

NORTHWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The meeting due to be held on Tuesday 14th July was cancelled. However, committee members submitted their reports as usual, please see below.

Correspondence.

From RP:

- Email from resident of The Drive asking if we have any knowledge or information about rumoured plans to alter the layout of Haste Hill golf club, in particular to reduce the course from 18 holes to 9 holes, and to develop the land no longer used for the course for housing. TE referred it to Cllr Ekta Gohil who has raised a request to council officers.
- Query from a RS wanting more details about bursary winner. I responded briefly quoting from the May minutes and added, *"William Thorne will receive his bursary once he has started his university course. At that point we will report more about him and his chosen course."*
- A suggestion from a RS:
"The newsletter often asks readers to trim their hedges so that they don't block pedestrian pathways. I wholeheartedly agree with the request but realised some hedges may be overgrown not because people can't be bothered but because they are physically unable to trim them. Personally, if I knew a neighbour and they gave me permission, I would be more than happy to cut back their hedges (and bag it up in my garden recycling bags) and I am sure other residents would feel the same. We just need to put the incapable neighbours in touch with the willing ones! I can only think of getting the road stewards to drop off some sort of leaflet to the overgrown houses saying if they need assistance please get in touch, and maybe asking for volunteers to do the work via the newsletter. Matching them up would be the issue which I am not sure how to solve."
Please can we discuss this idea at the meeting?
- Email from a resident concerned about the welfare of the Dennis Cave tree. He and his wife have been watering it and have asked the Hillingdon Tree Officer to put it on the watering schedule for extra water. MG responded – he also waters the tree when he can and is optimistic that it will recover.

Pop-up Events.

From RP:

WoodsFest100 was considered a successful event, the dry sunny weather certainly helped. It was a very long day, but we coped OK – thanks to Richard, Tony, Trevor and Chris for representing NRA on our stand. Thanks to Miles for producing all the information boards and organising our equipment as well as being there for the whole day.

We talked to a lot of people about the NRA and our function. A fair number said they were already members and others took away the Join the NRA leaflet, promising to join. All in all, a good PR exercise.

NRA was thanked in the programme and in some of the FaceBook posts.

Appendix: REPORTS

a) Business Membership

As you can imagine a quiet month hence a short report

However, I have emailed all our Business members highlighting that August is approaching hence our SPECIAL OFFERS month

They have a deadline of 19th July to give me their offers and so far 6 have responded positively

A reminder email will be going out this week

Brian Geminder

b) Chief Road Steward

Alerts

Three "alert" messages were prepared and sent. The last one, which reported on the closure of Breakspear Road South and the THHFT Hillingdon Hospitals annual meeting, received a few grateful responses from members.

#193 Newsletter

A week ago, I analysed the mmjo recorded payments to date and sent to our printer the numbers required for the #193 Summer Newsletter to be boxed by ARS. We have enough payment reminder letters and envelopes to see us through the year.

The #193 Summer Newsletter is due to be delivered to me on Friday, and all ARSs have been advised to collect this weekend. I have asked to be notified of any ARSs who are unavailable, and any RSs who are unavailable together with their ARSs, as well as any RSs who know in advance that they cannot deliver by the end of July. I will undertake to fill their duties.

I have asked whether any existing ARSs, but just those with Road Stewards, would like to take over from Josefina Pacey, who left Northwood in June. If nobody is interested, as CRS I must guarantee to deliver them myself. This will mean that as an ARS I have to deliver to 22 Road Stewards, and as an RS to deliver to 115 addresses. This growing responsibility to menial duties will inevitably hamper my effectiveness as CRS, so long as ARSs and RSs become increasingly harder to recruit.

Join The NRA

Thanks to the work of Ros and Miles who have swiftly executed all the work, we now have a good supply of 'Join the NRA' leaflets for inviting new subscribers. I have an idea to use the "alert" system to write to all Road Stewards who wish to receive them, and these can then be delivered via their ARSs this weekend. Thanks also to John who, as membership secretary, has agreed to be named to receive the application forms rather than myself.

Richard Shave
NRA CRS & DPO

c) Communications

From RP:

Website.

- Posted on website since last report:
 - Quad bike nuisance
 - Proposed development on green belt adjacent to MVH
 - Removal of an old pdf giving police contact details, at the request of a former police officer
 - Various What's On entries

Website Activity

From Rshah:

Website is generally secure with the occasional attacks which are handled by the plugins.

Regular maintenance and security monitoring.

1. Website Actions

1. Updated plugins to new versions
2. Updated to new version of Wordpress
2. Email account actions
3. Switched chieftoadsteward@ account to Richard.

d) Environment

Nothing significant to report.

Andrew Egan

e) Finance

f) Membership

This has been a quiet month for movement in MMJO.

