



# Northwood Residents' Association

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## YOUR COMMITTEE IN ACTION

Our latest Public Awareness exercise took place on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May** when we erected our gazebo by the **War Memorial in Green Lane**. We were joined by the *Northwood Lions* and *Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch*.

Together with Cllr Henry Higgins, most of the NRA committee were on hand to chat to shoppers and answer their questions. Being a bank holiday weekend, the town was relatively quiet, but the conversations we had with the public made it well worthwhile.

Our next Pop-Up? Probably in the Autumn, keep an eye on our website for the date.

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## Business News: Busy on the Business front!



There's been a lot of activity in our business community recently, and I'm delighted to **welcome several new members to the Business Section.**

After many years, the kiosk at **Northwood Station** has been taken over by cousins *Hajid and Mandip*. Following the closure of Bubbles, husband-and-wife team *Manav and Lina* have launched **Bubbles & Brownies.**

Newly opened is **The Farm** restaurant and bar, located in the beautifully transformed old Barclays Bank building in Green Lane, launched by *Rachel*. Also joining us is *Damian* and his company, **Avanti PC Repairs.**

Just opened on the High Street is **FMS Mobility**, run by mother and daughter *Sue & Renee*, who've relocated from Ruislip Manor after 35 years. And although it's been teaching Northwood girls since 1836, we're delighted to officially welcome **St Helen's School** as a new member!

A warm welcome to all. If your company hasn't yet joined us, do get in touch.

From newcomers to long-standing members—it was a pleasure to celebrate the 20th anniversary of **Dental Design Studio**. Our President, **Valerie Mellor**, unveiled a plaque recognising their two decades of service to Northwood.

Finally, to further serve our local Northwood community, I'm launching a **Work Experience initiative** for students aged 16+. If you can offer a one- or two-week internship this summer, please email me.

If the response is positive, I'll compile a list of participating businesses and share it with members. I'm sure students will gain greatly, and I look forward to hearing from you.

As always, **your business suggestions are most welcome.**

**Brian Geminder**  
business@northwoodresidents.co.uk

## Read, Recycle, Relax: Northwood Library Now Open

We are excited to have **Northwood Library** running out of the **Kate Fassnidge Centre** on Northwood High Street. This is our home for a while and we would love to see you visiting us.

As well as a selection of books we also hold both clear and food caddy recycling bags and hearing aid batteries. We have a battery recycling point and a small household electrics recycling bin which can be utilised.

We host a variety of events including:

- 🎨 Adult Colouring
- 🧩 Crossword Club
- 🎲 Family Board Games
- ☕ Monthly Coffee Mornings
- 📖 Tiny Tales Storytime

What would you like to see in your local library?

Northwood Library, Kate Fassnidge Community Hall, HA6 1BJ  
Tel: 01895 558262  
Email: northwood-library@hillingdon.gov.uk  
Web: [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries)  
X@Hill\_libraries  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/HillingdonLibraries](http://www.facebook.com/HillingdonLibraries)



We had our first special event on **Tuesday 17th June** where we were privileged to welcome award winning author - **Cynthia Harrod-Eagles**, to the library, she was wonderful with the residents and was hugely engaging and popular. Her books can be found throughout the libraries if anyone would like to have a read of a popular local author.

We hope to see lots of children reading over the Summer break and will have some events and activities in place.

So please do pop by and say hello.

**Joining the library is free** to do with a piece of Identification showing your name and address.

# From the Chairman: "A Summer of Change in Northwood"

## INTRODUCTION

The temperature outside is 82F (27.2 C in new money) , the time is 9.30am, and the sun is shining out of a cloudless sky. Am I in a southern Spain? I look out of the window to see Holy Trinity Church. No, I'm in Northwood!

This summer is unusually hot and dry and the Met Office promise more days of the same. Life goes on and I am searching for inspiration.

### HILLINGDON BOROUGH COUNCIL (LBH)

Not all of the news has been good recently as **LBH has a £5million hole in its budget** owing to the excessive number of refugees it is having to provide housing for. Consequently it has been trimming expenditure to make up for the deficit.

This week (week ending 28<sup>th</sup> June) saw the Council cabinet approve the closure of the **Rural Activities Garden Centre in Hillingdon**. The Centre provided work experience for people with assessed social care needs. A large number of residents unsuccessfully opposed the closure.

LBH has discontinued the funding of flower baskets in the Borough. Fortunately **Cllrs. Higgins** and **Lewis** stepped in and financed the baskets in Northwood out of their Ward Budget. Thank you gentlemen.

LBH put out a tender for the continuation of **Healthwatch**. The tender price was so low that Healthwatch declined to tender on the basis that it would have to reduce staff numbers and not be able to maintain its high standards. See article on page 9.

LBH has decided to charge residents **£70 per annum** for the collection of garden waste. The introduction of this system has been an absolute farce as it was done without proper management input and in too much of a hurry. I went so far as to ask Cllr Higgins if Fred Karno was in charge. At last, accurate details of how the scheme works can be found in the Environment article on page 10.

But, give praise where it is due. In spite of the heatwave, the refuse teams have worked as efficiently as usual. Well done all.

### MOUNT VERNON URGENT CARE NURSE PRACTITIONER CENTRE (MINOR INJURIES UNIT)

In May, I learned from a member of staff at the MIU that the unit was closing down. I contacted the Chief Executive (CEO) of the Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (THH), asking her if it was to close and the answer was that no decision had been made and that there would be consultation with staff, patients and other interested parties before a decision was made.

**David Simmonds MP** also wrote to the CEO and asked if the MIU was to close and he got the same answer about consultation. At the same time the CEO visited the MIU and told staff that the unit was closing.

Thus the answer to David Simmonds didn't seem to be accurate. The CEO asked me to organize a meeting with the NRA Committee and other local residents' associations' representatives which took place on **10<sup>th</sup> June** and some 20 people attended. We were told unequivocally that the unit was closing down and that there was to be no consultation.

David Simmonds has recently written to the Board of THH and the Integrated Care Board (ICB) complaining about the process. The ICB is the authority responsible for Healthcare in North West London and responsible for any closures. We now await the result of David's intervention.

We will pass on any further news via our email alert system and on the NRA website.

### THE REPLACEMENT LIBRARY

The library in the **Kate Fassnidge Community Hall** is operating successfully and is quite busy. If you haven't visited it, do pop in and take a look. You can get plastic recycling bags there.

Apparently, members of the LBH cabinet are still discussing where to situate our new permanent library.

### NEW BLOOD

Several members of the Committee have expressed that they have reached retirement age so we are looking to **appointing some younger members** to our executive committee. Each member has a portfolio such as traffic, health and reports back on their portfolio at our monthly committee meetings. The only qualification is to be an NRA member living in the Hillingdon part of Northwood. If you are interested, please contact me.

### CONCLUSION

Once again it is my pleasure to thank everyone who makes the NRA a success from Road Stewards to Committee members, the members of the local Police force, our councillors and MP who complement us. We are all integral in making Northwood a good place in which to live, as are you our residents.

*Finally, on a personal note, I'm flattered that so many of you contacted me to offer congratulations on my **BEM**.*



*Thank you all.*

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

There have been **61 planning applications** since the last Newsletter and, out of those, I submitted objections or comments on 18 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.

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.

The application for a nursery school at the Former Police Station was refused, for the second time, but the applicant has submitted an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate in connection with the second application.

