.

We all enjoyed tea and cake in their new reception centre. On 11 September 30 of us enjoyed a trip to **West Green Gardens** and the **Vyne Estate** in Hampshire. We had to dodge the odd shower or two but a good time was had by all.

More recently we held a very successful Show. Although the number of entries was down on previous years, mainly due to the somewhat extreme weather we experienced over the year, the hall looked as good as ever with the exhibits.

Our speaker evenings have started with the first one in October being from international supplier of bulbs, **John Amand**. He brought along a selection of unusual bulbs which members were able to purchase. Our next talk is on Monday 11 November all about late season colour. Our talks take place at Eastbury Farm School at 7.45 for 8.00pm. Visitors are welcome – but why not join on the night for a mere **£7 per annum!**

We also have access to heavily discounted **Suttons Seeds** – *another reason for joining.*



We are always keen to receive new members, so either come along to one of our meetings where you will be made to feel most welcome or contact our Membership Secretary, Tim Ellison, on 01923 822162 or [ehs.members@gmail.com](mailto:ehs.members@gmail.com)



A near record-breaking number of participants, including former X Factor contestant, **Katie Waissel**, braved the showers to take part in the Moor Park 10k and Fun Runs organised by East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity on Sunday 22 September.

The popular event, which this year also included a **'March for Mount Vernon'** 5k walk, took place at Merchant Taylors' School and was opened by Lord-Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, **Robert Voss CBE CStJ**.

**1,272** entrants, including those from **71** different schools, signed up to the event to raise funds to support patients at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre in Northwood which treats patients from Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and north London. Katie Waissel, who was a contestant on The X Factor in 2010 and has since founded her company, O.W.H.L., to revolutionise safety in the creative industries, went along to the event to support her son, Hudson, taking part in the under 7s fun run.

Katie said: "My six-year-old son, Hudson, is passionate about giving back to the community and wanted to take part in the run to thank Mount Vernon Cancer Centre for looking after a close friend of the family so well during their treatment.

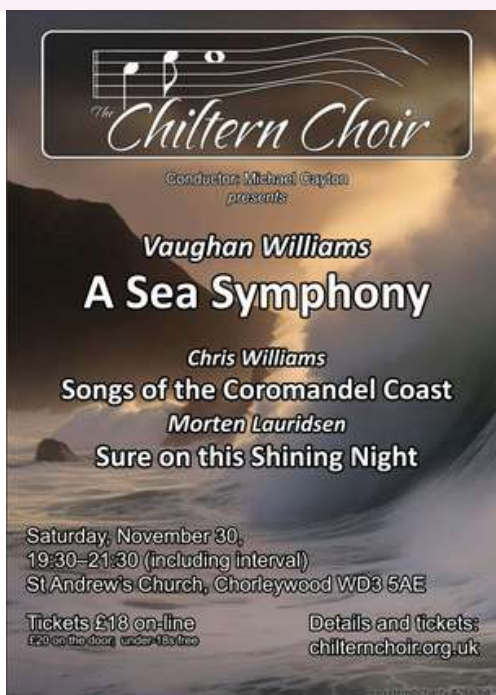


X Factor contestant, Katie Waissel, and her son, Hudson,

"Hudson is such a sweet, kind soul, and I'm incredibly proud of him for raising £270. Both of us want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated, all the participants, as well as Active Training World and East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity for hosting this event for such a worthy cause in our community."

**Eloise Huddleston**, director of East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity which supports Mount Vernon Cancer Centre said: "We're delighted to have **raised an amazing £60k** which will help us provide items such as scalp cooling caps which reduce the risk of hair loss due to chemotherapy; improvements to outside spaces so that patients and staff can spend time relaxing in the fresh air and complementary therapies to help patients and their families cope with the physical and emotional impact of cancer treatment. **"Thank you again to everyone who joined us at Moor Park and helped make a difference for patients at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre."**

Hazel Brightman | Communications Manager  
East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity  
Email: [hazel.brightman@nhs.net](mailto:hazel.brightman@nhs.net)  
Web: [www.enhhcharity.org.uk](http://www.enhhcharity.org.uk)



The Chiltern Choir  
Conductor: Michael Gayton  
presents  
**Vaughan Williams**  
**A Sea Symphony**  
Chris Williams  
Songs of the Coromandel Coast  
Morten Lauridsen  
Sure on this Shining Night  
Saturday, November 30,  
19:30-21:30 (including interval)  
St Andrew's Church, Chorleywood WD3 5AE  
Tickets £18 on-line  
£20 on the door under 18s free  
Details and tickets:  
[chilternchoir.org.uk](http://chilternchoir.org.uk)

We are group of 50 or so singers, with members from Chorleywood, Rickmansworth, and the wider Chilterns area. We rehearse every term-time Tuesday at the **Hillside Centre in Chorleywood**.

