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Residents' Association

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Your Voice Matters: Support Needed at Police Station Appeal Hearing



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Business News: Northwood Businesses Shine Bright This Festive Season

I am delighted to welcome three new Business Members who have recently opened in Northwood and immediately joined our ever-growing roster of business members — namely, **Mel&Skin** and **Empowering You Psychotherapy**, both of whom have opened on the High Street, and our latest restaurant, **Olimera**, on the corner of Green Lane and Eastbury Road. We wish them all every success!



It's wonderful to see a thriving Northwood, and it's down to us — the residents — to ensure it stays that way by supporting our local businesses. So as we move towards the festive season, let's think local when preparing for Christmas — whether it's for parties, home events, or gifts.

And finally — although it's only November — **Christmas** will be upon us faster than we anticipate! Last year we saw a fantastic array of festive displays from our restaurants, estate agents, dental practices, health and beauty establishments, and pharmacies (apologies if we've missed anyone!).

We are looking forward, once again, to being dazzled by wonderful displays brightening up Northwood during the festive season and this time we shall be awarding a prize to the best display judged by YOU our residents.

Just send your preference to our **NRA secretary Ros** at secretary@northwoodresidents.co.uk and whichever establishment gets the most votes will be declared winner on our website and in the Spring newsletter.

So, let me end by wishing you all Festive Greetings — and keep an eye out for our **January Special Offers**, which we'll be emailing in the New Year.

✨ **Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful & Prosperous 2026!**

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Planning Matters: Shaping Northwood's Future Together

There have been far fewer applications than in previous periods. This time there have been just **22 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.

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>

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.

Separately, whilst not located in our area, I submitted an objection to the **Three Rivers public consultation** against the proposal by the owner of the site to redevelop the **9 of Herts Golf Club on London Road with 980 homes**. Bearing in mind the number of new residents this would involve, no services were included, such as doctors' surgeries, so the overspill could adversely affect both Northwood and Rickmansworth.

Update on the Former Police Station:

The second application for the change of use to a children's nursery was refused by LB Hillingdon. The applicant appealed that decision. Originally, the appeal was to be heard by written representations.

However, the Planning Inspector has now decided that there should be a public hearing of the case. We await details of when the Hearing will be held, and it will most likely be at the Uxbridge Civic Centre. We encourage everyone to attend to show your support for upholding the refusal of planning permission because of the impact of the additional traffic on the centre of Northwood.

We will keep you informed of the time, date and venue in due course.

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INTRODUCTION

The wonderful, warm and sunny summer seems a long way away as we slip into the long nights of autumn. Having to wear warm clothes and put on the central heating is now the norm. Although it happens every year, it still seems to be a burden and already I am looking forward to spring.

If you have an elderly neighbour, please ensure that he or she is able to keep warm and get shopping done. A kind word and a cup of tea makes all the difference. Loneliness is a terrible thing.

MEMBERSHIP

As anno domini treads its relentless path, our membership is decreasing and unfortunately, the younger generation seems less community minded.

If the NRA is to remain an important part of the fabric of Northwood **we need new blood**. My plea to established members is to go out and recruit the younger generation.

Moving on to subscriptions, a reminder that the calendar year is our financial year.

At the time of writing around a quarter of members (around 400) have not paid their 2025 subscription. If you have not yet paid, please do so. It is very easy by BACS the details of which are in the **Treasurer's** report on page 4.

FUNDS

For some years now we have been asking for ideas as to how we could spend some of our surplus funds in a way that would benefit the Northwood community.

At the last Annual General Meeting suggestions were made to provide local history information, have an outdoor table tennis table, possibly in the Gravel Pits and put EpiPens in public places. Several years ago, a member provided detailed plans for developing the area in front of Green Lane Car Park. Progress to date is -

The local history project is underway and I hope to report back in the Spring newsletter. The Executive Committee is of the opinion that the outdoor Table Tennis is **not a viable project** owing to lack of security.

Discussions are taking place with the medical profession with regard to the supply of EpiPens.

The plans for developing the Green Lane Car Park area were turned down by the Council as there were embryonic plans for development by the Council. In view of the vagueness of Council plans, I have asked Cllr. Henry Higgins to investigate the possibility of proceeding with the suggested development.

We are still open to new ideas.

BURSARY

Next year we celebrate the **Diamond Jubilee of the Association** and we will award a **bursary** to a student starting university or college.



In order to be able to do this we had to make a change to our *constitution* to enable us to make a payment to an individual. The necessary change was approved at an **Extraordinary General Meeting** held on 9th October. See page 5 for more information.

THE OLD POLICE STATION

Last year, the Council Planning Committee refused the application to convert the **Old Police Station** into a nursery on the grounds of increased traffic and pollution.

The applicant has now appealed the decision and the Planning Inspectorate is to hold a public meeting at the **Civic Centre** early next year. The Planning Inspector is to decide if the grounds for the refusal are valid.

Many residents and the NRA were strongly opposed to the plans. All persons present will be able to make their point so **please make every effort to attend the hearing**. The strength of public opinion could influence the decision. We will inform you about the date and time of the Hearing when it has been agreed.

GRAFFITI

Many of us were dismayed to see the recent incidents of plastering graffiti in Northwood. If you know any of the culprits, please do contact me and I will pass on the details to the Police and Council. Thanks are due to the Council officers who removed the graffiti so promptly.

A SAD MOMENT

Alan Prue died recently following a long illness. He was our **Chairman for 6 years and President for 10 years**. His persuasion resulted in my joining the NRA. Rest in Peace Alan.

CONCLUSION

Cllr. Richard Lewis is not standing for re-election next May and I am sure you will want to join me in thanking him for his 24 years of service. Enjoy your leisure Richard.

I am indebted to the **Road Stewards and Committee members** who work tirelessly to make the NRA a success and to *the local police, our MP and councillors* for their valuable contribution to life in Northwood.

Stay safe, drive carefully and be well this winter.

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Community Funds and Treasurer's Update

I would like to remind members that we continue to look for *practical ideas* as to how we can spend some of our surplus for the good of the **Northwood Community**.

This year we have spent around **£1,000** so far on *plants at Northwood Station, tree planting and a coach trip for MHA members*.

We were grateful to receive a few suggestions at the AGM, which we are following up.