I have submitted an objection on behalf of the NRA, mainly on the grounds of the adverse impact of increased traffic at an already very busy location. I believe that a significant number of residents have also submitted objections to the Planning Inspectorate.

**Trevor Sherling**  
planning@northwoodresidents.co.uk

## NRA Membership

To regular readers of the Newsletter, and in particular my report – this will start to sound like a “broken record” – but....

When I send out an Alert, I always get a report back advising of any delivery problems. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, re the 1,404 Alerts sent to members who paid subs in '25 or '24 it advised:-7 “mailbox does not exist”, 3 “mailbox full” and 2 “address rejected”.

So, please check your mailbox frequently, and delete oldest messages if it is full. Make sure we have your current email address if you have changed it recently.

Also, if you haven't been receiving our Alerts, please email: [membership@northwoodresidents.co.uk](mailto:membership@northwoodresidents.co.uk) so John can add or update your details on our database (and please DO include your full name and address)!

You **WON'T** be bombarded with unwanted information by email from the NRA and can always opt-out if you so desire.

Naturally we have a continuing need for replacement Road Stewards, currently urgent for **Gateway Close, Ashurst Close (houses)** and the patch of **Eastbury Rd / Eastbury Ave / St Mary's Ave – if you can help, please email me.**

Finally, and repeating to reinforce what I said in the Spring Newsletter, we have several roads with no members at all – if anybody feels like prospecting in Glenshee Close, Harrison Close, Hill Rd, Trinity Close, Vantage Mews or in Woodchester Court (Ricky Rd) and several of the blocks off Ducks Hill Rd - we have supplies of printed leaflets which explain the aims and benefits of the NRA - ready to be delivered!

**Any volunteers?**

Finally, many thanks to the increasing numbers of you who pay their subs by BACS – it substantially reduces and spreads the work-load between Treasurer **Jan Harding** and Membership Secretary **John King.**

**Paul I. F. Barker**  
Chief Road Steward and Data Protection Officer  
chiefroadsteward@northwoodresidents.co.uk

## CONGRATULATIONS, TONY ELLIS

Tony Ellis, NRA Chairman for 16 years, has been awarded the **British Empire Medal** for service to the community in Hillingdon in the King's Birthday Honours. Tony was a governor at The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust for 12 years and the nomination was made by former chairman of the Trust, **Lord Morse of Aldeburgh**, supported by several Non-Executive Directors and former Northwood councillor **Scott Seaman-Digby.**



**Well done, Tony!**

# *The Northwood Residents' Association*

## *59<sup>th</sup> AGM was held on Thursday 24 April 2025 at*

### *Oaklands Gate Methodist Church*

Our **59<sup>th</sup> AGM** was well attended with 15 officers and members of the NRA executive committee, the President of the NRA, our guest speaker **Brian Greenan, David Simmonds MP, Cllr Richard Lewis, Sgt Gareth Blackburn** and about **80** resident / business members.

**Chairman, Tony Ellis**, reported on the work of the committee members over the last year.

Our guest speaker was local celebrity toastmaster, **Brian Greenan**, who gave a talk entitled "*The Founders of Northwood*". In an information-packed 20 minutes, Brian introduced us to the people who have shaped Northwood starting with a mention of the tithing of Northwood in the Domesday Book to the developments enabled by the coming of the Metropolitan line in 1888.

**Jan Harding**, presented the accounts for 2024 and the annual subscription of a minimum of £3 per household and £10 per business was confirmed.

#### **Election of Officers.**

President Valerie Mellor conducted the election of the officers.

The following were elected for the year.

- **Chairman** – Tony Ellis
- **Vice Chairman** – Miles Gillman
- **Treasurer** – Jan Harding
- **Independent Examiner** – Chris Rogers

#### **Election of the Executive Committee.**

The Chairman introduced each of the members standing for (re-) election. Those elected are:

- **Paul Barker** - Chief Road Steward
- **John King** – Membership Secretary
- **Andrew Egan** - Environment
- **Brian Geminder** - Business Membership
- **Hoda Lacey** – Police Liaison
- **Dr. Neha Tanna** – Health Matters
- **Peter Lansdown** - Traffic And Highways
- **Ros Plume** - Secretary
- **Trevor Sherling** - Planning Advisor
- **Sue Mansfield** – Minutes Secretary
- **Vijay Kotecha** – Database Manager
- **Rajen Shah** – IT Systems
- **Vik Chudasama** – Newsletter



**Appointment of President:** The chairman proposed that **Valerie Mellor** be appointed as President. This was agreed with no one present dissenting. The Chairman then proposed that **Chris Duffy** who has supported the NRA for many years, as a Road Steward and with practical legal information, be appointed as Vice President, agreed with no dissenters.

**David Simmonds MP** gave a short address. He noted that from the work he does with local councillors he is well aware of how effective a residents' association can be and congratulated the NRA on its amazing work and effective advocacy. He touched on

- The Urgent Care Nurse Practitioner Service and its future.
- Traffic is a very significant matter in any proposal for use of the old Police Station building.
- Shop lifting is a major concern in Northwood.

#### **Open Forum.**

The meeting was rounded off by a Q&A session with **Cllr Richard Lewis** and **Sgt Gareth Blackburn**.

The full minutes from the meeting are available to download from the NRA website.

**Ros Plume**  
secretary@northwoodresidents.co.uk

## Local Policing *from the NRA Police Liaison Officer*

Here in Northwood we are fortunate to have an efficient and friendly **Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)**. Working under extreme pressure from lack of financial and human resources, our local officers get on with the job of protecting our residents.

The Northwood Residents' Association is a committee that works hard on your behalf. **The Northwood Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel** (NSNP) is another.

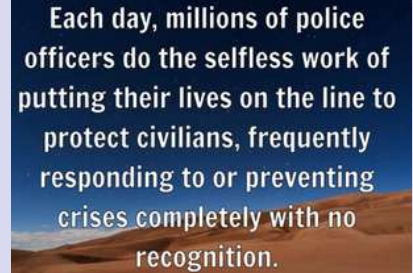
Your SN Ward Panel works closely with our local Safer Neighbourhood Team to help maintain Northwood's status as a relatively low crime ward.

Our Panel needs more community minded individuals who not only identify a problem but will step up to the mark and help to deal with it.

**Hoda Lacey**  
Chairman of Northwood Police  
Ward Panel, NRA Police Liaison  
Police@northwoodresidents.co.uk

At our quarterly early evening meetings in central Northwood, you will have the opportunity to talk to our SNT, councillors and others who share your interest in safeguarding our community. All you need to join is to live or work in Northwood and share our enthusiasm in keeping Northwood as a safe place to be in.

**So, even if you feel you cannot commit to joining our panel right now, do share your safety concerns with us by dropping me an email to the address below. There might be other ways you could do your bit for the community.**



Each day, millions of police officers do the selfless work of putting their lives on the line to protect civilians, frequently responding to or preventing crises completely with no recognition.

