

NORTHWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Extracts from the minutes of Meeting January 13 2026,
8pm in the Family Room
Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate

Present: Sue Mansfield, Trevor Sherling, Tony Ellis, Paul Barker, Chris Duffy, Andrew Egan, Brian Geminder, Hoda Lacey, Valerie Mellor, John King, Ros Plume, David Carson, Richard Shave, Vik Chudasama (part)

1. Apologies for Absence:

Rajen Shah, Miles Gillman, Jan Harding
Not present: Neha Tanna

2. Minutes of 9 December Meeting

were approved

3. Matters Arising:

Thames Water say they will report the big puddle by the hospital to the council, as have AE and Cllr Henry Higgins, as it is not their responsibility. If AE hears nothing for a week, he will write to the Leader of the Council.
No action recently on local history boards.

4. Correspondence

From RP:

- Enquiry from Greater Manchester Police about a neighbourhood dispute in Manchester. This was one of a number of emails we've received from various parts of the country – it would appear that we are the only organisation with 'Northwood' in the name that has a decent online presence giving contact details. We get mistaken for Northwood housing associations and letting agents. Not a problem, but thought you'd be interested. I always reply with an appropriate response.
- Email requests for publicity from the Rural Activities Garden Centre. Posted on our website.
- Email from Poppy Appeal organiser with Northwood's collection total - £17,730. Shared with exec and posted on website. To be published in Spring newsletter.
- Revised lettings arrangements from Northwood Methodist Church. I have also signed a Keyholder Declaration Form.

From TE:

TE will ask Hillingdon Hospitals if there are any plans to sell part of the Mount Vernon estate

TE

5. Closure of Minor Injuries Unit

No further information

6. Former Police Station

No further information

7. TfL Development

No further information

8.	Pop-up events	Carols Thursday 11 Dec would have been enhanced by a choir, and participation by other churches. TE to discuss with Ann Lynes for this year. TE will discuss another pop-up event in April with MG	TE TE MG
9.	Traffic Priorities	All accidents to be reported to DC, even minor ones	ALL
10.	Review of NRA Constitution.	A brief discussion on the constitution was had.	CD
11.	Christmas Displays Competition.	A bottle of Champagne and a certificate to be presented by BG and TE to the winner: Northwood Cards and Gifts. The second, Robsons, and the third, Olimera, also to get certificates to display in their windows.	BG TE
12.	Newsletter.	<p><i>From RP:</i></p> <p>Two issues or three per year? A few thoughts to start the debate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less pressure on committee members to produce scintillating reports; with three issues per year some reports become repetitive. • Advertising revenue would reduce but not by as much as printing costs. Nett gain. • Less pressure on editor. • Less pressure on RSs. • Less pressure on CRS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ News could be even more out of date than it is with three issues. ○ Local clubs and societies may not have their forthcoming events ready for publicity far enough in advance. ○ Danger of becoming more of a magazine than a newsletter. <p>It was decided to continue with three editions a year as news could be very out of date.</p>	
13.	Subcommittee Reports		
13a	Planning	<p>A petition has been raised against the application to use 5, Kewferry Road for a Care Home for 4 children. Location unsuitable due to traffic problems and proximity to Holy Trinity School.</p> <p>A petition to be raised against the proposal to alter the street scene in Kiln Way and Pines Close proposed by 8 Kiln Way</p>	TE TS SM
13b	Environment	<p>Affinity Water are responsible for the leak in Rickmansworth Road by Kewferry Farm.</p> <p>AE suggested possible use of Pizza Deliveries to deliver newsletters where an RS is unavailable</p>	
13c	Traffic and Highways	DC to attend a Ward Panel meeting to talk about traffic concerns	DC HL
13d	Health	No further information	
13e	Finance	<p>JH is recovering from a knee operation.</p> <p>Load on JH in January to be spread using JK.</p>	JH JK