We are always open to suggestions so please submit all ideas to any committee member and they will be put to the Executive Committee.

The **Membership Secretary** and I would like to thank all members for paying their subscription into the bank via the **BACS** system.

Please ensure that your name and address is stated on the bank details. The name comes up automatically so please add an abbreviation of your address as we have become experts as deciphering these.

If you wish to pay by *cash or cheque* please put this in an envelope with details of your name and address and return to **your Road Steward or Sharman's**.

Many thanks.

The Bank Details are:

Northwood Residents Association
HSBC 40-35-08
Account number: 30614971

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NRA Membership

The usual plea – *have we got your current email address on our database?*

With this, we can readily update you with helpful local information, and warn you of urgent issues such as planned road closures etc.

Also, as the **NRA financial year** is 01 January to 31 December, subs-now-due notices are sent mid Jan to all members this way.

For those to whom we can't email, we have to print letters to be inserted with the Spring Newsletter requesting subs – incurring extra cost and work to track to ensure them not going to members who have in fact by then paid for the year.

This process of course has to be repeated for reminders to go with the Summer Newsletter, and again in too many cases even with this Autumn edition - as at preparing this (a week into October) some **482 subs remain still unpaid** after 2 reminders already in 2025!

But thanks to the increasing numbers (now 801) of you who have paid their subs by BACS.

As Chief Road Steward one of my duties is to be the NRA Data Protection Officer. To ensure our processes are currently fully in compliance, I have this last quarter reviewed and updated (with the help of our Vice President Chris Duffy as a lawyer) the NRA Privacy and Data Risk Assessment policies for safeguarding members' data.

Copies of these are sent to all new members when joining and are available for review on our website at:

<https://www.northwoodresidents.co.uk/the-association/policy-documents/>

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TRAFFIC MATTERS

In 2017 I wrote - *As a result of pressure from the NRA, the Council Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling has given his approval for officers to proceed with a transport study for the following roads:-*

- A404 Rickmansworth Road between Maxwell Road and A4180 Ducks Hill Road
- Maxwell Road and
- B409 Green Lane

After no action by the Council for several years, we were advised to raise a petition. This was done. It reads as follows:-

Topic - Rickmansworth Road from Mount Vernon Hospital to the High Street, Northwood, needs improvements to reduce speeding, congestion and accidents.

Desired Outcome - We the undersigned request that Hillingdon Council carry out a comprehensive review of this length of Rickmansworth Road, in conjunction with the Northwood Residents' Association, to identify what improvements can be made to make the road safer.

Where are we now? - A Council officer, together with a Councillor and two members of the RRA committee, visited the area and noted a number of possible improvements. Some readers will have noticed that proposals for additional yellow lines in parts of Rickmansworth Road have been posted recently. A full report is expected.

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THE NRA DIAMOND BURSARY



Next year marks a significant milestone for the Northwood Residents' Association (NRA) as we celebrate our 60th anniversary.

As part of our celebrations the *Executive Committee* decided to launch the **NRA Diamond Bursary**.

A one-time award of £1500 to support a local student entering higher education in October 2026. This was approved by the general membership at the EGM held on the 9th October.

The main criterion for making the award is voluntary service carried out by the applicant in the Northwood community although other factors will also be considered.

Students must reside within the **Northwood Residents' Association Defined Area**, a map of which can be found on our website at www.northwoodresidents.co.uk/map/; be aged 17–20 years, currently in full-time education or on a gap year and be planning to begin a first undergraduate degree in October 2026.

Full details of the Bursary and its criteria along with the Application Form can be found on the NRA website.

Please encourage any eligible student that you know to participate.

Applications should be submitted to Ros Plume, our secretary (secretary@northwoodresidents.co.uk) by **31st March 2026**. A panel of 5 will decide the winner who will be publicly acclaimed at our AGM in May.

Hopefully we shall be inundated with applications, that this initiative will prove a resounding success and perhaps therefore make it a feature for future years.

Please do take part in this new initiative which is part of our celebrating our Diamond Jubilee.

ALAN PRUE



It is with sadness that we report the death of former NRA Chairman and President, Alan Prue, on 5th October 2025.

Alan was a proactive member of the executive committee which he joined in 1999, becoming Chairman in 2000 whilst also representing NRA on planning matters. He held the role of Chairman until 2006. He was appointed President in 2009 and served until 2019.

Alan suffered a stroke in June 2017 which meant he was then no longer able to take an active part in NRA business.

Members will remember Alan for his tenacity when dealing with the council, especially over planning issues; he always had the local community at heart, even standing as an independent candidate for Northwood in the 2006 local elections.

On a personal note, I worked many shifts with Alan as a Police Station volunteer – what a privilege it was to witness Alan's empathy when helping members of the public with their problems. I remember those days with great fondness.

Ros Plume

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Local Policing *from the NRA Police Liaison Officer*

As the clocks go back and the days get shorter, our local **Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)** is urging the public to increase their vigilance around home and vehicle security.

Neighbourhood Watch WhatsApp groups can be a great way to improve local safety, communication, and community spirit. Many roads in Northwood now have their own WhatsApp groups. There are many benefits to these and those using the app tell us how useful these are. Some of the benefits reported are:

- Sharing real-time safety alerts (e.g. suspicious activity, break-ins, missing persons).
- Fostering community awareness and neighbourhood solidarity.

Together with the new communication platform, **Met Engage**, we have a real opportunity to help keep Northwood safe. Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators can become familiar with the various WhatsApp groups on their patch and get to know each of the administrators. They can then provide updates or concerns to our local SNT and Northwood Ward Panel. Met Engage is a two-way communication channel. Your concerns will be addressed and a reply sent to you from your local police.

Remember that the WhatsApp groups are there for a purpose. You can share urgent crime/safety updates/alerts and other safety and local initiatives for your community. But please remember your WhatsApp Group is not for general chitchat, selling, political debate or naming individuals without evidence. Remember to your keep posts brief and relevant.

Call 999 or 101 for emergencies – do not rely solely on your group.

If you would like to know more about setting up your WhatsApp group or joining the Northwood safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel, please do contact me.