The Choir performs three or four concerts each year, usually at a church or other local venue. We have a varied repertoire, singing works not only from the traditional choral repertoire but also more-contemporary compositions and arrangements.

We are a friendly bunch and social events, which also have a **fund-raising element**, are an important part of our year – guided walks, quiz suppers, and summer barbeques are all part of our calendar.

If you would like to try singing with us you are most welcome to attend rehearsals for a few weeks, without any commitment. If you then want to join, there is a short audition with our musical director.

More information: <https://chilternchoir.org.uk/>





## Northwood Lions Club

### LIONS ROAR 2024 - Change the World!

This unique programme aims to inspire children to think big and dream bigger about their ideas. **Lions ROAR** helps to improve children's confidence and levels of self esteem and enhances life skills that meet all of the personal, social and health education curriculum and STEM requirements.

Lions Clubs across the British Isles are supporting this exciting venture by providing funding and support for local Primary Schools in their local community.

Last year Frithwood Primary School, Northwood participated in the programme and enjoyed the experience so much they are joining in again this Autumn Term together with pupils at Hillside Primary School, Northwood.

Sponsored by Northwood and Moor Park Lions Clubs the year 5 pupils will have a great time thinking up schemes to "Save the World" learning to work in teams and develop presentational skills.

Local Lions Club members will join in to help judge the best team on Finals day! The winning team will feature in a video recording which is entered in a National Competition.



**Northwood Lions Club CIO** meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8pm, Holy Trinity Church Parish Rooms, Rickmansworth Road, HA6 2RH. Please contact Robert Green for information about the club and membership on 07860 324395 or find us on Facebook and our website [www.northwoodlions.org.uk](http://www.northwoodlions.org.uk)

*Susan Carr, President,  
Northwood Lions Club*

**Paul Strickland Scanner Centre** an independent medical charity is based at Mount Vernon Hospital.

We provide comprehensive services to the NHS and private health sectors for the diagnosis, treatment monitoring and research of cancer and other serious diseases, using leading edge PET-CT, MRI and CT scanners.



Legacies and donations help fund new scanners which have to be replaced every few years. Please help us raise much needed funds to make sure patients can benefit from leading edge scanning equipment and furthers medical research into cancer and other conditions. We would love you to support us by fundraising for us or attending one of our events. Or, if you fancy taking on a challenge such as a run, walk, or adventure, please get in touch.

**Our charity Christmas Cards are on sale for £4.50 for a pack of 10, with four different designs to choose from. To order, scan the QR code or see website for details [www.stricklandscanner.org.uk/get-involved/christmas-cards](http://www.stricklandscanner.org.uk/get-involved/christmas-cards)**



Tickets for our popular **Christmas Raffle** will soon be on sale, with exciting prizes.

You can also take part in our **Scanlot lottery**, for just £20 entry for the year. Draws take place quarterly with cash prizes.

Further information or to book a place please go to our website [www.stricklandscanner.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.stricklandscanner.org.uk/get-involved) or scan QR code.

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Social media: Facebook, X, Instagram and linkedIn

Telephone: **01923 866315** Email: **[appeals@stricklandscanner.org.uk](mailto:appeals@stricklandscanner.org.uk)** Just giving

**[www.justgiving.com/pssc](http://www.justgiving.com/pssc)**



As **autumn draws** in our charity is looking forward to the many Christmas activities planned for our members. These include events kindly hosted by Bishop Ramsey and Northwood College Schools, a Swing into Christmas outing to **Watersmeet** and for the first time, a winter canal boat trip.

In addition, we organise a number of regular activities, both lunches and various exercise classes. These are popular with our members but they can only attend if we have sufficient drivers to get them there.

Please consider if you could help an older person to get out and socialise by offering this service. A generous mileage allowance is available for those who need it and it doesn't have to be a regular commitment.

We are grateful to **Frithwood School** for inviting members to their **Harvest Festival** in October and for the generous grocery parcels. Frithwood is also the venue for our Monday Friendship Group. Both Lunch Club and Friendship Group have spaces for new members. **The Wednesday Lunch Club** is good value at just £10 for a good quality cooked two course meal with a hot drink and Friendship Group costs £8, which includes a light lunch.

For more information please contact the office.