**Northwood needs people like you!**



**METROPOLITAN  
POLICE**

**From Northwood SNT**

*I'm delighted to introduce myself as the Safer Neighbourhood Inspector for the north of Hillingdon – an area I know and care deeply about. Having lived in **Ruislip, Ickenham** and **Northwood**, and with friends and family still in the area, I feel a strong personal connection to the communities I now serve professionally.*

*I've been a police officer for nearly **20 years**, working in a variety of roles – including intelligence, response, and neighbourhood policing. Prior to this role, I worked in Harrow's Safer Neighbourhoods team and also served as Chief of Staff to the north west area Borough Commander. My experience has reinforced how important visible, local policing is to residents – and I am committed to staying in this role for the remainder of my career.*

*Since the start of this year, the Northwood team have been working hard to tackle theft – particularly shoplifting, which has been on the rise since the pandemic. **Sergeant Blackburn** recently led a proactive operation targeting prolific shoplifters at **Waitrose**, resulting in the arrest of three violent males. I was present during this operation and witnessed firsthand the force and aggression these offenders used to try and escape. Thanks to quick action from the team – including **PC Michelle Forse**, who detained one of the men single-handedly, and two of our PCSOs who bravely tackled another – we brought them to justice. One offender was jailed, and we secured a Criminal Behaviour Order banning him from the area. Two more repeat offenders have also been sent to prison in recent months.*

*While community engagement remains important, you may have noticed a reduction in more traditional activities like **"Cuppa with a Copper"** or leaflet drops. That's a conscious decision. I want my officers focused on tackling crime where it's happening. Instead, we've introducing targeted street briefings in areas affected by burglary or theft – these are open invitations for residents to meet officers, hear local updates, and receive practical crime prevention advice.*

*We know we can't police effectively without you. If you'd like to get involved – whether that's joining a street briefing, helping with speeding initiatives, or joining your local ward panel – please contact your team at:*

[northwoodsnt@met.police.uk](mailto:northwoodsnt@met.police.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

**Inspector Sarah Fox**  
Safer Neighbourhood Team –  
North Hillingdon

**Team Members are:**  
**Sgt. Gareth Blackburn**  
**PCSO Jonh Usher**  
**PCSO Max Humphries**

Northwood Ward Team can be contacted on  
Telephone: 020 8721 2545  
Email: [SNTWA-Northwood@met.police.uk](mailto:SNTWA-Northwood@met.police.uk)  
X: [@MPSNorthwood](https://twitter.com/MPSNorthwood)  
Website: [www.met.police.uk/your-area/](http://www.met.police.uk/your-area/)  
**Address:** Ruislip Police Station, The Oaks, HA4 7LE

## Meet the New NRA Vice President- Chris Duffy

**Chris Duffy was appointed Vice President at our AGM in April - Welcome to the team Chris!**

Chris has lived in Northwood for over 25 years. He is married with 3 grown-up children and currently 1 grandchild.

By profession he has worked as a solicitor in the City for over 40 years and still works part-time as a solicitor. He enjoys living in Northwood and is committed to maintaining and, if possible, improving the community environment in which we live.

Outside of work he is a keen fell walker in the lakes, having realised that his previous days of climbing and mountaineering are now over.



**The lampposts in Green Lane have now got their baskets of flowers installed. Financed by Cllrs. Higgins and Lewis out of their Ward Budget.**



### What's in a name?

Northwood's name dates back to 1435, deriving from two old English words: 'north' and 'wode'. This simply means 'the northern wood', because it was north of Ruislip.

## A Message From Our MP, David Simmonds

It was a delight to send my congratulations to **Tony Ellis**, Chair of Northwood Residents' Association, on being awarded the **British Empire Medal** in the **King's Birthday Honours** for services to the community in Hillingdon. This is a great honour and well-deserved. We all know the service Tony has given to the local community over many years.

It was more than disappointing to hear that **Lesley Watts** and **Alan Macglennan** from the **Hillingdon Hospitals Trust** announced at a meeting organised by Northwood Residents' Association that they will be recommending pushing ahead with the closure of the **Urgent Care Centre at Mount Vernon**. This is despite assurances given to me that no decision had been made and that both staff and the local community would be involved in the decision-making process. It has become clear that there was no intention for any meaningful engagement ahead of the recommendation because, while residents were invited to share their concerns, these will not alter the decision that has very clearly already been made by the Trust.

There appears to be an issue both with the communication coming from the department, as well as a fundamental issue with the proposals to move the unit to **Hillingdon Hospital's A&E Department**. This comes at a time when the NHS is urging patients to avoid using A&E where possible, but the move will deliver more patients, more traffic and more demand on an already over-stretched service. However, the fight is not over, and I urge residents to continue to support the campaign and sign my petition to keep the pressure on the Trust and, when the time comes, the **Integrated Care Board (ICB)** to reconsider this damaging decision.

In more encouraging news, significant developments have got underway at the **Northwood and Pinner Cottage Hospital** site, following a campaign dating back to the tenures of both my predecessors. I am delighted that considerable progress is being made to deliver this much-needed healthcare hub. I was pleased to attend the ground breaking ceremony in May, and I look forward to following the progress of this long-awaited project.

Finally, I remain concerned about government plans that threaten our valued greenspaces across Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner. While we must meet housing demand, this should not come at the expense of weakening green belt protections and instead we should focus on building the homes that already have planning permission.



David at a surgery at Marjan's in Northwood town centre

I reiterate that I am here to serve the whole community, wherever you are in the constituency and how ever you chose to cast your vote. I hold regular surgeries in the different high streets across Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner, including **Marjan's** and **Cofix** in Northwood. If you would like to get in touch with my office, or follow updates from my office, please use the contact details :

### To contact Northwood MP, David Simmonds CBE:

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Constituency: 10 Village Way, Pinner, HA5 5AF  
Tel: 0203 545 2462 You can follow his work on the website:  
[www.davidsimmonds.org.uk](http://www.davidsimmonds.org.uk) and on  
Twitter: @DSimmonds\_RNP or Facebook: DavidSimmondsMP

## News from Mount Vernon Cancer Centre

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Continuing the great work on our green spaces at the cancer centre we are delighted to welcome **Susannah O'Riordan** as our new Nature Recovery Ranger. Susannah will lead projects which help integrate nature into patient care, support staff wellbeing, and involve our local community. Her role is supported by the National Community Lottery Fund, following a successful pilot at MVCC the Nature Recovery Ranger role has been introduced nationally!

If you are interested in volunteering helping look after our gardens and outdoor space or supporting our patients and staff at the cancer centre, please do get in contact: [volunteeringmvcc.enh-tr@nhs.net](mailto:volunteeringmvcc.enh-tr@nhs.net)

We have also been lucky enough to work with writer and broadcaster Matthew Biggs on a mission to transform the gardens surrounding the treatment centre into a healing space. To find out more about **Matt Biggs's** story check out <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/mountvernongardenproject>

**Ginnie Abubakar**  
Cancer Support & Information Services Manager

## From Councillor Richard Lewis

At a meeting organised by the NRA on 10 June, we were all really upset to hear from **Lesley Watts**, Chief Executive of Hillingdon Hospital Trust, and **Dr. Alan Macglennan**, Managing Director and Chief Medical Officer, that they are recommending the permanent closure of the Mount Vernon Minor Injuries Unit. This is due to the Trust's need to reduce a £9 million annual deficit. They told us that there will be no local consultation and that the nine nurse practitioners currently based at Mount Vernon, will be transferred to Hillingdon Hospital.

For Northwood residents, urgent medical care will now mean attending the Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) within Hillingdon Hospital's Emergency Department, or accessing care via your GP or by calling 111.