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**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

From Northwood SNT

*Hi, my name is **PC Riaz** and I've recently joined Northwood Neighbourhood Team and am excited to take on this new challenge. I'm looking forward to bringing my experience from Response Team to the role and supporting the residents of Northwood however I can!*

My new team has been working incredibly hard over the past few months and their efforts have led to some fantastic results. We've executed a number of warrants with positive results with individuals arrested, lost or stolen bikes being recovered and the arrests of shoplifters.

A BIG THANK YOU to the local community who have provided us with intelligence. This has also helped us with great results where drugs and knives have been taken off the streets.

In response to the recent events in Manchester, my colleagues and I have been liaising with the local Synagogues in Northwood. As a team, we have been providing reassurance visits and conducting daily patrols in the area. As always, community safety is our top priority. I'd like to share a few crime prevention tips that I hope will help keep everyone safe –

- Don't leave your phone or any devices on a table or in sight of anyone. Be aware of your surroundings and only use your mobile when it feels safe
- Don't leave bags/purses out of sight or on the floor. Place them on the table in front of you
- Walk in well-lit areas and not too close to vans or bigger vehicles
- Choose your route carefully, especially at night and avoid secluded places
- Always lock doors and windows when you leave the house and at night
- Install security systems that are visible like alarms and consider security cameras i.e. RING doorbells
- Remove ALL valuables from vehicles

Stay informed about exciting initiatives in your area by visiting our website www.met.police.uk

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

**PC Riaz, Safer Neighbourhood
Team, Northwood**

Team Members are:
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PCSO Jonh Usher
PCSO Max Humphries

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A Message From Our MP, David Simmonds

The Hillingdon Hospitals Trust have pushed ahead with the **closure of the Urgent Care Centre** at Mount Vernon, and I share residents' deep disappointment with this decision.

One of my key frustrations has been the lack of proper consultation with the community, including the **27,000 residents** who signed my petition, local leaders and most importantly, staff at the unit. It appears to me that the decision was as good as made before the proposals came to light, meaning any engagement that took place thereafter was effectively meaningless. Transparency and clear communication have been woefully absent, leaving those impacted without a voice and continually on the back foot.

Moreover, if we look at the wider NHS picture, there is an intention to move healthcare into communities. This is highlighted in the **Government's 10-Year Plan for the NHS**, which encourages more out-of-hospital care to ease demand on A&E departments. Considering this, I question why there has been no support from the Department of Health and Social Care to protect an established service that successfully meets the very objectives set out in the 10-Year Plan. Instead, patients with minor injuries will be required to travel to Hillingdon Hospital and face waits of up to 10 hours, rather than being seen within an hour in a much calmer environment.

On this note, there has been a lot of discussion, particularly from the trust management team, about the roll-out of additional primary care hubs. While I welcome plans to expand same-day urgent care services, I remain concerned about the accessibility of these hubs for residents, as well as what happens in the period we find ourselves in now – where the unit at **Mount Vernon has closed**, but these additional hubs have yet to be established.

This was raised in the meeting I convened prior to the closure with the Hillingdon Hospitals Trust management team, resident association representatives, local councillors and parliamentary colleagues. I secured a commitment from the trust to review the decision and to reverse it if there is a negative impact on the community. This accountability is incredibly important, and I will be writing to **Lesley Watts** and her team to ask how this will be measured and in what timeframe.

I take this opportunity to thank readers for all their support throughout the campaign, **but it is not over.**

Owing to the lack of engagement, I am inviting residents to have their say by taking part in my health survey: : <https://tally.so/r/3E9MJL>

Moving away from health, I was horrified by the events that took place at the **Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue** in Manchester on Yom Kippur. This was a barbaric act of terrorism against the Jewish community on the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, and I commend Greater Manchester Police for the swift action taken.

Locally, the response from the police and CST is also to be welcomed, with increased security at synagogues in Northwood and Pinner providing reassurance to residents. However, this is not a long-term solution. We need to see fundamental change and an end to prejudice, discrimination and violence against individuals simply for their faith. Residents have expressed deep concern about the rise in antisemitism since October 7, and the Government must step up and take this seriously. As co-chair of the APPG on British Jews, I will continue to raise awareness on this important issue in Westminster.

In more positive news, I am delighted to see that a number of new businesses have opened in Northwood. It has not been an easy time for our high streets, with changes to business rates and a rise in national insurance contributions, but I welcome that, despite these challenges, investment is being made in our local area.

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 below:



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Ward Update from Councillor Henry Higgins

Hello everyone,

I hope this message finds you well. I'd like to start by expressing my sincere thanks to **Councillor Richard Lewis** for his incredible service and support as a ward colleague. His dedication has made a real difference, and I wish him all the best in his next chapter.

🌸 **Summer Highlights**

I hope you enjoyed the beautiful hanging baskets along Green Lane and the High Street this summer—funded through our ward budget. We also supported the pop-up library, which is planning some fantastic events ahead. Over at Northwood FC, the new security fencing funded by Chrysalis looks brilliant and is now complete.

🚧 **Local Improvements**

Great news for residents of Moor Park Road—your pavements are scheduled for resurfacing! We're also keeping a close eye on fly-tipping in Oaklands Gate and Green Lane, and graffiti is being reported and monitored weekly.

🌳 **Tree Maintenance**

I know many of you are concerned about the condition of local trees. I've stepped in personally on several occasions to ensure urgent work is done. However, due to budget constraints, we're prioritising cases where safety is at risk. We're exploring longer-term solutions to improve this.

♻️ **Food Waste Bags**

We've recently switched suppliers for food waste bags. While the specs haven't changed, I've heard concerns about quality, and we're currently investigating this.

🚗 **Car Crime at Oaklands Gate Car Park**

It's upsetting to hear about recent thefts from vehicles at Oaklands Gate Car Park—especially as many victims were visiting our wonderful Green Lane restaurants. If you're affected, please report it. Police resources are allocated based on reported incidents, and I believe we've been let down on this issue by the Mayor of London.

📱 **Stay Informed with Met Engage**

The Metropolitan Police has launched Met Engage, a free messaging service to keep you updated on local policing, crime reports, and safety tips. You'll get tailored updates and can connect with your local policing team.

