

THE HOLLY LODGE ESTATE

NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016

HLEC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Just to remind you that the Annual General Meeting of Plot Owners is being held on Wednesday 27th April in the Community Centre, 30 Makepeace Avenue. 7.30pm for drinks and snacks with an 8.00pm meeting start. All relevant papers can be found under the Committee tab on the website.

LAMP POSTS

You may be aware that all the lamp posts on the Estate have recently been painted by LB Camden. We will be reinstating the gold embellishments over the next few weeks. We are also in discussions with LBC to organise the straightening up of several posts that are looking decidedly wonky.

GRASS VERGES ON CORNERS OF HILLWAY & LANGBOURNE/MAKEPEACE AVENUES

We are re-profiling these grass verges and smoothing out the dips and depressions that have been caused by the old tree roots. We have erected temporary fencing on these corners whilst the grass seed establishes. We have plans to contain the spring water leak outside 26 Hillway and once that work is completed we will re-profile that verge too.

PATHS IN 2 HOUR ZONE

You may have already noticed that we have put a path across the verge on the eastern most side of the 2 hour zone to replicate the path opposite which we hope will make crossing the road safer now. We are also going to be paving the edges of the verges here which are getting very worn and being made muddy by people getting out of their cars onto the grass.

PARKING PERMIT RENEWALS

We have started the process of renewing all the yellow plastic parking permits. These are starting to warp and fade so we are replacing them all with new card ones. We will be inviting you road by road, via email, to apply for the new card one. Can you please update us if you have changed your email since you applied for your yellow permit. And please can you help us with this mammoth task by returning the renewal form by the deadline stated in your invitation email.

PARKING NEAR YOUR HOUSE

Can we please remind you that part of the permissions to park on the Estate require you to park as near to your home as possible. We have had several instances recently where people are parking at the bottom of Hillway or outside residences further up Hillway that are without driveways. This is really inconvenient for those residents. Please do not park on Hillway outside a house that is without a driveway and do not use the bottom of Hillway as a car park for trips to the shops, work or the Heath etc. The 2 hour zone between the gates is the correct place for short term parking. Also, would you please ensure that you try to park as close to the next car as you feel able so as to maximise the parking opportunities for everyone – especially in the Avenues where parking is limited.

HOLLY LODGE ESTATE SUMMER PARTY - Fun for all!

This is to remind you that the third annual Holly Lodge Estate Summer Party is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, June 21st...mid-Summer's Day.... 12 noon – 6pm.

All residents and their families are most welcome.

There will be music played by some of the fantastic musicians who either live on the Estate or have close links to the Estate.

There will be fun and games this year including a coconut shy, as well as "beat the goalie"...

There will be food including waffles, crêpes and drinks supplied by Forks and Corks, the Estate WI will be providing cakes and other goodies, and our Fruit Ice lollies will be available...and you can bring your own picnic.

Come along, meet the neighbours, bring the in-laws.

Cheers!!!

See you there.

EMERGENCY UTILITY WORKS

If you should call out any of the utility companies, Gas, Electricity or Water etc in an emergency please could you also let the Estate Office know so we can manage the works and the reinstatements efficiently and with least impact on the residents.

NORTH LONDON BOWLS CLUB

Free bowls introduction at lovely North London Bowls Club in Fitzroy Park every Sunday in May from 10.00-12.00. Go via Merton Lane or Millfield Lane. All equipment provided: just wear flat shoes or trainers. It's good exercise and is a genuinely welcoming club. www.northlondonbowlingclub.co.uk

MESSAGE FROM HLE CAAC

HLE CAAC AGM, 11-May

The HLE Conservation Area Advisory Committee is holding its AGM in the Community Centre on May 11th at 19.30, the Chair's report is being circulated with this newsletter and all residents are invited to attend.