Local appointment-based options include:

### Eastcote Health Centre

- Abbotsbury Gardens, Eastcote, HA5 1TG
- Weekdays: 6.30pm–8.30pm | Saturday: 9am–5pm

### Pembroke Centre

- 90 Pembroke Road, Ruislip, HA4 8NX
- Weekdays: 10am–6.30pm

We are pleased to share something more cheerful. Despite financial challenges, Henry and I have allocated funds from our ward budget to ensure that Northwood's hanging baskets return for another year. Though the NRA kindly offered to contribute, we wanted this to be a gift to the community. The flowers bring a splash of colour and joy to Green Lane and the High Street and we hope they brighten your summer.

Residents with gardens should also be aware of the new garden waste tagging system. For £70, you'll receive three tags to attach to your existing garden waste bags. Unlabelled bags will no longer be collected. More details can be found here

👉 [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/garden-waste](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/garden-waste)

On a personal note, after 24 wonderful years serving Northwood, I've decided not to stand for re-election next year. It has been a great privilege to represent you, and I thank you for your trust and support.

I'm delighted that Henry will be standing again and if re-elected, I know will bring continuity and deep knowledge, particularly in his role as Chairman of Planning help protect and enhance what makes Northwood such a special place. **Warm regards, Richard**



**Elected councillor for Northwood ward:**  
**Henry Higgins**

**hhiggins@hillingdon.gov.uk**

Tel: 01895 250316 - Civic Centre office (9am - 5.30pm weekdays)

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

**Elected councillor for Northwood ward:**  
**Richard Lewis**

**rlewis@hillingdon.gov.uk**

Tel: 01895 250316 - Civic Centre office (9am - 5.30pm weekdays)

## Important Changes to Healthwatch Hillingdon

Following a recent procurement exercise, Hillingdon Council have appointed a new provider of the Healthwatch Hillingdon contract. **'Your Voice in Health and Social Care'** were awarded the contract in June and will begin managing the new Healthwatch Hillingdon service from August 2025.

Due to a large reduction in funding and concerns we would be unable to continue to deliver the same quality of service for residents, we made the difficult decision not to tender for the new contract.

We are grateful to have had the opportunity of serving the community in connection with healthcare, liaising the various arms of the health service to improve their services. We are also grateful for the time that our trustees, volunteers, and staff, have so freely given and we will make every effort to support a seamless transfer to the new provider, with Your Voice in Health and Social Care continuing in the name of Healthwatch.

Further updates as we transition to the new service provider will be published on our website:

**Healthwatch Hillingdon:** <https://healthwatchhillingdon.org.uk>

We thank you for your continued support.

**healthwatch**  
Hillingdon

Your local health and social care champion



# Gardeners Ahoy!

## New Rules for Garden Waste Collection

Please make sure you have reserved the right to have your garden grass clippings, cut foliage, dead flowers and plants etc collected by Hillingdon Council – if you live in this council's area - as this has become a **subscription service**. You now have to pay for regular collections that will be taken to the recycling centre and only those that pay will have their waste collected.

**From Monday 7 July 2025** garden waste collection will change to an opt-in service charged at £70 from July 7, 2025 to March 31, 2026.

We understand that this collection service is available for homes – houses, bungalows and maisonettes with private gardens. This service is not available for blocks of flats or commercial properties where other arrangements have to be made for their garden waste collections.

**If you do not subscribe, your last garden waste collection will have been Monday 30th June.**



To subscribe please go to the Hillingdon Council Website [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/garden-waste](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/garden-waste), read the service detail if you wish, but be certain to scroll down to the Subscribe button and click on it, then follow the instructions given.

If you are a regular user of the Hillingdon Council website, you may prefer to log in to the website main entry page, enter your username and password, then go to garden waste and follow directions.

### Hedges and Bushes

Plant growth has accelerated. Kindly check that your hedges and large shrubs are not narrowing the pedestrian walkways or pavement outside your property.

If they are over-spilling your boundary then cut them back (even if they are flowering), otherwise you may receive a strong request from your Council. It is best to comply, and I would remind everyone that it is good manners to think of others safety when using pavements.



Once your request to subscribe to the service has been noted you will be issued with up to 6 green tags to attach to the handle of your household garden waste bags so the collection crew can identify your right to use this service. You will need to write your contact details on these tags ideally prior to attachment to the bag handle.

Up to **6 bags** of garden waste of the regular size as issued by Hillingdon Council may be placed outside a home for collection on the correct collection day for your area, provided they are properly tagged.

However, if you signed up early and received only 3 tags, you have to request the council to supply you with the extra **3 tags**. It is best to do that on-line via their website.

If you do not have access to the internet then write a letter to Hillingdon Council.

**Hillingdon Council Civic Centre High Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1UW or call 01895 250111.**

Elsewhere, recent announcements have mentioned that only 3 bags per house will be allowed per collection – that is incorrect information.

You are advised to not make any bag over-heavy otherwise collection may be refused. Typically the max weight allowed per bag is 25kg which is the equivalent weight to that of a big case allowed for long haul air travel. If your bag is considered over-heavy it will receive a yellow tag and be left for you to lighten the load.

Note: Those Northwood residents living in **Three Rivers District Council** areas already have a pay-for garden waste collection service.



### Household Waste

When rubbish is placed outside either over early well ahead of its collection day, or over late after a collection has occurred, the plastic bags many of us use are frequently attacked by animals, foxes, squirrels and birds in the main. Contents can then be strewn across pavement and roads making it unpleasant for all who live in the vicinity or for passers-by. Also, it makes the neighbourhood look scruffy.

Please be kind and considerate; just place your household rubbish in appropriate bags or bins outside in a timely manner appropriate to your collection day.

**Andrew Egan**  
[environment@northwoodresidents.co.uk](mailto:environment@northwoodresidents.co.uk)

In our spring update, we shared about the work that is going on at **Mount Vernon Cancer Centre (MVCC)** to improve facilities for patients whilst the business case for the relocation of the cancer centre continues to be developed.

We also shared about developments of services between MVCC and Watford to provide rapid care for patients with acute cancer related problems or treatment related emergencies, who often cannot be treated at MVCC due to the lack of on-site acute services such as A&E and critical care.

However, as local residents will know, all these improvements can only be temporary measures as they do not address the core challenge that MVCC does not have the on-site acute services it needs to provide specialist cancer care and access to modern treatments and trials.

Over the last few years, many local people have been involved in helping to develop the proposals to relocate MVCC to a site adjacent to the **Watford General Hospital**. This involvement has helped ensure that the changes that are being put forward will enable specialist cancer services to have the support of collocated district general hospital services whilst remaining as locally accessible as possible.

Now work is taking place to look in even greater detail at travel and transport, with a survey currently underway at MVCC to get an up-to-date picture of exactly how patients travel to their appointments. Further patient and public engagement in the coming months will be particularly focused in areas where it is thought patients decline treatment due to travel issues, to explore whether more can be done to help patients get the treatment they need.

In order for changes to be made to the location of services, a business case and supporting documents need to be developed and assessed by an assurance team, and a panel of experts from across the country. Then the proposals will need to be tested again with patients and people living across the whole of the area the cancer centre serves, through a public consultation, before the final decision can be made. This gives the opportunity for patients and local people to make further suggestions that would improve the proposals, or express any concerns they have and any ideas to alleviate these concerns.

The MVCC business case and a draft consultation document and plan have now been submitted to the assurance team who are reviewing them and will convene a panel to make a recommendation about proceeding to the consultation stage.