🔗 **Sign up for Met Engage:** <https://www.met.police.uk/metengage>

Elected councillor for Northwood ward:
Henry Higgins

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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

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

Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch Northwood area update



Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch continues to grow, and we now have the **highest Neighbourhood Watch membership** of any of the 32 London Boroughs – Northwood now has 8% of its residents receiving direct

messaging on crime prevention and crime appeals, which is the sixth highest membership of the 21 Wards on Hillingdon Borough. You can play your part in moving Northwood the top position by asking your friends and neighbours to join - It's free to join and is part of a National system. To do this, simply circulate the link to our website at www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk where you will find full instructions on how to join – Facebook groups and Whatsapp road groups are an ideal way to build membership.

Met Engage is the name of the system that is used by the police to send messages directly from officers to residents – if you are already a member of Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch but are not receiving police messages with the Metropolitan Police logo then you simply need log in to your Neighbourhood Watch account and tick the messaging preference for "The Police". You can log in to your account here: <https://members.ourwatchmember.org.uk/login>. Neighbourhood Watch and Met Engage are basically the same system – it's all down to which boxes you tick as to whether you receive messages from Neighbourhood Watch, the Police, or both – we recommend both because the information sent from each of those organisations will be different.

In recent weeks we have seen crime appeal messages sent out from the system result in a very positive response from members of the public, with important information for officers who work hard behind the scenes to investigate cases. Remember that you can register the existence of your CCTV system or video doorbell by logging in using the link above – this means that officers can immediately see where viable sources of CCTV evidence may be available in close proximity to a crime.

And finally – with the darker nights drawing in, remember please to make sure that you set a timeswitch with a light to come on 30 minutes before dusk if you are going out. Spotting a dark house is the easiest way for a burglar to see that there is very likely no-one at home. Add to that the lack of a burglar alarm, and you are giving them a free run.

Don't make it easy – crime reduction starts with crime prevention, which starts with residents paying attention to their individual properties.



Dave Ludlow

Chairman,
Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch

Helping to Save our Woods



Miles Gillman & Mark Morgan
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For many years Ruislip Woods Trust has had serious concerns about Hillingdon Council's (LBH) management of the Ruislip Woods National Nature Reserve (NNR) which covers 755 acres. The Long-Term Management Plan (LTMP) adopted by LBH in 1982 is not being followed and there is very little community involvement. In 2012 there were 4 full time Woodland Rangers, and the budget was £93K. Today there is only one Woodland Ranger to supervise the volunteers and the budget is unknown.

In February 2025 we notified the Council that we were prepared to investigate partnerships with specialist organisations like the Woodland Trust, however having heard nothing we convened a meeting at the Woodland Centre on 13th June 2025. In attendance were 3 of the Trustees, our GLA member, a GLA officer, the Woodland Trust, and an Officer from LBH.

The LTMP was discussed together with the non-compliance of Natural England's National Nature Reserve Management Standards. We advised everyone present that we would like to have a collaborative discussion with LBH to devise a long-term solution for the management of the NNR. Following the meeting LBH were provided with a briefing note containing over 250 available grants, one of which amounts to £38K per year for 10 years.

The decision on how to proceed with or without the Trusts involvement now lies with LBH and we await news on how they wish to proceed.

If you wish to keep up to date with what is going on in Ruislip Woods and perhaps consider joining the Trust, please visit our website at: ruislipwoodstrust.org.uk

Members receive 3 newsletters per year, and our walks are free.

If you see any antisocial behavior in the woods do call 101, report the incident and ask for a crime number or report online at www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/ or via the Woods Trust website ruislipwoodstrust.org.uk

Building works at the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre



In order to provide modern specialist cancer care with the support of a wide range of hospital facilities, work is underway to more closely align the proposals to **relocate the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre with the plans for a new acute hospital at Watford.**

The proposals for the cancer centre need to go through a formal public consultation process and whilst a decision on the timing of consultation is still awaited, preparations are underway to ensure that local people have the chance to inform and influence the plans.

Members of the project team are keen to hear from anyone who is part of a patient or community group that they could come and talk to as part of the consultation when it launches. You can contact the programme at mvcc.review@nhs.net.

The proposals to relocate the cancer centre are part of a long-term strategy to secure its future sustainability for people in North West London, Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire. In the short to medium term, various improvements are being made to the current facilities, including replacement of flooring and bathrooms on wards 10 and 11, replacing flooring and making other improvements in radiotherapy, and moving the pharmacy to the Elliot building to increase space and improve the waiting area for patients.

Improvement work will continue on the site until **Autumn 2026**. These improvements have been agreed as part of the interim work that needs to take place on the existing site before a new cancer centre is ready to open.

More information about the improvement works is available on :

www.enherts-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



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NHS England – East of England

Untidy Britain / Untidy Northwood

Untidy, unthinking, selfish or plain dirty – is that a fair way to describe Northwood people?



Week after week people litter our pavements with bins and bags put out so well ahead of their normal collection day, or after the collection day has happened, that the bags become easy prey for animals to tear open. It seems as if once the first bag is dumped, other people feel that it is then OK to dump their household waste alongside it. Litter breeds litter.

Birds and foxes like re-distributing waste materials particularly if those plastic waste bags have been present for some time - this can attract rat infestations. **Do we want that on our streets?**

About monthly, there will be a mattress or a sofa, or even a fridge put out. In September an electric oven and microwave were discarded at the roadside. Couple this with commercial waste in big bins placed on pavements for days at a time and Northwood really looks a mess.

It is obvious that some retailers and businesses and possibly flat owners like taking the micky on this issue. Why are large commercial wheelie bins left out on the pavement in the town centre when there is a perfectly good service road nearby from which domestic waste bags and commercial waste containers could be placed for collection.

These big waste containers when placed near the kerb can cause obstruction for those wanting to get out of their cars which is particularly unhelpful for those with impaired mobility.



An opportunist left a green domestic bin overflowing with mixed waste contents beside other domestic and commercial rubbish just near the parking ticket machine in Maxwell Road. It remained unemptied and uncollected for three weeks, only collected on 25 September after prompting by the NRA.

Why had it not been emptied by the council collection team on one of the usual Monday collection days? It might be because the visible contents appeared mixed and not sorted for recycling, but it could also be that the collection crews considered it to be over-heavy. However, thankfully, after our intervention it has now been taken away. The ownership of the red, yellow and black commercial bins and why they appear on our pavement is now under investigation by Hillingdon Council, again at the instigation of your NRA.