- 13f Communications.**
RP has set up a double definition of the CRS email address, to include RShave in it.
- 13g Police**
HL agreed with David Miller that reduction of the 5K pa from LBH would render LCP2 useless.
- 13h Woods and Open Spaces**
MG was congratulated on his effective work in putting up, and subsequently taking down, the Christmas tree.
It is not yet known whether LBH will provide Christmas lights this year.
- 13i Chief Road Steward**
PB continues to hand over the job to RShave.
- 13j Membership**
JH and PB to discuss methods of sending reminders to non-payers who have paid before.
- 13 k Business Membership**
Olimera are proposing a pop-up market one Sunday in the Green Lane car park. BG to ask for a detailed proposal.
The St Helen's advert can be put on our web site and notice boards but not appropriate to send an email with it.
BG to tell other local Residents Associations of Northwood January businesses offers.
- 14. AOB**
- a) No one available to go to the consultation meeting on Monday 19 Jan on moving Mount Vernon Cancer Centre to the new Watford Cancer Centre.
 - b) TE mentioned that there is a planning application to change 5 Kewferry Road from residential use to a children's care home and that he had raised a petition of objection. Members were asked to sign the petition

**JH
PB**

BG

BG

The meeting ended at 9.50 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 10 February 2026, in the Family Room at Oaklands Gate.

Appendix: REPORTS

a) Planning

NRA / LBH Northwood Ward Planning Report : January 2026 (26:01 Planning NRA) Planning Applications – No Objection / Comment

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	
20 th November 2025	1 LINKSWAY NORTHWOOD	TPO 391 A1 1x Hornbeam (T6 on application) to fell. 1x Oak (T8 on application) to reduce low lateral branch on southside up to 3m. 1x Hornbeam (T11 on application) to reduce crown by up to 3m. 1x Hornbeam (T10 on application) to reduce spread northside up tp 3m. 1x Hornbeam (G3 on application) to prune back to achieve 2m clearance beyond line of garage.	An Arboricultural Report is attached to the application
10 th December 2025	54 ROFANT ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a single storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 4.00 metres, for which the maximum height would be 3.65 metres and height of the eaves would be 2.55 metres	
4 th December 2025	12 CHURCH ROAD NORTHWOOD	Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 9 (Electric Vehicle Charging Point) of planning permission ref. 51312/APP/2025/623, dated 15-07-25 (Partial retention of the part single storey, part two storey wraparound extension to the side and rear, involving conversion of existing garage with new front window, erection of cycle/refuse store. and modification to existing dormer to reduce its size together with conversion of a single dwelling house into 2 x self-contained flats with associated parking, cycle and bin stores)	
1 st December 2025	8 ELGIN DRIVE NORTHWOOD	Conversion of roof space to habitable used to include rear dormer, hip to gable extension, single storey rear extension, conversion of garage to habitable use, extension to garage (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed Development).	
9 th December 2025	1 WOODSIDE ROAD NORTHWOOD	Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission ref. 13426/APP/2024/3060, dated 07-03-25 (Erection of a two storey extension to the side and front, erection of a single storey extension to the rear, erection of front porch, following the demolition of existing conservatory, porch canopy and shed.) to amend the porch design with the inclusion of buff coloured columns.	
8 th December 2025	21 KIRBY CLOSE NORTHWOOD	TPO 152 T70 1x Weeping Willow to section dismantle tree to around 2.5m (approx 1m above shed height)	
15 th December 2025	22 EASTBURY ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of side glass sunroom extension.	
15 th December 2025	47 COPSE WOOD WAY NORTHWOOD	Erection of single storey rear extension, first floor rear extension, amendments to front driveway, and erection of boundary wall.	
12 th December 2025	MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL RICKMANSWORTH RD NORTHWOOD	Replacement of roof (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed Development)	

11 th December 2025	1 TREETOPS CLOSE NORTHWOOD	Erection of single-storey wrap-around extension with a pitched roof, extension to the rear of the existing habitable loft space, amendments to the existing front window dormer, and fenestrations, and shrub fencing along the curtilage. All following the demolition of the existing attached garage and rear extension , Proposed Erection of a single storey side and rear wraparound extension	
12 th December 2025	10 NORTHWOOD WAY NORTHWOOD	Conversion of roof space to habitable use to include wrap around side and rear dormer, and single storey side garage.	
30 th December 2026	60 COPSE WOOD WAY NORTHWOOD	Erection of side dormer (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed Development)	