*More information about the improvement works is available on :*

[www.enher-ts-tr.nhs.uk/hospitals/mount-vernon/building-works/](http://www.enher-ts-tr.nhs.uk/hospitals/mount-vernon/building-works/)

*Further information on the proposals for change can be found on the review website:*

[www.mvccreview.nhs.uk](http://www.mvccreview.nhs.uk)



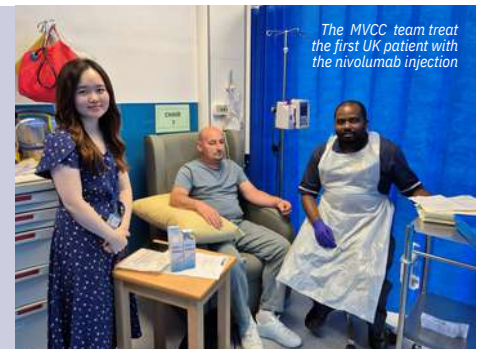
**Jessamy Kinghorn**  
Head of Partnerships & Engagement  
NHS England – East of England

## Mount Vernon Cancer Centre in Northwood, Middlesex

has become the first cancer centre in the country to treat a patient with an injectable form of immunotherapy called **nivolumab**.

Approved for use in the UK earlier this year, the new under-the-skin injection means patients will spend far less time in hospital, having their fortnightly or monthly treatment in 5 minutes instead of up to an hour via an intravenous drip.

As part of a drive to offer patients faster access to the latest cancer treatments, the team prioritised prescribing guidelines & worked with the drug manufacturer to ensure they were ready to treat patients as soon as the injection was available in the UK.



The MVCC team treat the first UK patient with the nivolumab injection

**Dr. Amy Guppy**, Consultant Medical Oncologist and chemotherapy lead at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre said:

***"By administering this immunotherapy treatment through a brief injection, patient hospital visits will be shortened, enabling us to increase the number of patients treated within our day units."***

**Dr. Heather Shaw**, Consultant Medical Oncologist (skin cancers) and deputy clinical director, Mount Vernon Cancer Centre said:

***"Changing how this immunotherapy drug is given will make a big difference for patients—they won't need cannulas and will spend less time in the hospital, making their experience much better."***

The new nivolumab injection can be used to treat 15 cancer types including skin cancer, bladder, and oesophagus, and it is estimated around 1,200 patients in England per month could benefit. Around 2 in 5 patients who currently receive the IV drip form of nivolumab, one of the most widely used cancer treatments, should be eligible for the new injection.

The NHS is the first in Europe to offer it following approval for use by the UK's medicines regulator, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (**MHRA**) in April 2025.

**Learn more:** [www.enher-ts-tr.nhs.uk/hospitals](http://www.enher-ts-tr.nhs.uk/hospitals)

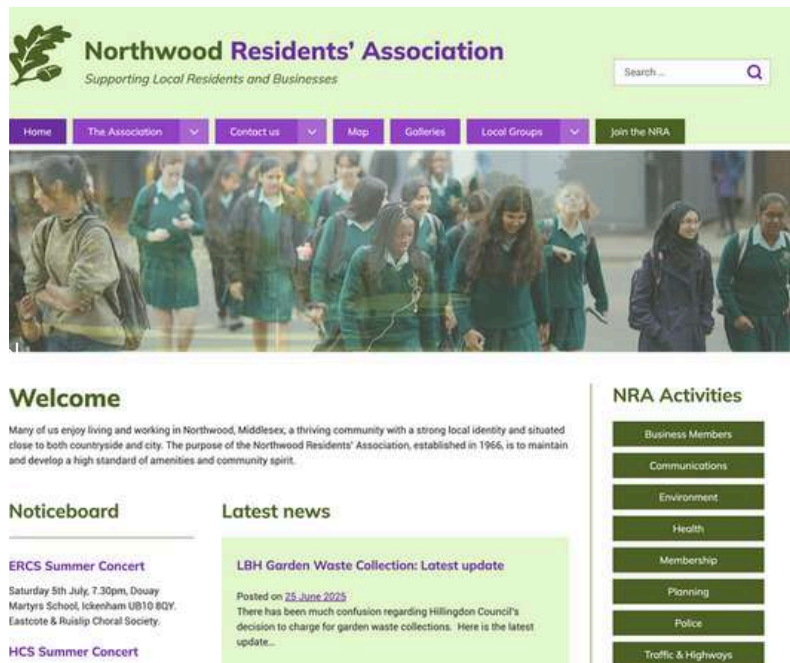
# What's on NORTHWOOD

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)



## News From Eastbury Horticultural Society

With the current heatwave, as I write, gardening is a challenge, not only to the plants but also to wearying gardeners like myself. But, we plod on in anticipation of cooler days ahead.

Nevertheless, our committee continues to arrange visits to exciting places as well as the usual other events that the Society runs. We held our most successful plant sale ever in early June, raising much-needed funds for us. We also raised over £100 in refreshment sales which has been donated to Michael Sobell House.

In May we visited **Upton House & Charlecote Park**, while in June we travelled east to Kent to visit **Great Comp** and **Emmetts Gardens**, both offering inspiration to us all. We have one more visit in the calendar, namely, to **Packwood House & Baddesley Clinton**, both near Solihull. This is on Wednesday 10 September. There are a few places still available so please contact Sue Mansfield, [sueman145@gmail.com](mailto:sueman145@gmail.com), 01923 829939 if you would like to join us.

The picture shows the amazing **Cornus Kousa** tree at Emmetts. Between writing this article and the time you read it, our Annual Show will have taken place. I anticipate a great success!

Our next season of speaker evenings starts on Monday 15 September with a talk by the well-known broadcaster Matthew Biggs. The 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 always welcome new members; please contact our Membership Secretary, Tim Ellison, on 01923 822162 or email: [ehs.members@gmail.com](mailto:ehs.members@gmail.com)

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



## Northwood Lions Club

### Northwood Lions Club continues with fundraising and service activities.

We will be at various Fêtes during the summer, including Frithwood School on June 28th, **Eastcote Cricket Club** on August 24th and **Pinner Village Show** on September 7th.

One of our service activities is supporting Hillingdon Young Carers - "Hillingdon Young Carers service offers a range of activities aimed at mitigating the impact of caring on young lives.

"These include young carers clubs, emotional support, respite breaks, schools liaison, wellbeing sessions, positive parenting coaching, carer training and support groups.

"Young carers are children and young people, aged 5 – 24 years, who provide regular and ongoing care to a family member who has a long-term illness, disability, mental health issue or misuses substances. The family member may be a parent, sibling or grandparent living with them.

"Caring responsibilities can have a significant impact on young people and can affect their physical and mental health, education and social opportunities. Carers Trust Hillingdon has been supporting young carers since 2001.

"We aim to mitigate the impact of caring on young people through the provision of emotional support, school liaison, information and advice and regular social activities. We also work in partnership with local organisations and schools to identify young carers and raise awareness of their needs.

"Our fun and friendly service aims to reduce the impact of caring on young people through the provision of: Weekly youth clubs: 5-9, 10-15 currently held in South Ruislip and Young Adult Group; Extensive school holiday activity programmes; Weekends away; Workshops; 1:1 support with a trusted adult; Whole family support and School liaison."



**NORTHWOOD LIONS CLUB** meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8pm at Holy Trinity Church Parish Rooms.

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)

**Robert Green President,**  
Northwood Lions Club



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



For further information please contact the Church Office Telephone: **01923 829166**  
Email: [stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com](mailto:stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com)

#### ACTIVITIES 4 YOU

**Squares R Us**  
Tuesdays, 2pm – 4pm. **Free**

This friendly group meet up to knit squares that are made into 'happy blankets' for those they are supporting.