Around Northwood our streets and pavements are frequently littered by paper and cardboard, coffee cups, their lids, empty food cartons and empty plastic bottles perhaps thrown out of vehicle windows. Few people seem to care - *chuck it out anywhere and it becomes someone else's problem.*

I would have thought that litter and large bins outside business premises would deter people from using those businesses as it is so unpleasant walking by other peoples' muck!

I'm sure I'm preaching to the converted – **so what can you do to Keep Northwood Tidy?**

Answer: Tell the council when dumped rubbish needs collecting, report failed collections, comment when street cleansing is needed because damaged plastic bags have had their contents spread around, consider doing minor clean ups outside your own property if you are able-bodied, particularly if it is your own household rubbish. The 'Report-it' page on the council website can be used to good effect, see <https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/report>
Or phone: 01895 556000 during office hours or 01895 250111 out of hours (Monday to Friday, 5pm to 9am and weekends).

We want to be proud of our Northwood - please help to keep it clean and clear of dumped waste.

The slogan 'Keep Britain Tidy' can be borrowed and changed to 'Keep Northwood Tidy' – do please help.



Andrew Egan
environment@northwoodresidents.co.uk

What's on NORTHWOOD

Want to know what's on in Northwood?

Just head to the NRA website:
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

Explore the Arts with The Arts Society Moor Park

Join our friendly, not-for-profit society and enjoy:

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- A chance to meet new people and make friends

Membership from January 2026: just £45

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Pigs, Parks & the Past: Northwood in 1086

Did you know?

Way back in 1086, the Domesday Book—England's great medieval survey—revealed that the area around Northwood was covered in vast forests.

These ancient woods were so extensive they could feed **1,500 pigs** a year, and the area even included a special park for wild animals!

From wild woodland to the leafy suburb we know today, Northwood's roots truly run deep.

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



MVCC Charity raises funds to support patients receiving treatment at our local cancer centre. You can help by taking part in one of the their events. Or choose your own event!

For more visit: www.enhhcharity.org.uk

Local Community Raises Over £57,000 for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre

A team of committed volunteers have raised more than £57,000 for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre by organising a charity day that included a 14-mile sponsored walk from the centre to their local pub, **The Plough Inn in Tyttenhanger**, near St Albans.

What began as a small walk among friends grew into a lively community event with live music, DJ sets, a bouncy castle, miniature railway and more than 100 walkers.

The walk was officially started by **Cllr Philip Corthorne**, *Mayor of Hillingdon*, and **Cllr Teresa Heritage**, *Mayor of St Albans*, who greeted them at the finish line.

Simon Leavold, 56, came up with the idea while receiving treatment at Mount Vernon after being diagnosed with prostate cancer.



Simon Leavold (pictured back row, right) and friends raise more than £57,000 for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre with a charity day and sponsored walk

"In October 2021, I heard the words no one ever wants to hear – I had prostate cancer," said Simon. *"After surgery delays and 85 hospital visits, the staff's kindness, compassion, and dedication carried me through some of the hardest days of my life so I wanted to give back to Mount Vernon and the Linda Jackson Centre, whose volunteers guide patients through treatment and recovery. Their support makes a huge difference."*

Simon shared that his cancer has now returned to his shoulder and spine, but he remains *"super hopeful to get through this once again."*

Linda Cudmore, community fundraiser for the charity, said *"It has been truly inspirational working with Simon and his team. Their event was a beautiful example of a community coming together to support those facing cancer treatment."*

The funds raised will help to fund **Cancer Hair Care**, a scalp cooling unit, and complementary therapies such as massage and acupuncture — vital support for patients coping with treatment side effects.



Supporting Hertford County Hospital, Lister Hospital, Mount Vernon Cancer Centre and New QEH Hospital

Moor Park Event Raises More Than £66,000 for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre

This year's newly rebranded 'Moor Park 10 & More' event raised an incredible £66,400 to support patients receiving treatment at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre.

The popular event was enjoyed by **1,228 runners of all ages and abilities**, including students from 74 schools, despite the rainy weather.

Organised by **East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity**, the event now includes 5k and 10k walks around the beautiful Merchant Taylors' School and Moor Park estate.

Participants included staff from the cancer centre, along with former patients and their loved ones wishing to thank the centre for their care. The funds raised will go towards projects beyond NHS provision, helping to improve the experience for patients and families.

Hannah Martin, events manager, said *"We were thrilled to see so many familiar faces and new ones too joining us for this iconic event. Thank you to everyone that took part, fundraised, volunteered or sponsored this year's event. We are thrilled to have raised such a phenomenal amount to support patients and their families at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre."*

She added special thanks to **Merchant Taylors' School, Fruity Fresh, Alison Williams, Dina Hirani** and the **Sky TV team, Rupal Patel, Arun Koshal, Ginnie Abubakar, Active Training World, Moor Park residents** and **Matt Gifford**, their photographer.

"Thank you also to our fantastic sponsors — Market Financial Solutions, Telic Accountants, Mercer & Hole, Trojan Fitness, Pinner Dental Care, Uzuri Aesthetics, Monarch Commercial and Maitre Consulting. Your support means so much."

Beth McNeil, head of fundraising, added: *"Receiving a cancer diagnosis is always difficult, and treatment can bring added struggles. We work alongside our fantastic medical team to make things a little easier for patients. With funds from events like Moor Park 10 & More, we provide scalp cooling caps to reduce hair loss during chemotherapy, improve outdoor spaces for patients and staff, and fund complementary therapies such as massage and relaxation sessions."*

"We couldn't do any of this without our wonderful community. You really do make a difference."



Launch of Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Staff Cheer Awards

We're incredibly proud of the dedication, compassion and innovation our staff bring to work every day. The Great Big Cheer Awards are your opportunity to recognise and celebrate the individuals and teams who make a difference to our patients, colleagues and community. Nominate someone today and help us say a Great Big Thank You to our heroes!

Great Big Cheer Awards nomination form-
<https://myhub.thh.nhs.uk/great-big-cheer-awards-nomination-form>

Nominations close at 5pm Friday 31 October 2025.

Hillingdon Hospital is reshaping urgent care through the Pharmacy First initiative.

Pharmacy First encourages patients who could be better cared for in the community to seek help from their local pharmacy. Patients who visit our emergency department with minor health concerns such as sore throats, shingles and insect bites are assessed by a clinician and advised whether a pharmacist might be able to help instead. If the patient is eligible and happy, a digital referral is made by our teams to their chosen pharmacy.