Planning Applications – Objections / Comments Made

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	Comment
28 th November 2025	7 LINKSWAY NORTHWOOD	TPO 390 A1 1x Oak (T1 on application) to reduce tree by up to 1.5m. 1x Oak (T2 on application) to fell. 1x Oak (T3 on application) to be reduced by up to 3m. 1x Oak (T4 on application) to fell and 1x Oak (T5 on application) to reduce by up to 2m.	Whilst there are some notes in the application and photos attached, there is no detailed Arboricultural Report attached to the application justifying the proposed work nor confirmation of replacement trees.
5 th December 2025	5 KEWFERRY ROAD NORTHWOOD	Proposed change of use of dwelling (c3) to residential care home (c2)	See objection below
8 th December 2025	25 MURRAY ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a single storey rear extension, following demolition of existing conservatory, and erection of an outbuilding to rear garden.	<p>The depth of the proposed extension exceeds the depth permitted under the Local Plan DMHD 1 B i). There is an existing rear extension at No 27, but that kept to within the permitted depth, and if No 25 exceeds that, then it will be overbearing and have an adverse impact on No 27. The existing extension at No 27 is not grounds for this extension to exceed the depth permitted by the Local Plan.</p> <p>In addition, the pitched roof height of the proposed extension significantly exceeds that permitted under the Local Plan DMHD 1 B iii), so again it would be overbearing.</p> <p>It is unclear whether the outbuilding has a full bathroom and, if so, it is not in accordance with A1:32 and A1:33. There is a large room without an indication of use, and that could easily be a bedroom or other primary use. The area of the outbuilding appears to exceed 30 sq m, so is larger than permitted under A1.34</p>

5 KEWFERRY ROAD NORTHWOOD

This is the wrong location for this use. There is a primary school next door. Given the one-to-one care to be provided, those in care could be a danger to the primary school children if they are able to leave the house without supervision, even if not permitted to do so. Once out of the front door, there is nothing to stop them from going out onto the street.

That also raises concerns that the level of care that is to be provided to future occupants will result in a facility with the potential for 24 hour 7 days a week noise disturbance, including from the comings and goings of staff, and it is considered doubtful that planning conditions could address such concerns.

There is insufficient car parking on site for the staff and visitors, and there is no enforcement to make staff use public transport or cycles or the like will be the mode of transport by all of the staff.

To be able to achieve the onsite car parking the applicant is referring to, part of the front garden will need to be replaced with hard standing, but there is nothing in the application that states that. Currently, there is a single-width driveway only, which means reversing a car out onto the road if the first car first in needs to get out, as well as such problems at shift changes.

The submission refers to gates, but there are no gates. If there were, then that would lead to overhanging the pavement and road when waiting for the gates to open.

There are no state schools in Northwood for the proposed age group. That makes the location wrong in itself, given that the children cannot make their own way to and from state schools in other areas.

The Noise Assessment states that the noise in the care home will be negligible compared to the school. However, that ignores evenings, weekends and school holidays.

All the supervision points relating to noise and security are stated to be subject to internal audit and, in any case, are unenforceable.

For instance, just one assurance given, stating that when in the back garden, the children will be encouraged to play close to the boundary with the primary school and away from the adjacent residential neighbour, will be very hard to do, and unlikely to be enforced diligently by the staff for the entire life of the care home. The same applies to many of the assurances given about security and noise.

If C2 use is granted, then in the future the property could be used for far more intensive care and so be an even bigger risk to the primary school children next door.

Planning Appeals :

Planning Appeals : Decisions

BUS SHELTER, PAVEMENT OUTSIDE 4-6 ROWLAND PLACE, NORTHWOOD

Installation of internally illuminated LCD screen incorporated into the structure of an existing bus stop

Decision: Refused

Reasons: Together with its prominent location, the introduction of a digital display with a bright screen and rotating images, the proposed advertisement would draw the eye and dominate the street scene. It would therefore appear as an incongruous addition harming the character and appearance of the area.