**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.

#### GAMES AFTERNOONS

We have a good variety of board games although Rummikub is proving to be the favourite!

Everyone welcome.

Two Monday afternoons per month, get in touch for dates.

**Cost: £2** including refreshments

#### 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.

#### MUSIC

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



### St Matthew's RC Church, Hallowell Road, Northwood.

**It is hard to believe that it is approaching twelve months since we concluded our centenary celebrations**

One of the highlights of that year of memorable and commemorative events was our **Flower Festival**.

This was so generously supported by the whole community that we were able to install a defibrillator on the front exterior wall. Its position here means it is accessible 24 hours a day: on receiving a 999 call the emergency services would issue a code to enter into the security keypad. Grateful thanks go to the wonderful team from **St John Ambulance** who ran two training sessions in our hall covering both CPR and the use of the defibrillator. These sessions were attended by some 40 parishioners and neighbours.

The second century in St Matthew's history has begun with **Fr Tom** being appointed as Parish Priest to St Joseph's, Carpenders Park in addition to his post in Northwood. This has meant a revision of the timetabling of services – so do check the website for up-to- date information posted in our weekly newsletter.



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## Third Age - The Time of Your Life ?

So, what is the "Third Age" ?

Modern convention defines four ages of people -

1<sup>st</sup> age - from Birth through Education

2<sup>nd</sup> age - Working and Raising a Family

3<sup>rd</sup> age - **No Longer Working. Fairly fit and Independent**

4<sup>th</sup> age - No Longer Working but Unwell and Dependent

**u3a** Is for people of the 3<sup>rd</sup> age to meet others with similar interests and to stay active and involved.

Northwood and District u3a currently has over 700 local members, with some 70 different Groups ranging from Walking and Badminton to Knitting, Discussions and Chess so there is probably something to suit you.

Many of our Groups meet in Fairfield Church in Northwood Hills, and some smaller Groups meet in Members' homes.

Full details are on our website [northwood.u3asite.uk](http://northwood.u3asite.uk) and we hope you are interested in joining us.

Northwood & District **u3a**

Alan Lester  
Vice Chairman  
Northwood & District u3a



MVCC Charity raises funds to support patients receiving treatment at our local cancer centre.

You can help by taking part in one of their events.

Or choose your own event!

For more visit: [www.enhcharity.org.uk](http://www.enhcharity.org.uk)

## Northwood Classical Music Group

*Alan Mills, our walking encyclopaedia of music and its historical and cultural context, was handing out the programme of music which he planned to introduce during the next two sessions.*

*Today we were to discuss **Rachmaninov** and **Scriabin**. "Scriabin? Don't know anything by him, what was his nationality? Can he really be compared to Rachmaninov? Surely not?" Well, they both were Russian, born just a year apart towards the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, went to the same music school, and remained friends until Scriabin's early death. Not much else in common, though, especially in their music. As was well illustrated by the pieces we then listened to, chalk and cheese, but not praising nor criticising either. Now, though, any views about them should at least be founded on a better understanding of each.*

*Who's next for such a comparison? Bach and Handel? Britten and Tippett? Verdi and Puccini? Parry and Stanford?*

*Hmm. Interesting listening lies ahead.*

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.



## Northwood Craft Market

After a short break in August, we're excited to welcome you back to our monthly Craft Markets, held on the first Saturday of each month through to December.

✨ Discover a wide variety of beautiful handmade crafts, including:

- Unique jewellery
- Adorable crocheted toys
- Stunning woodwork and artwork
- Candles, fabric gifts, and home accessories
- ...and much more!

🎁 It's the perfect place to find original gifts, especially if you're looking to get ahead with Christmas shopping.

🌿 Back by popular demand: Our Plant Stall returns in September!

👦 Children can enjoy a fun make-and-take craft activity

☕ Don't forget to stop by the Church Coffee Shop for delicious refreshments

We look forward to seeing you at the Market — come along for a friendly, creative, and inspiring day out!

📍 **Methodist Church Hall, Oaklands Gate,**

**Northwood HA6 3AA**

📅 **First Saturday of the Month**

🕒 **10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

📅 **Upcoming Dates:**

• 6th Sept • 4th Oct • 1st Nov • 6th Dec 2025

🎟️ **Free Admission**



For more information, take a look at our website:

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

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Instagram @northwood\_craftmarket

Email: northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk



## CQC noted culture of improvement

The **Care Quality Commission (CQC)** has reported progress across a number of key areas and services at The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust with improvements across urgent and emergency care, and surgery services, at Mount Vernon Hospital and Hillingdon Hospital.

The CQC have recognised improvements at the Hillingdon Hospital site and noted 'significant progress where our urgent and emergency and surgery services have improved'. **Antoinette Smith**, CQC deputy director of operations in London, said:

*"There was a clear culture of improvement. Leaders led by example and were visible, and teams worked collaboratively to ensure people's needs were met safely. The environment was clean and well maintained, and we saw feedback being used to make changes and support staff development."*

*"We saw improvement at Hillingdon Hospital, where urgent and emergency care and surgery services have both improved from inadequate to requires improvement. Staff have clearly worked hard to improve responsiveness and patient experience. In urgent and emergency care, people told us they were treated with kindness even during busy periods. In surgery, we observed effective multidisciplinary working and person-centred care being delivered under pressure."*

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)

## Celebrating our volunteers

Our volunteers play an important role, helping our staff make the hospital experience better for patients. Voluntary support is committed to recruiting individuals from a spectrum of the community. They match individual skills/experience to appropriate placements, with training and support to develop skills. A Volunteers' Week Coffee Morning was held recently as part of the week's celebrations of **Volunteers' Week 2025**, in recognition of the commitment of our incredible 177 (and counting) volunteers. We are incredibly grateful for the contribution of our volunteers.

## National leader for patient food

Our Trust was again voted the **best acute trust for food**, as judged by patients and staff. NHS England published the annual results of patient-led assessment of the care environment (PLACE) last month. Trusts scored **91 per cent** on average on both ward and organisation food combined. The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust again received full marks, and no other Trust got this high a rating.

A team of patients and staff judged the scores on food in the trust environment, awarding our Trust with the **highest grade** out of 1,107 assessments undertaken in 2024. This is a fantastic endorsement of our excellent patient food, as judged by patient and their representatives and the Estates & Facilities in-house catering team. It is the second year in succession that we have been top in the country and is recognition of the work that the Trust catering team does every single day with our patient meal providers at **Apetito**.

**Emer Delaney**

Director of Communications

## ★ THE COMFORTS FUND ★

We are a charitable organisation that was set up in 1935 to provide a few Comforts to Patients at **Mount Vernon Hospital**.

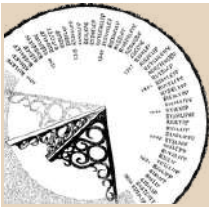
Over the years, the charity has supported patients and staff and provided funding for modern medical equipment at Mount Vernon Hospital.

The charity runs three shops staffed exclusively by volunteers and it's all thanks to them that we have raised so much money over the years!

We recently celebrated our **90<sup>th</sup> anniversary** with our Chief Guest as Mayor of Hillingdon, **Councillor Philip Corthorne**, gracing the occasion. It was very well attended with senior management from most charities on site and many volunteers both former and current, coming to show their support.