This initiative is helping to reduce waiting times in our emergency department and ensure patients receive the right care at the right time from the most appropriate healthcare service. NHS Pharmacy First was successfully piloted at Hillingdon Hospital earlier this year - more than 100 patients were redirected to community pharmacies and patients received the care they needed more quickly. This work showcases the joint working between our staff, local pharmacies and North West London Integrated Care Board. Plans are now underway to roll this initiative out across other NHS Trusts in North West London.

Hillingdon has been confirmed as one of 43 sites across the country to benefit from the government's new neighbourhood health plans.

The borough will be among the first neighbourhood health services in the country. This national recognition supports existing local plans to roll out three primary care hubs in the South East (Hayes and Harlington), South West (Uxbridge and West Drayton), and the North (Ruislip, Northwood and Harefield).

The hubs are designed to bring more services closer to home for our residents and will bring GP, community health services, mental health, voluntary sector, some outpatient services, diagnostics and adult social care together.

This will improve access to same day primary and community care, provide proactive multi-disciplinary care for people with complex needs and help people stay well for longer by tackling health inequalities and focusing on prevention, early intervention, and wider determinants.

More information available HERE:
<https://thh.nhs.uk/news-events/hillingdon-to-benefit-from-new-government-neighbourhood-health-plans-2624>

Emer Delaney
Director of Communications

Mount Vernon Hospital COMFORTS FUND Leadership Changes ☀️

At the Extra Ordinary meeting held on 10th July 2025, **Professor Robert Elkeles** and **Professor John Laycock** stepped down from the Board of Trustees after many years of outstanding service.

We owe them both our sincere gratitude for their leadership and dedication during challenging times.



[Left to Right: Gillian Andrew, Charis Burland, Tony Lewis, Julia Gilbert]

We are delighted to welcome **Julia Gilbert** and **Tony Lewis** as new Trustees, and to confirm that **Charis Burland** and **Gillian Andrew** have kindly agreed to serve as Joint Chairs.

With their guidance, the Charity is in excellent hands for the future.

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



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

ACTIVITIES 4 YOU



For further information please contact the Church Office Telephone: **01923 829166**
Email: stjohnsnorthwood@btconnect.com

Songs R Us **Free**

An inclusive and friendly singing group where everyone is welcome- no auditions, no pressure.
Contact us for dates and times

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 artists' styles and techniques. Led by local artist, Lucy Lardner.

GAMES AFTERNOONS

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

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.

Board Games **£2 per session includes refreshments**

Everyone welcome.

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

Northwood Classical Music Group

"Two Hundred Years of British Music" (only Two Hundred because a line had to be drawn somewhere, and British because there's an Irishman, for example, in the list of composers.). As usual, Alan Mills, our leader, has found an interesting subject for our pursuit of a greater understanding of the world of "Classical" music. The years in question cover, broadly, those from the beginning of the 19th century and we have kicked off with a pair of relatively unknowns, the very good friends, George Frederick Pinto and John Field. Pinto was a musical child prodigy, famous in his day as a virtuoso violinist and pianist. He also showed considerable promise as a composer but died at the age of twenty. Little therefore remains as his legacy. Field showed similar abilities early on and is credited with influencing even Beethoven through Field's development of the piano concerto. But he left an even greater legacy than that - the invention of the Nocturne, later picked up and mastered by Chopin.



What you can learn with the NCMG!

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

Northwood Christmas Craft Market — Saturday 6th December
All our talented stallholders are getting ready for the Christmas Market on Saturday 6th December — the perfect place to find one-of-a-kind gifts this festive season.

🛍️ Browse & Buy:

Discover a wonderful variety of handcrafted items — from woodwork, jewellery, knitting & crochet, to soft toys, candles, fabric gifts, and home accessories. And of course, you'll find beautiful handmade Christmas decorations to treasure for years to come.

👴 Meet Father Christmas:

Our very special guest will be back in his Grotto, performing magic tricks to amaze and delight children — and parents too!

☕ Take a Break:

Don't forget to stop by the church coffee shop for tea, coffee, and a tempting selection of homemade cakes and treats.

📅 Save the Date:

With so much to see and do, make sure to mark your diary — you won't want to miss it!

We can't wait to welcome you to the Market!

📍 **Methodist Church Hall, Oaklands Gate, Northwood HA6 3AA**

📅 **Saturday 6th Decemeber**

🕒 **10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

💎 **Free Admission**



For more information, take a look at our website:

www.northwoodcraftmarket.co.uk

Like us on Facebook; Follow us on X @CraftNorthwood

Instagram @northwood_craftmarket

Email: northwoodcraftmarket@hotmail.co.uk



Northwood Lions Club

WHY BE A LION

Lions UK has 600 Clubs with 10,000 Members in England Scotland & Ireland.

Local Lions - District 105a has 66 Clubs and over 1,200 Members

The area covers London - north of the Thames, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire & Oxfordshire

Our aim is to make a positive effect in 5 key areas -

Hunger, Childhood Cancer, Environment, Diabetes, Vision

NORTHWOOD LIONS CLUB

Membership consists of men & women who genuinely wish to serve our community. There is no age barrier - we all have fun working together for the good of others

Our wish is to have more members like ourselves so that we can do more for the community

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



We fundraise by holding collections, raffles and stalls at fetes, hold quiz nights annually at David Lloyd Northwood.

We undertake service activities like the Message in a Wallet scheme; give support to local charities including hospitals, schools and scout groups; give regular donations to Hillingdon Carers & Young Carers for the rental of a church hall for the Carers Cafe, Christmas hampers and Easter eggs and we support local Food Banks.

We have fun by enjoying each others company as we work , and have Meals out, Quiz evenings, visits to theatre & concerts.

Our proud claim: *For every £1 raised from members of the public, the whole £1 goes to Charity - there are no deductions for administration!*

Robert Green President,
Northwood Lions Club

News From Eastbury Horticultural Society



Since the Summer Newsletter, some 25 members enjoyed a visit to Packwood House and Baddesley Clinton, both National Trust properties near Solihull. The weather on the journey was pretty poor but it cleared up by the time we arrived.

Back in July 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. We had over a dozen entries in the children's classes, all of whom were given certificates in order to encourage them as the future generation of gardeners.