The appeal was by Transport for London

Planning Appeals : Submitted

None

Planning Decisions Where Objections / Comments Made:

78 HIGH STREET NORTHWOOD

Demolition of existing rear workshop buildings (Use Class E) and construction of 2 no. self-contained flats and 1 no. dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) with associated private amenity space, landscaping, cycle and refuse storage, together with alterations and a two-storey rear extension to the existing building, including internal layout changes to the first-floor residential flat above the retail unit and the installation of a rear dormer window (REVISED DESCRIPTION)

Decision: Approved

4 ROFANT ROAD NORTHWOOD

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission ref. 6923/APP/2025/1592, dated 10-10-25 (Erection of a new dwellinghouse with associated parking, bin storage, and cycle storage, following the demolition of the existing outbuilding.) to amend the approved first floor volume.

Decision: Refused

Reasons: The development, by reason of the overall design, increased scale, bulk and massing of the revised first-floor rear and side projections, together with the introduction of a more complex and competing roof form, would result in an excessive, incongruous, dominant and visually intrusive form of development. The proposal would fail to remain subordinate to the host dwelling and would represent an overdevelopment of the site, causing

ENFORCEMENT ACTION BY LBH

None

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

None

ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MINUTES:

None

b) Environment

Household & Garden Waste Collections

Normal day collections have resumed after the Christmas and New Year break. Those whose regular collection day is Monday should see their first garden waste collection on 12th January. De-cluttered Christmas trees can be included for collection but if over 6 feet tall tree trunks should be reduced in size to ease collection. A reminder - garden waste collections are every two weeks until end February.

Flooding / Water Leaks

The blocked gully drain on Rickmansworth Road by Welcome to Northwood sign reported previously remains unfixed and in the heavy rain on 8 January the area was again reflooded with traffic reduced to single file and the pavement unusable. A further posting was made on Report-it and the acknowledgement reference 4425-2073-0131-2402 was sent to Cllr Henry Higgins. He has been requested to enliven the Council to get moving & clear the blockage.

Delivering our Newsletters in Exceptional Circumstances

Where current delivery routines are subject to disruption it is possible that the news vendor paper delivery service may be utilized at a cost. I have agreed to visit the station kiosk operator with Paul to determine practicalities & costs. The concept has been checked out with one delivery person thus far (who delivers my newspapers regularly).

Pavements

Two instances of overgrown hedges restricting proper use of pavements in Murray Road are to be viewed by the relevant Council team. Property owners should be aware that hedges overspilling path or otherwise restricting reasonable movement along a designated path are an offence. Keeping your hedges trimmed is preferable to being served a council order for community or tidiness.

Andrew Egan

8.12.2025

c) Traffic and Highways

I've now had the handover from Peter on traffic matters and held a discussion with Tony about relevant issues.

Whilst a significant number of points have been identified, I'm proposing to focus on four key deliverables, being:

1. Reinvigorating discussions with the Council around the 2018 Traffic Study, whether it remains fit for purpose, and whether the recommendations therein can be brought to fruition,
2. Engaging with relevant stakeholders about speeding, including the observed lack of adherence to the (two) existing 20mph zones and whether the extension of a 20mph restriction to other areas should be considered,
3. Engaging with relevant stakeholders about the (lack of) enforcement of existing traffic rules and requirements, notably parking and other violations,
4. Greater oversight over pothole detection, reporting, and fixing, to include encouraging the Council to require utility companies to address defects with utility ironworks and covers

David Carson

Health

Hillingdon Hospital Update:

- 1. Improvement in Surgery and Emergency Care:** Surgery and urgent and emergency care services at Hillingdon Hospital have received improved ratings for safety following a Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection in October 2025. This means that Hillingdon Hospital has been upgraded from 'inadequate' to 'requires improvement' for safety and our surgical services have been rated 'good' up from 'requires improvement' overall.
 - 2 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): <https://thh.nhs.uk/news-events/hillingdon-to-benefit-from-new-government-neighbourhood-health-plans-2624>
1. Professor Tim Orchard has been appointed group chief executive of the North West London Acute Provider Group due to launch formally on 1 April 2026. The move to a group model is the next step in the development of the North West London Acute Provider Collaborative, established in July 2022 and made up of:
 - The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
 - Chelsea and Westminster NHS Foundation Trust
 - Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust
 - London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust

Professor Orchard has been chief executive of Imperial College Healthcare since 2018. He was previously divisional director for medicine and integrated care and continues as a consultant gastroenterologist and professor of gastroenterology at Imperial College London.