If you'd like to help and make a real difference, please get in touch: ✉ [natasha.thakkar@nhs.net](mailto:natasha.thakkar@nhs.net)



## **Ruislip, Northwood & Eastcote Local History Society** **Autumn & Winter Talks 2025-26**

The Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society has had three well attended summer outings and now looks forward to its 2025-26 programme starting on 16 September.

- **17** 16 Sept – **London's Waterfront 1666-1800** by John Schofield, former Senior Archaeologist, Museum of London
- **17** 21 Oct – **Hillforts of the Chilterns Landscape** with Dr Wendy Morrison, Chilterns National Landscape
- **17** 18 Nov – **WW2 Codebreaking: The Link with America & Eastcote** by Ronald Koorm

For our Christmas Social Meeting on 16 December our two active Research Groups will present on a Northwood topic: **A Thousand Years of The Grange**. This group is focussing on Northwood for the coming year and aiming to produce a new publication, in addition to our normal (award winning) annual journal.

Speaker meetings are held from September to April on the third Tuesday of each month at 8pm at St Martins Church Hall, Ruislip. New members and visitors are always welcome. See [rnelhs.org.uk](http://rnelhs.org.uk) for more information and for our indexed repository containing a vast range of historical findings relating to our area.

For further information  
and future outings, please  
visit [www.RNELHS.org.uk](http://www.RNELHS.org.uk)

**£10 /child**

**26-28 August**

**HOLIDAY CLUB**

**THE INVESTI GATORS**

**Emmanuel Church Northwood, HA6 1AS**

**Games. Sports. Team Challenges. Bible Stories. Music. Dance. Crafts.**

**Register at [www.ecn.org.uk/kids](http://www.ecn.org.uk/kids)**

**9:30-12:30**

**Ages 5-11**

**Summer Holiday Club at Emmanuel Church Northwood**

Come join **Gator** and **Al** on the adventure of a lifetime, as they investigate the mysteries of life, the universe and everything! They'll need a team of eager explorers to help them find real answers to some great puzzles!

This Summer we're inviting children aged 5-11 to join our fun & engaging Holiday Club. Every child will be part of a team, for mornings packed with games, sports, team challenges, crafts, and other activities. Please book early and have a look online for more information: [www.ecn.org.uk/kids](http://www.ecn.org.uk/kids)

See you later, Al & Gator!

## **New Ads Manager**

We are indebted to **Howard**, who has been our newsletter advertising manager since 2015 for his commitment to the role. He always got on with the job in his own quietly efficient way, from communicating with local businesses to sending out invoices and then delivering copies of the newsletter to the advertisers. **Thank you, Howard!**

And welcome to **Claire** who has now taken on the role with guidance from Howard - the transition was seamless!

## Animal Thanksgiving Service: 14 September 2025

Whether we work with animals, have pets as part of our households, or simply appreciate creatures from afar, we all know that animals are an integral part of our lives. This is why Holy Trinity Northwood is having an **Animal Thanksgiving Service**.

This is an opportunity to give thanks for them, to ask God's blessing on each creaturely member of our household and to reflect on our part in caring for our planet and all the animals around us.

Please do bring your animals with you if they are happy to travel (all animals must be tethered or enclosed).

Water bowls and seating will be provided.

**Please bring your own treats and snacks!**



**Holy Trinity Northwood Church Hall or Hall Garden**  
Sunday 14 September at 12pm

For more information visit [www.htnorthwood.co.uk](http://www.htnorthwood.co.uk)  
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or to register: [www.lst.ac.uk/fsu](http://www.lst.ac.uk/fsu)

## Planning an event? Hire our space!

Hosting your event at **London School of Theology** means more than just hiring a venue, it's choosing quality, care, and community.

During specific months of the year, London School of Theology is available to churches, Christian charities and organisations who are sympathetic to our beliefs, who are looking for a practical and attractive venue to host an event.

Our campus in Northwood offers bright, flexible spaces, on-site accommodation and brilliant catering services - all within easy reach of central London.

Being a **residential college**, if you require sole use of our facilities and accommodation, this will be limited to our Easter and Summer holidays, typically April, July, August and September and is subject to London School of Theology's discretion.

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



## Come and join the fun at Holy Trinity Primary School!

Our Nursery is full of happy, curious children who are just beginning their exciting journey with us - and we'd love for your child to be part of it too! From splashing in the water tray and painting masterpieces, to exploring the mud kitchen and making new friends in our outdoor play area, every day is an adventure.

We currently have spaces **available** in our Nursery, with flexible options including full and half-day sessions, and 15 or 30-hour funded places for eligible families. We'd love to welcome you for a visit and a personal tour with our Head of School. To book, call us on 01923 822529 or visit [www.holytrinitynorthwood.org](http://www.holytrinitynorthwood.org) - **we can't wait to meet you!**

If you would like to come and visit and go on a tour with the Head of School, please call **01923 822529** or visit [www.holytrinitynorthwood.org](http://www.holytrinitynorthwood.org)



**PAUL  
STRICKLAND  
SCANNER  
CENTRE**

**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 which ensure patients can benefit from leading edge scanning equipment and furthers medical research into cancer and other conditions.

### New early detection Whole-Body MRI Cancer Screening Service launched

Paul Strickland Scanner Centre in Northwood has launched an innovative new Whole-body MRI Cancer Screening Service, offering people a chance to check for signs of cancer before symptoms appear.

The new service, overseen by internationally recognised cancer imaging expert Professor Anwar Padhani, is available privately on a self-referral, self-pay basis and aims to give people greater control over their health. Any income generated from the service will directly support the centre's vital charitable work.

The advanced whole-body MRI scan takes approximately 45 minutes and uses state-of-the-art imaging technology to screen the entire body for abnormalities or growths that could indicate cancer. The scan is non-invasive, painless, and covers all major organs and tissues, including the brain, liver, kidneys, and bones.

Scans are carefully reviewed by expert radiologists at Paul Strickland Scanner Centre, and a full report will be shared with the patient's GP. Should any concerns be identified, the GP can arrange further investigations or treatment. The service is ideal for individuals with a family history of cancer, genetic or environmental risk factors, or those simply seeking peace of mind.

Local mum **Cemile**, one of the first people to use the new service, said: "As a parent, my family's well-being starts with my own health. A Whole-body MRI Cancer Screening Scan at Paul Strickland Scanner Centre gave me peace of mind that potential issues would be detected early, leaving me feeling confident and in charge of my well-being."

Paul Strickland Scanner Centre is a world leader in cancer imaging, with more whole-body MRI scans performed than any other centre globally. The centre's work is recognised internationally, and it remains committed to using the latest imaging technology to improve early cancer detection and outcomes.

For more information or to book a scan, visit [www.stricklandscanner.org.uk/checkup](http://www.stricklandscanner.org.uk/checkup)

### We have some exciting events and fundraising activities planned.

- Upcoming Fundraiser: Quiz Night
- Greenfields Primary School, Oxhey
- Saturday 18th October 2025
- Teams of 6
- £18 per person (includes supper)
- Cash bar & raffle

More details can be found on our website at [www.stricklandscanner.org.uk/events/](http://www.stricklandscanner.org.uk/events/)

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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**The South Oxhey Choir** is a non audition community choir who welcome anyone from South Oxhey & Carpenders Park and the surrounding areas to come and join us on Tuesday evenings at Oxhey Wood School between 7pm and 8.30pm (doors open for tea and chat from 6.30pm).