Our speaker evenings have started with the first one in September being **Matthew Biggs**, the well-known broadcaster. He certainly inspired us with, in particular, his project to transform the garden around the Chemotherapy Suite at the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre where he is undergoing treatment. In October we heard from **Katherine Woods** about how she has developed her Arts & Craft house and garden in Buckinghamshire.

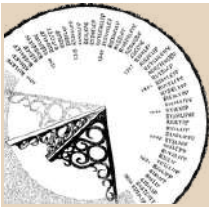


PACKWOOD HOUSE

We always welcome new members; please contact our Membership Secretary, Tim Ellison, on 01923 822162 or email: ehs.members@gmail.com

Our next talk is on Monday 10 November about Resilient Gardening. **Katrina Roche** will be talking to us which I'm sure will be fascinating after this year's summer!

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!**



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

The Ruislip, Northwood and Eastcote Local History Society started its 2025-26 programme with a well-attended talk on London's Waterfront 1666 to 1800 by John Schofield, former Senior Archaeologist at Museum of London. John was personally involved in much of the archaeology around London Bridge, enabling him to explain the activities and illustrate the former buildings of the area.

The popular author and historian, Ronald Koorm, will return on 18 November to talk about: WW2 Codebreaking: The link with America and Eastcote during and after the war.

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, as well as our imminent 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 for more information and for our indexed repository containing a vast range of historical findings relating to our area.



John Schofield addressing the September 2025 RNELHS meeting

For further information and future outings, please visit www.RNELHS.org.uk



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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday 9th November 2025



Location:

War Memorial, Green Lane
(junction with Maxwell Road, Northwood)

Timings:

- Assembling from 10:30 AM
- Service 10:45 AM
- Two Minutes' Silence 11:00 AM

We will remember them.

Members, this is your newsletter!

I'm always eager to receive your **comments, articles, and suggestions** for topics you'd like us to cover in future issues. Your **feedback** is vital to ensure the newsletter remains relevant and enjoyable for everyone.

The next issue will be published in **March**, with the copy deadline set for **mid-Feb**. Please feel free to reach out—your input helps make this newsletter truly reflect our community. Do get in touch.

editor@northwoodresidents.co.uk
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Christmas at Holy Trinity

Christingle Service - Sunday 7 December, 10am

All age service supporting the Children's Society (with build your own oranges!)

Costa Carols - Thursday 11 December, 6pm

Carol singing outside Costa Northwood in partnership with the Methodist Church and Northwood Residents Association

Carol Service by Candlelight - Sunday 14 December, 6pm. A service of traditional carols and readings with our robed church Choir.

Blue Christmas – Sunday 21 December, 6pm

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

Children's Nativity - Wednesday 24 December, 4pm

A special child-led service with well-known carols.

For more information visit www.htnorthwood.co.uk
Holy Trinity Church, Gateway Close,
Northwood HA6 2RP
Tel: 01923 822990



Midnight Holy Communion - Wednesday 24 December

Starting at 11pm, beautiful service.

Traditional Holy Communion – Thursday 25 December,

8am. A quiet beginning to Christmas Day.

Parish Eucharist for Christmas – Thursday 25 December, 10am

All age Celebration for Christmas morning.

NORTHWOOD AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



The Northwood and District Community Association is a friendly local association offering the following activities in a welcoming atmosphere for the over 50s.

Fit over Fifty - a strength, balance and aerobic class, yoga, table tennis, short mat bowls, badminton, rambling, walking and card and board games sessions.

For more information on any of our activities contact:

Patti Dib. 0774 8066622 email pdib321@btinternet.com



Linda with the Monday strength and balance class and the rambling group

Remember, remember the 5th of November ...

A reminder of the rules for when you can let off fireworks. It is prohibited to use fireworks at night (**after 11pm and until 7am**), with extensions on the following days:

- until 1am on the night of the Chinese New Year
- until 1am on the night of Diwali
- until 1am on New Year's Eve
- until midnight on 5th November



Welcome to Northwood Choral Society



We are a friendly choir of around 30 singers who rehearse on Sundays at 7.30 p.m, in St. John's URC Church, Hallowell Road, Northwood.

Our mission at NCS is to perform 3 or 4 concerts per year, from the classical oratorio repertoire, but we also have a summer concert where we expand our comfort zone and often do something completely different!

Our concerts are welcoming and informal, led by musical director Edward Longstaff.

We're currently learning our Christmas concert program including Vivaidi Gloria, Poulenc Quatre Motets pour le Temps de Noël plus some seasonal carols, all performed Sunday 7th December at 7.30pm at St, John's URC Church. Hallowell Road, Northwood.

If you fancy joining us to either sing together or attend a concert, please do get in contact with us via the website at northwoodchoralsociety.com or email us at northwoodchoralsociety@gmail.com



NMC[®] **Messy Christmas** **FREE**

FREE Fun Crafting & Painting Activities
then a short kids service & a meal.
Suitable for kids of all ages

4.00pm
Saturday 13th December 2025
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Oaklands Gate, Northwood. HA6 3AA

www.northwoodmethodistchurch.org

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Minister: Reverend Audrey D Browne
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Email: padbrowne89@googlemail.com

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We regularly celebrate the Lord's Supper.



LITTLE ACORNS on Mondays, TERM TIME ONLY, from 9.30am for babies, toddlers and pre-school children.
For more information contact Julia or Daphne via the church office.



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.

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 five different designs to choose from. To order, scan the QR code or see website for details www.stricklandscanner.org.uk/christmas-cards-2025









Tickets for our popular Christmas Raffle will soon be on sale, with exciting prizes including a stay at The Landmark Hotel, hampers and vouchers.

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

To find out more, visit our website at www.stricklandscanner.org.uk/get-involved, phone us on 01923 866315 or email appeals@stricklandscanner.org.uk

We have some exciting events and fundraising activities planned.

-  Dates for Your Diary — 2026 Events & Challenges
-  Sat 24 & Sun 25 January - London Winter Walk
-  Sat 28 February - Quiz Night
-  Wed 18 March - Bridge Drive
-  Mon 4 May - Stepping Up For Cancer — Spring Walk, Chenies
-  Mon 8 June - Golf Day — Moor Park Golf Club

More details can be found on our website at www.stricklandscanner.org.uk/events/

Further information or to book a place please go to our website www.stricklandscanner.org.uk/get-involved or scan QR code.