As we all know Paul spent many, days and hours establishing the MMJO system and it is from this base that Richard as the new Chief Road Steward has talked with me about how MMJO can be further used for the benefit of membership and information.

g) Planning

NRA / LBH NORTHWOOD WARD PLANNING REPORT: JULY 2026 (26:07 PLANNING NRA)

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – NO OBJECTION / COMMENT

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	
27th May 2026	16 MURRAY ROAD NORTHWOOD	TPO 483 T3 1x Birch reduce height by 3 metres and reshape, thin central growth. To remove a Beech group (G1 on application).	
29th May 2026	CLARIDGE HOUSE 37 MOOR PARK ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of car port	
28th May 2026	8 ELGIN DRIVE NORTHWOOD	Conversion of garage in to habitable space, including replacement of garage door with window.	
2nd January 2026	8 KILN WAY NORTHWOOD	Conversion of front attached garage to a habitable use, front porch extension, proposed side windows and retention of the existing garage doors (14-DAY RE-CONSULTATION FOLLOWING AMENDED PLANS)	
4th June 2026	6 NICHOLAS WAY NORTHWOOD	To fell 1x Oak TPO 398 A1. Copsewood Estate Conservation To fell 1x Horse Chestnut both situated in the front garden of 6 Nicholas Way, Northwood. .	
5th June 2026	PAVEMENT OUTSIDE 9 MAXWELL ROAD NORTHWOOD	Installation of stand alone frame with defibrillator and bleed kit cabinets for community use.	Application made by Nationwide Building Society
9th June 2026	1 ASHBOURNE SQUARE NORTHWOOD	TPO 130 A1 1x Oak reduce lateral limb by 3m and sever ivy at ground level.	
12th June 2026	NORTHWOOD COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION MAXWELL ROAD NORTHWOOD	TPO 491 T1 1x Lime to re pollard, reduce height by up to 2m and lateral growth back to previous pruning points by removing 1m, to include removal of all epicormic & basal growth. Finished crown dimensions of 16m and 4m lateral spread.	
8th June 2026	13 LINKSWAY NORTHWOOD	Erection of new detached single family dwelling house with attached garage.	
11th June 2026	22 HALLOWELL ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of part single part double storey side and rear extension.	
10th June 2026	49 HIGH STREET NORTHWOOD	Erection of single storey rear extension, following the demolition of the existing rear extension and conservatory	
9th June 2026	2 CHARTWELL ROAD NORTHWOOD	Erection of a single storey extension to the side (part-retrospective)	
9th June 2026	ALEXANDER HOUSE 7 OAKLANDS GATE NORTHWOOD	Details pursuant to the discharge of Conditions 5 (Refuse and Recyclables) and 6 (Cycle Storage) of planning permission ref. 68494/APP/2024/3114, dated 12-05-25 (Change of use from	

		offices (Class E) to 2 no. two-bedroom residential flats (Class C3) with associated external and internal alterations.)	
17 th June 2026	64 COPSE WOOD WAY NORTHWOOD	Installation of a dropped kerbs, front boundary wall and associated landscaping	
16 th June 2026	36 KEWFERRY ROAD NORTHWOOD	Raising the existing garage roof in order to facilitate the creation of a shower room.	

PLANNING APPLICATIONS – OBJECTIONS / COMMENTS MADE

Validation Date	Address	Application Detail	Comment
26 th May 2026	69 COPSE WOOD WAY NORTHWOOD	Erection of 1m high gates and railings (Application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a Proposed Development)	The application states that the work has not yet started, but a fence was erected some time ago and an Enforcement Notice has been served.
2 nd June 2026	6 COPSE CLOSE NORTHWOOD	TPO 396 A1 1x Hornbeam rear garden to dismantle tree to near ground level and group of hornbeam & Oak right hand boundary to prune all overhanging branches to provide 1.5m clearance from building where possible.	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 a replacement tree
7 th July 2025	44 MURRAY ROAD NORTHWOOD	Demolition of existing dwellinghouse, and erection of two storey building containing 5no. self-contained flats with associated landscaping, parking, cycle and bin storage (revisions 19.06.26)	The previous objections still apply with the loss of the front garden which becomes a car park being an adverse change to the streetscene, the loss of amenity space for the residents, no car parking on-site for visitors, habitable rooms having obscured glazing to avoid overlooking of the neighbours, and general overdevelopment.
24 th June 2026	102 GREEN LANE NORTHWOOD	Extension of existing outbuilding	The size of the outbuilding will substantially exceed the 30 sq m referred to in Para A1.34.

PLANNING APPEALS :

PLANNING APPEALS : DECISIONS

19 ELGOOD AVENUE NORTHWOOD

Erection of first floor side extension, and addition of driveway and dropped kerb to front

Decision: Refused

Reasons: The proposed extension would significantly diminish the open gap between neighbouring properties and thereby fail to respect the established pattern of development that defines the Area of Special Local Character.