Led by our musical director **Simon Wookey** rehearsals are relaxed and fun and we sing a whole rang of songs from Adele, Oasis and Coldplay to The Beach Boys and The Beatles, tunes from Musical Theatre Shows and some classical and traditional folk songs too.

We are currently working towards our summer concert which will be held on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of July at 7pm at **The Clarendon Muse** at Watford Grammer School for Boys.

After this we will break up for the summer but will be back on **September the 9<sup>th</sup>**.

*You do not need to audition to be part The South Oxhey Choir and you do not need to be able to read music or have sung in a choir before - all you need is a love of singing!*

For more information please pop to our website [www.southoxheychoir.co.uk](http://www.southoxheychoir.co.uk) or find us on Facebook and Instagram for regular updates. You can also email us on [southoxheychoirs@gmail.com](mailto:southoxheychoirs@gmail.com)



# NORTHWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB

## Works at the Stadium

Northwood Football Club has been hard at work during the closed season at the Skyline Roofing Stadium.

- Pitch renovations are underway to tackle issues caused by wet winters over recent years.
  - A new LED floodlight system will be installed to enhance lighting, reduce glare for local residents, and lower electricity usage.
- These improvements will be in place for the new league season starting in August.

## Kit Sponsorships

A big thank you to this season's main kit sponsors:

- Goughbuild UK Ltd.
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Their financial support means you'll see their names proudly displayed on the club's shirts this season. Mock-up shirts shown



## Season Tickets – Now on Sale!

Get your Season Ticket now for just £65.00  
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Your ticket includes:

- Entry to all 21 home games in the Southern League
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Considering regular admission is £10, this is a fantastic bargain — and a great way to support your local club.

## Pre-Season Fixtures

Join us for two exciting home pre-season friendlies before the league kicks off:

- Saturday 12th July 2025 – vs. Wealdstone (National League) | Kick-off: 3:00 PM
- Saturday 26th July 2025 – vs. Hendon | Kick-off: 3:00 PM

Come along for an early football fix, enjoy the action, and grab a refreshment or two from the clubhouse!



## Looking Ahead

The new season kicks off under the joint player-management of Jack Smith and Jon-Jo Bates, who took over in late March. Under their leadership, the team won five of their final nine matches last season — a great sign of things to come!

## Northwood Lawn Tennis Club in Pines Close, Northwood

We run a members' Winter and Summer Tournament throughout the year and had an exciting finals day for The Winter tournament where the home made cakes were as enjoyable as the tennis.

This was a reminder that our new LED floodlights and quality court surface really does provide an all year round ability to play. Our regular social tennis sessions throughout the week have been well attended and give members of all abilities the chance to mix in and play a friendly few sets.

Our coach **Charlie** has been kept busy with private lessons and children's holiday tennis camps and after a 'fairly' hardworking volunteers' day of tidying up our open day proved a success .



For those members wanting to play more competitively the **Watford League** games are currently in full swing and it's been great opening our lovely bar to visiting teams over these Summer evenings.

We are always looking to welcome new members of all abilities/age to our well equipped, friendly tennis club and if interested you should visit our website below:

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

Our charity continues to deliver for its 200 plus members, enabling them to make the most of later life through social activities, age appropriate exercise, healthy meals and outings.

In mid April three staff and three volunteers took sixteen members to Eastbourne for a week. The seaside holiday made a refreshing change for those who can no longer get out easily. The weather was glorious and the hotel's location opposite the bandstand made it very central for a walk by the sea or a visit to the shops.

Highlights of the holiday were a day excursion to **Herstmonceux castle** with its beautiful gardens, an afternoon theatre trip to see **Spitfire Girls** and a trip to **Alfriston** where many of our members enjoyed visiting the church and the unmissable tea shops for cake! Members were able to socialise at breakfast and evening meals, followed by entertainment or games in the conservatory.

There were opportunities for free time for those who wished it. We are grateful to the member whose gift supported a couple of outings including the holiday itself.

Other outings planned for the summer are to **Marlow** with a river cruise in July and the ever popular canal boat trip from **Kings Langley** on 14th August. Many thanks to the **NRA** for their donation which made the Marlow outing possible.

Membership is **free** though a small charge is made for activities and meals to help cover costs. Where possible transport is provided for those who need it. We always need more volunteer drivers as well as befrienders for those who can't get out easily.






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*Jo Wild, Volunteer*



## YOU ARE INVITED TO RADIO MOUNT VERNON'S OPEN DAY!

Join us for an afternoon of music, conversation, and a cream tea.

-  Date: Saturday, 19th July 2025
-  Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
-  Location: The Studio, Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, HA6 2RN

Radio Mount Vernon, your local hospital radio station, is opening its doors to the public. Whether you're a long-time listener, a supporter, or simply curious about how we bring music and companionship to the wards, this is your chance to see behind the scenes.

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- Learn about our history and the operation of our radio station.
  - Meet the team - Chat with our presenters and volunteers who make it happen.
  - Experience a live broadcast and perhaps request your favourite tune.
  - Try your hand at being a DJ.
  - Enjoy a cream tea during the afternoon.
- Admission free – all are welcome.**



*Tony Ellis w/ Christine Robinson, secretary of RMV,*

RSVP by 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025 please, to: [secretary@radiomountvernon.org.uk](mailto:secretary@radiomountvernon.org.uk)  
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# NORTHWOOD TOWN CRICKET CLUB

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If you are interested in playing, please come and speak to one of our captains on a Saturday, when we always have 2 teams playing at home.

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Hope to see you on the field soon!

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### Not Played Before?

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### Played Before?

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**Additional Info**

- Registration: From 10:30 AM
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- Sheet Music: Provided for attendees

**Saturday 6th September** 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
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Operating from two centres – **Michael Sobell House** in the north of the Borough and Lansdowne House in the south – Harlington Hospice provides care not only for medical needs but also endeavours to enhance the overall wellbeing of their patients.

### Supporting our community through loss and change

*A warm welcome at your local Hospice*

At Harlington Hospice, we support people in our community living alongside a serious or terminal illness – and those close to them. This includes after someone has died, when the days and weeks can feel particularly isolating.

#### Sunflower Café

A monthly social group for people who are bereaved. Held at Michael Sobell House in Northwood, it's a relaxed space to meet others, share experiences or simply enjoy a cup of tea. Second Thursday of each month, 1.30–3pm. Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits provided. Free parking available. Contact Julia Chipperfield: [jchipperfield@harlingtonhospice.org](mailto:jchipperfield@harlingtonhospice.org) or 020 8106 9201



#### The Robins Café

Run in partnership with Carers Trust Hillingdon, this group is for carers who have experienced a bereavement. We meet monthly in Uxbridge and organise local outings together. Second Wednesday of each month. Contact: [wellbeing@carerstrusthillingdon.org](mailto:wellbeing@carerstrusthillingdon.org)

How your local Hospice supports our community. Harlington Hospice is a charity supporting people in Hillingdon and the surrounding areas who are living with a serious or terminal illness. We offer care through our Inpatient Unit at Michael Sobell House, our Hospice at Home service, and a wide range of Wellbeing and Emotional Support services.

The support we offer is free of charge, thanks to the generosity of people in our community.

If you'd like to find out more about our work – or how you can help us make sure no one feels alone during such an important time in their life – visit: [www.harlingtonhospice.org](http://www.harlingtonhospice.org)



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