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Volunteers needed!



Come and join us at the 6th Northwood Beaver Colony!

Help engage young people aged 6 to 8 years old to get involved with Scouting activities, including learning new skills and playing games, earning badges and awards along the way.

We meet at Northwood Methodist Church, off Green Lane, during term time on Monday evenings. You don't need to come every week, we are flexible. Volunteers need to be over 18 years of age, and we would love a diverse range of people. You don't need to have any existing experience with children just a great sense of fun! Hope to see you soon.

If interested, please contact: admin@6nscouts.org.uk



You are invited to celebrate Christmas at Emmanuel

Come and experience the joy of Christmas by celebrating with us at Emmanuel Church Northwood. This Christmas, there is something for everyone with services for all ages and more traditional services. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate Christmas. Details of our main Christmas services are below.

Sunday 14th December

6pm Contemporary Carols – a carol service with a modern feel

Sunday 21st December

10am Family Carols - a carol service for all ages

6pm Traditional Carols - a service of readings and carols

24th December, Christmas Eve

4pm Nativity Service - a fun service for all ages. Please come dressed up as your favourite nativity character

11.15pm Midnight Communion – a traditional carol service with Holy Communion

25th December, Christmas Day

10am Christmas Celebration – A fun service for all ages to celebrate Christmas



Emmanuel Church, High Street,

Northwood HA6 1AS

Web: www.ecn.org.uk

Tele: 01923 845200

email: ecnoffice@ecn.org.uk

For more details on Christmas and our other regular services and activities please visit our website or connect with us on social media.

Michael Sobell House Supported by Harlington Hospice
where our house is your home.

Our Hospice team always go the extra mile

Did you know that in **2024** your local hospice's beds cared for **303** people. Our nurses in 'Hospice@Home' attended to **202** people and our care team provided **27,466** hours of care. On top of this our **bereavement team** supported **326** people. And much more....

Your local Hospice is here to help:

Harlington Hospice has developed a fantastic resource to help answer questions anyone may have about death, dying and the services that are available.

This digital hub is called HPAL: www.hpal.medindex.co.uk. All content is developed and reviewed by our senior doctors so you know you can trust what you read.

Please support the hospice;
Volunteer -via
volunteer@harlingtonhospice.org
or 020 8106 9207
Visit our shops

Buy a lottery ticket
www.hospicelottery.org
Find out about events on social media
@Harlhospice / @michaelsobellhouse.

Our charity exists to provide opportunities for older people in our community to maintain good physical and mental health through social interaction, healthy communal meals, therapeutic exercise and fun.

In addition to all our regular activities, we organised two outings this summer. Thanks to financial **support from the NRA** and our trained staff and volunteers, members were able to enjoy a river cruise in Marlow in July. On 14th August, there was the annual canal boat trip from Kings Langley, with a fish and chips lunch. These days out are much appreciated by those who cannot otherwise get out easily.

At the end of July we said goodbye to our Co-Manager **Julie Nevitt** and thank her for all she has done for the Scheme. Julie leaves us to focus on her counselling work and role as church administrator at Kenton's Baptist Church.

On 29th September Frithwood School, which hosts our **Friendship Group**, invited members to their Harvest Festival Celebration. The food the children brought in was donated to MHA Northwood for the staff to distribute to our members. We are very grateful to the school and parents for their kindness and generosity.




Frithwood School Harvest Festival

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.

We now look ahead to Christmas. Members are invited to a Christmas afternoon tea with entertainment at Northwood College on **5th December**. Unfortunately we are unable to offer the other usual Christmas outings due to financial constraints. As funding has become more difficult, we are seeking sponsorship from local businesses, schools and colleges. If your organisation feels it would like to help, maybe just to sponsor one weekly activity, please get in touch.

We are grateful to **Northwood College** for printing our newsletter in addition to fundraising for us.

Please contact the office on **01923 842494** or email **WestLondon@mha.org.uk**
Web: **www.mha.org.uk/communities/near-me/west-london/**

 Search: **MHA Communities West London**

Jo Wild, Volunteer



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A PERIOD OF CHANGE

Mount Vernon Hospital is working through a **period of change**, and we at Radio Mount Vernon are changing, too. There are few patients who stay overnight now, just some in Trinity Ward and others in the Cancer Treatment Wards.

So Radio MV has moved on from evening live shows and our computer-generated music choices during the day. Now we have a few live shows in the daytime, and our programmes are now recorded at a time that suits the presenter, to be played at an agreed time during the day for three or four weeks, until the presenter has produced a fresh programme.

All this means we are looking for more presenters who can choose when they record a show. Full training will be given, usually taking about three months.

We always welcome new volunteers in other roles, too. Just let us know what your interest might be; **fundraising and technology** are two areas we currently need help!

Would-be volunteers need to be over 18, DBS checked and then join our group, involving a small annual subscription and a monthly team meeting, and charity collections at supermarkets about three times a year.

If all this interests you, **please contact chair@radiomountvernon.org**

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Our A Team won the Vets League Cup and came second in the Harrow & District Division 1 league. We run four league teams and have 12 friendly matches playing local clubs. There are many opportunities for bowlers of all level to play in representative games. For those who just want to play non competitive bowls, we have Roll ups on Monday/ Wednesday and Friday. Just a nice social game.

September 13/14 was the **Clubs Finals Day**. All the competitors and supporters enjoyed one of the highlights of the season. Another highlight was the Charity Fun Day. This was a wonderful day, well attended by the members enjoying bowls related games and having a lovely cream cake tea. We raised over £300. for the Presidents Charity, in aid of Prostate Cancer.

The **season ends** October 4th and the Annual Presentation Dinner at the Northwood Golf Club is on November 4th.

Planning now starts for the 2026 season, come along for a Free Taster Session. Watch This Space.



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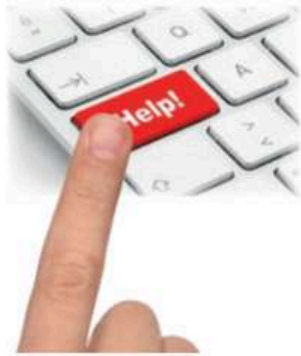
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