With regard to the dropped kerb no technical details have been provided to demonstrate the precise relationship between the proposed works and the root protection area of the tree and there is some uncertainty regarding the impact on the established hedge.

PLANNING APPEALS : SUBMITTED

None

PLANNING DECISIONS WHERE OBJECTIONS / COMMENTS MADE:

None

ENFORCEMENT ACTION BY LBH

None

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Rickmansworth Road Consultation: I have submitted the feedback form stating we are against the proposal to build up to 57 homes on Green Belt land with an unsafe exit onto Rickmansworth Road, and have also submitted an email reiterating the reasons stated.

The Pavement 24/38 Green lane: Further information has been submitted relating to the application to Locally List the properties, but we have not heard back yet.

ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MINUTES: None

h) Police

Current Status:

- Laura Flowers is our inspector
- Gareth Blackburn is our sergeant
- Max Humphries is our PCSO
- Shesta Riaz is our constable and currently on office duty
- John Usher covers both Northwood and Northwood Hills.

You will observe that we have only one constable. And she is not out on the beat. We are sharing Northwood Hills constable.

We also have a new superintendent, Jake Albon-Massey. His first column in Hillingdon News is below. He was due to come to our last SNB meeting but pulled out. I will be writing to welcome him and ask him to put our next two SNB dates in his diary. We will then have an opportunity to update him on the current situation with Ward panels and safer neighbourhood boards.

COMMUNITY

News from our partners

Keeping you safe: update from the Metropolitan Police Service

Having worked in and around Hillingdon for the past decade in both response and proactive policing roles, it is a privilege to now take on the role of Superintendent for Neighbourhood Policing in the borough.

I step into this position at a time of strong performance. Crime is reducing across many of our priority areas, and there is already a dedicated, high-performing neighbourhood policing team working closely with communities and partners. Recent results reflect that commitment and include a:

- 22 per cent reduction in personal robbery year-on-year
- significant increase in retail crime detections,

now at 27 per cent, rising to around 50 per cent in some areas

- 3 per cent reduction in neighbourhood crime so far this year.

These are achievements we should be proud of – but they are not the end point. My priority is to build on this momentum and ensure we deliver a consistently high standard of neighbourhood policing across every part of Hillingdon.

Our focus will remain clear: tackling neighbourhood crime, confronting violence against women and girls, and reducing anti-social behaviour. Alongside this, I am determined to strengthen the way we communicate – so that residents and partners not only see the policing activity in their area, but understand the impact it is having.

Policing is strongest when it is rooted in the people we serve. That is why I want to see even greater community involvement in shaping local priorities. Ward Panel meetings are a vital part of that, and I would encourage residents to attend, speak up, and help influence the issues we focus on in their neighbourhoods. We will also continue to expand our reach through Met Engage, our online platform for direct communication with the public. If you are not already signed up, I encourage you to join at www.metengage.co.uk to stay informed, connect

with your local officers, and share what matters most to you.

My commitment is clear: to lead a visible, responsive, and accountable neighbourhood policing service that listens, acts, and delivers. By working together with our communities, we will continue to drive down crime and ensure Hillingdon remains a safe place to live, work, and visit.



**Superintendent
Jake Albon-Massey**

Warm weather information from the London Fire Brigade (LFB)

As the weather changes, we continue to prepare for seasonal risks, including wildfires.

Grass and wildfires
Hot, dry weather means wildfires can start easily.

Water safety
The council prohibits swimming at Ruislip Lido due to cold water shock, changing depths.

Call for help or swim to safety if you can.
If you see someone in trouble, call 999, give a clear location, and

Review of Ward Panels

The review of neighbourhood policing continues. I had a meeting last week with the co-ordinator of the ward panel review. It seems their main focus is on making available data more comprehensive and consistent among all WPs. I presented my own main concerns regarding their overall effectiveness and these were well received and will be dealt with in due course.

I will be attending the LCP2 meeting at Scotland Yard on Monday 13 July.

In the meantime, as Chair of Hillingdon SNB, I have been tasked with initiating regular meetings with the chairs of all 21 Hillingdon WP Chairs. I am working on the best strategy to do so. I am, after all, a volunteer and do have other things to fill my days.

Neighbourhood Watch

588 Northwood households have signed up to Met Engage, representing a 69% recovery of OWL membership.

Northwood is 9th on the list of number of subscribers with 11.4% of residents. Northwood Hills is the 8th on the list with 12.1%.

We still have a way to go to catch up with Ruislip and South Harefield at 22%.

Bottom of the pile is Yiewsley with 3.3%.

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i) Traffic and Highways

Nothing of note to add this month, as we wait, and are pushing, for responses on:

- safety issues relating to the Rickmansworth Road/Ducks Hill Road light controlled junction,
- outcomes from the consultation on narrowing Kewferry Road et al,
- speed testing results on Kewferry Road and Dene Road.

David Carson

j) Woods and Open Spaces

No updates

END OF REPORTS