5 year plan: 2022 - 2026

The full strategy and plan can also be found here:

Strategy: <https://thh.nhs.uk/download.cfm?doc=docm93jjm4n974.pdf&ver=1149>

North West London Acute Provider Collaborative:

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

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

Together, they manage 12 hospitals, employ 33,000 staff and serve a diverse population of 2.2 million people. The four acute NHS trusts in north west London have set out a shared vision for collaboration and priorities for joint action:

By 2027, this will mean:

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

The Acute Provider Collaborative's first three-year strategy is published at:
[nwl-acute-provider-collaborative.nhs.uk](https://www.nwl-acute-provider-collaborative.nhs.uk)

The four acute NHS trusts in north west London will formally become a group on 1 April 2026.

While remaining separate organisations, we want to simplify and speed up our shared decision-making to support more joined-up working and make best use of our collective resources for the benefit of patients and local communities: <https://www.nwl-acute-provider-collaborative.nhs.uk/news/how-we-are-becoming-a-hospital-group-8-january>

Future Board in Common Meetings:

The next meeting is on Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 9.30am:

<https://www.nwl-acute-provider-collaborative.nhs.uk/events#bic>

Most recent Board papers from 16th July can be found here: [Common Papers](https://www.nwl-acute-provider-collaborative.nhs.uk/publications): <https://www.nwl-acute-provider-collaborative.nhs.uk/publications>

North West London Integrated Care System:

1. Children and families across north west London will benefit from an expansion of Child Health Hubs, supporting earlier access to care, reducing avoidable hospital visits and helping more children receive the care they need close to home: <https://www.nwlondonicb.nhs.uk/news/news/north-west-london-icb-approves-expansion-child-health-hubs>
2. Frances O'Callaghan has been announced as the Chief Executive Officer for North Central London and North West London Integrated Care Boards (ICBs). Frances has now begun the role as CEO of North West London ICB, while continuing in her position as CEO of the North Central London ICB – which she has held since 2022. The new joint CEO role was put in place to enable the two ICBs to work towards a formal merger in April 2026 as part of a move to deliver cost savings, become a highly effective strategic commissioner and continue to deliver for local people:
<https://www.nwlondonicb.nhs.uk/news/news/new-chief-executive-officer-north-central-london-and-north-west-london-integrated-care-boards-announced>
3. The NHS App is making it easier than ever for patients to manage their health, from booking GP appointments and ordering prescriptions to viewing test results and records. The NHS App Ambassador programme is inviting NHS staff and community members in North West London to spread the word. Ambassadors play a simple but important role: helping people discover the app, showing them how to use it and supporting those who may find digital tools challenging. Whether you're a GP receptionist, pharmacist, volunteer or community leader, you can make a difference. As an ambassador, you'll get access to training, resources, and a supportive network across the country – plus the chance to develop your skills while supporting better patient care.

How to join

- NHS staff with an NHS email can sign up by emailing england.appambassadors@nhs.net
- Community members can register for updates and resources [online](#).

The NHS App is helping patients take control of their health and saving practices valuable time. By becoming an ambassador, you can be part of that change in your own community.

For more details, visit the [NHS App Ambassador page](#) or contact england.appambassadors@nhs.net.

4. The 10 year health plan for the NHS was launched on 3rd July:

<https://www.nwlondonicb.nhs.uk/news/news/launch-fit-future-10-year-health-plan-england>

Summaries:

10-Year Health Plan: Concise Summaries & Infographics

● [CF](#) summary shared by [Hannah Farrar](https://lnkd.in/dnBdwAUN) <https://lnkd.in/dnBdwAUN>

● [Medical Consulting Group](#) summary created by [Dr. Zhong Wei Khor](#) <https://lnkd.in/d89n3WR7>

● [NHS South, Central and West](#) summary, shared by [Geoff Underwood](#) <https://lnkd.in/dtv5gsxc>

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

West Hertfordshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust has been shortlisted for ‘Trust of the Year’ by the prestigious Health Service Journal awards.