Friendship Group Members and a Volunteer relaxing after their Summer Picnic

Please contact the office on **01923 842494** or email **WestLondon@mha.org.uk**  
 Web: [www.mha.org.uk/communities/near-me/west-london/](http://www.mha.org.uk/communities/near-me/west-london/)  
 Search: MHA Communities West London

*Jo Wild, Volunteer*

**Holy Trinity Primary School**  
**Book your school tour today!**  
 Call 01923 823529 to book your tour today.



We were delighted to **re-open** our 3 year-old Nursery in January and have now extended our offer to 2 year-olds! We have lots of excited children coming in each day and starting on their journey with us.

Your child will get to know the school; explore the mud kitchen and outdoor play area; get messy in the paint, sand and water trays; and make lots of new friends.

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**What is u3a?** u3a is an organisation of local people that come together to socialise, make friends and learn for fun. It's all voluntary; a typical u3a has many interest groups covering lots of different subjects so there is something to attract everyone.

**Who is u3a for?** u3a is open to everyone who's no longer in full-time work.

**Where is the nearest u3a?** This is Northwood & District u3a, which currently has over 700 members and around 60 interest groups, many of which meet regularly in Fairfield Church Hall, Northwood Hills. Walks, visits to places of interest and sports such as table-tennis and badminton are held elsewhere.

**How do I contact u3a?** Full details are on our website: [u3asites.org.uk/northwood/home](http://u3asites.org.uk/northwood/home) or you can come to one of our talks and meetings on the first Wednesday of each month and see for yourself. **10:30 am at Fairfield Church Hall. HA6 1PD**

**Alan Lester**  
 Vice Chairman  
 Northwood & District u3a





Our **annual finals day** took place in early September and several Northwood residents either won or participated. For many watching the standard of tennis was the highest for several years.

The star of the day was **Hannah Ghosh**, who won the ladies singles and doubles as well as the mixed doubles with her father, **John**.

Former local resident **Teddy Mangan** won his first title in the men's singles beating John and current resident, Serena McCarthy with **Hannah** won the ladies doubles against Angela Ghosh and Alita Davern.

In the veterans' doubles, **Charlie Fuller** and **Alena Nagornyak**, also local to the club, beat Jo Fuller, Charlie's wife, and Andy Smith.

The men's doubles winners were John in his third final and **Fergal Davern** who beat two local men, Colin McCarthy and Duncan Chorley.

The junior finals winner was **Zain Dharas** and the runner-up Saskia Crispim-Mestre.

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## Actor Simon Williams joins Harrow Choral Society for its Christmas Celebration 2024

Harrow Choral Society is preparing for its Christmas Celebration Concert at 5.30 pm on Saturday, 14th December, in the historic Speech Room of Harrow School. The 80-strong choir will perform both new and traditional Christmas music, alongside audience carols and seasonal readings by guest reader **Simon Williams**, who will also nominate a charity for donations.

Simon Williams, an Old Harrovian, is known for his roles in **Upstairs, Downstairs** and **The Archers**. He is also an author and playwright. The choir will be conducted by Music Director Sam Evans, with organist Paul Ayres and brass quintet Byron Brass.

Tickets are £25 (£2 for under-18s) and can be booked via [www.harrowchoral.org.uk](http://www.harrowchoral.org.uk), by emailing [boxoffice@harrowchoral.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@harrowchoral.org.uk), or calling 07794 253463.

HCS recently performed with Harrow Concert Band and is supporting St Dominic's College's Mozart's Requiem. They will also sing with Coteford Infants' School and are hosting a **Come and Sing** event for **Mozart's Requiem** on 2nd November at St Alban's Church. Visit their website for details.

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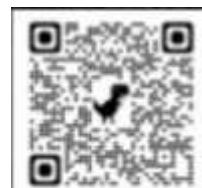
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## Northwood Residents' Association Website

As an Association representing **all Northwood residents**, we aim to provide information about activities in Northwood. The committee actively manages and updates the website with timely information.

We also send ad-hoc emails to members who have opted to receive them, informing them of relevant events. Additionally, we communicate updates from **local business members**.

Our website's business section highlights services available, *supporting local businesses by increasing footfall*.

Our goal is to ensure **two-way communication**, understanding the needs of the community. We monitor website visits to gauge interest in specific topics and track how our emails influence engagement.

Traditionally, the site received the most traffic from people seeking services at Mount Vernon Hospital or **bus timetables**. However, since introducing ad-hoc emails, we've noticed a shift toward interest in Association-related topics. This suggests the emails are **encouraging** members to explore the site for more information.

At the end of August, activity dropped, likely due to holidays. These insights help the committee manage expectations and keep members engaged in Northwood activities.

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