The Trust, which serves a population of over 600,000 people, including Watford, Hemel Hempstead and St Albans, is also a finalist in the Performance Recovery category, which recognises significant improvements in waiting times for treatment.

<https://www.westhertshospitals.nhs.uk/about-us/news/west-herts-nominated-nhs-trust-year-national-awards>

Community Health Initiatives:

AskSARA Online Assessment Tool: <https://www.northconnectpcn.nhs.uk/2025/07/01/asksara-online-assessment-tool/>

Hillingdon Council are pleased to promote a new on-line self-assessment tool AskSARA which was launched in late March. AskSARA provides impartial advice and information on products and equipment for residents of all ages. They can also find advice and support to help make daily living easier.

This service available to all residents in Hillingdon who feel they would benefit for small pieces of equipment or some information, advice or guidance that would help maximise their independence.

Mountwood Surgery:

New Partners:

- Mountwood is entering a new chapter as we announce the retirement from GP partnership of Dr Ian Goodman and Dr Liz Hermaszewska following their many years of dedicated frontline service.
- Two of the established doctors, Dr Yamini Rao and Dr Priya Abrol have agreed to join as new partners

Eastbury Surgery and [North Connect PCN](#):

- In line with GP’s nationally there is a call to action for patients to get involved in saving General Practice:
 - See the article here and call to action to help make changes [here](#)
- The North Primary Care Network, inclusive of several local practices, has launched a new website to enhance patient access to health information and services, with a focus on collaborative care and community health initiatives:
 - Ageing Well Clubs: <https://www.northconnectpcn.nhs.uk/2024/04/04/ageing-well-clubs-in-hillingdon-for-65-years/>

End of report

Neha Tanna

Communications

From RP

Website.

- Posted on website since last report:
 - Northwood Ward Panel reports
 - Poppy Appeal Total
 - Rural Activities Garden Centre
 - January Special Offers
 - Various local forthcoming events
 - Christmas 2025 Gallery – thanks to those who contributed photos
- We need to update some of the website software; Rajen and I are considering this and its implications.
- Rajen has implemented 2FA (2 factor authentication), since when the only failed log-ins have been down to me typing incorrect codes!

Website Activity

No report this month
Rajen Shah

Christmas Displays competition. Email alert brought in a fair number of votes – all will be revealed at our meeting.

Police

Ward Panel:

Not much to report this month. January is normally quiet. Next WP meeting in March. John Usher continues to send regular updates. Thank you, Ros, for continuing to send me a copy.

Hillingdon Safer Neighbourhood Board:

As chair of the above SNB, my remit covers all Hillingdon Boroughs and Ward Panels. There is much discussion going on regarding scope of SNB responsibility and funding.

The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) has been overall responsible for the SNB's funding. The funding for each SNB is £20,000 p.a. This pays for £5,200 to each borough and the remainder is for the SNBs to choose their own local projects to sponsor with the remainder. Now MOPAC intends to reduce funding to London boroughs.

Hillingdon SNB has a good track record in choosing where to allocate its remaining £14,800 funding. Now we may have to withdraw funding from many worthwhile projects. If anyone wishes to know how the funding is allocated, please let me know. Or visit the SNB page on the Hillingdon council website.

London Communities Policing Partnership (LCP2)

SNB chairs meet every quarter to discuss matters which affects all Borough SNB's. Here is a brief summary of the last meeting with the Met

MOPAC currently has a £5 million budget shortfall for 26/27 and requires savings to balance.
2. As it stands MOPAC plan to remove all funding (admin and project) from SNBs.
3. SNBs will still very much have a role, but will be under the auspices of the Met.

What I am grappling with is the issue of more funding from Hillingdon, which it seems is already on the brink.

Our next LCP2 meeting has been pushed forward from Jan to Feb 26. This will be, again, at Scotland Yard with a senior officer responsible for Neighbourhood Policing.

I intend to be at the meeting and to be able to report then.

Hoda Lacey

h) Woods and Open Spaces

- I have taken down the Xmas tree and cut it up for recycling. The lights are off and will be taken down over the next few days.
- Carols at Costa was quite well attended but not many members of the public other than the church congregation. There were a lot more at the Chanukah celebration..
- After the Christmas mayhem I will now refocus on the history boards.
- I have some minor expenses for wine and pies.
- Sean the Ranger is off with flu so no groups of volunteers this week in the woods.
- There was yet another accident on the Rickmansworth Road just before Xmas which took out the telegraph pole and ours and several other houses' WiFi. I contacted John Usher and he said it had not been reported. I find this hard to believe. These things need to be logged to build up a case for a speed camera.

Miles Gillman

i) **Chief Road Steward**

Newsletter distribution

2 more RSs have said they will have to resign.

- 1 due to pressure of work.
- the other due to ill health.
- I have thanked both for their past contributions and added their patches to the list of those for which we will be seeking RSs for #192 Spring '26.

Andrew Egan has contributed a helpful idea.

- if an RS warns he / she will be away at the planned time for Newsletter distribution, we could arrange delivery **temporarily** at low cost via the station kiosk Newsagent.
- they distribute Newspapers via a Pizza distribution company by providing them with a list of where to deliver, and the goods.
- in our case this would be the NRA RS patch report (for where / what to deliver) and Newsletters with sub-reminder-letters inserted as appropriate, to be provided by the ARS concerned (if they were unable to do the delivery themselves).
- Andrew has undertaken to establish the (allegedly) small costs incurred for this emergency service.

NRA Membermojo (mmjo Membership database)

IT manager Rajen Shah **has** agreed to take on being db manager as a dual role and has already done a lot to improve the .pdf printability of “patch” reports.

- thank you Rajen

Vijay agreed to incorporate these in the weekly updating system he had designed.

mmjo Membership database

Considerable work has been done by Rajen in consultation with myself, John King (Membership Secretary) and Jan Harding (Treasurer) in preparing mmjo for 2026.

- to record “members-in good-standing” as those you have paid subs in '26, '25 and '24.
- to agree what and where the columns to record such details should most conveniently be located in mmjo.
- testing of this change will be finalised and implanted later in January.

I have undertaken to continue downloading mmjo to Excel at least weekly and thus keep an archive of past membership payments and changes to address occupants as they occur.

Erroneous notification that some members had been cancelling their distribution of Alerts and alleging them as “SPAM” have been thoroughly investigated by Rajen and myself with mmjo Technical Support – and the problem resolved.

CRS Role

Thanks to Richard Shave as he continues to “shadow” for me as , prior to taking over at AGM time, and my thanks in particular go to John King and Jan Harding (despite her operations) for all the work they have put in this year on behalf of the NRA in maintaining and improving mmjo.

Paul Barker

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Hope you all had a good festive season and I was delighted to receive a surprise luncheon invitation from Omar Shagani, the owner of Olimera.

He wanted to discuss 2 subjects with me. *Subjects reported at exec meeting.*

My other luncheon invite was from Ash the owner of Northwood Health Shop. As he was closing the shop at the end of December Ros suggested I go along and interview him which I did during a very enjoyable lunch which he treated me to at Moka

On the subject of a local shop closing down, I understand the Cancer Charity shop will be closing in February

You will shortly be receiving an email with *January's Special Offers* so you will perhaps realize that I was busy in December getting offers from Business members that we could pass on to NRA members for "Promotion January"

Last month I also took photos of all the interesting local Xmas window displays and shall be writing an article in the next Newsletter with illustrations. Ros will be announcing the winner and the 2 runners-up at the Committee meeting. I sense frissons of excitement!

In view of Jan's recent email, I shall await Tuesday night's decision as to when I can start chasing 2026 subscriptions and shall then do so in the coming weeks

Brian Geminder

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