Camden to stop posting letters to neighbours of properties subject to planning applications

Camden adopted a new Statement of Community Involvement on 6-Apr and no longer will neighbours of properties subject to planning applications receive notifications by post, instead improved notices will be placed near the property (typically on lampposts). Additionally Camden have improved their email notification system that advises users of local applications. Details of this system can be found on Camden's website under Planning & Building Control, email alerts

(<http://www.camden.gov.uk/ccm/content/environment/planning-and-built-environment/planning---email-alerts/>)

The reasons for the change are cost reduction, £200K pa, and the method is considered ineffective.

Obviously it is best that any resident considering improving their property discuss their plans with neighbours.



The Holly Lodge Community Centre at 30, Makepeace Avenue

A new centre!

Holly Lodge Community Centre is finally being refurbished by Camden, and should be finished by Easter. It will be a much more welcoming and comfortable place by the time it is completed, and we hope that everyone on the estate and in the neighbourhood will take full advantage of the lovely space.

We will be having an open day on **SATURDAY MAY 7TH BETWEEN 2PM AND 5PM**, and we hope that as many of you as possible will drop in to see the transformation. There will be refreshments and activities for children.

We also hope to start the new social club immediately after the open day – this will be run on Mondays from 10am to 3pm, and will include a freshly cooked hot meal. More details will follow as soon as we have engaged the services of a good cook.

Meanwhile, we would be very grateful for any donations of suitable games or pastimes that people might enjoy at this club. These would include board games such as chess, draughts, backgammon, scrabble, monopoly, Cluedo etc, packs of playing cards, jigsaw puzzles, puzzle mats [where jigsaws can be stored and rolled up for completion later] and dominoes. Please ensure all games and puzzles are complete.

Several people have expressed an interest in playing bridge, and this, of course, could well be included.

Please could any donations of cards or games be brought to the Estate office hut at the top of the hill between the hours of 8am – 3pm on Mondays, or they can be left in a waterproof bag by the hut where they will be collected for us.

Watch out for the posters to tell you more about the open day.

Many thanks
Barbara Smith

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A NOTE FROM OUR SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS POLICING TEAM

Dear Highgate resident,

Highgate Policing - Spring/Summer plan

The weather is vastly improving and the team are working hard to ensure Highgate stays safe leading into the summer months.

We thought we would provide an update of team action past, present and future.

What we've done:

- We have increased patrols and interaction in and around the Holly Lodge Estate in response to a small spree of burglaries that occurred at the end of March into the beginning of April.
- We have provided several reassurance visits to various victims and linked in with our new and extremely helpful Neighbourhood Watch network on the estate.
- We have trained all of our team members in the use of Police pedal cycles in the hope to get us more mobile and visible on the ward in the warmer months.
- We have made several local arrests, notably including the arrest and caution of male persistently harassing an elderly couple in Dartmouth Park.
- We have stopped, engaged and disrupted gatherings of local youths in Highgate in order to deter anti-social behaviour that we would predict in spring and summer. One of these interactions led to the arrest and triage of a young person for the possession of Cannabis.

What we're going to do:

- We are going to be heavily focusing on young people in Highgate over the summer months. Based on history and predictability, Highgate will see a rise in youth-related crime and anti-social behaviour now that we have longer days and less rain, so we are going to make youth deviance a local priority.

How?

- Frequent engagement with the Fresh Youth Academy, Newtown Community Centre, and related services. We will be showing presence and interaction at many of the sessions to engage with our local young people in a positive way, and reassure the community that we are accessible and approachable to all members of the ward.
- Focus and multi-agency work with repeat offenders. If we identify young people in Highgate who are causing a persistent nuisance, we will be considering a range of powers, policies and authorities to tackle repeat offenders and implement effective long term strategies to improve the quality of life for local residents.

If you have any queries, suggestions, or would like to be involved with the Safer Neighbourhood Team's local work in some way, please do get in touch.

We hope you are enjoying the glorious weather and that it holds out!

Best Wishes,

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HOLLY LODGE ESTATE CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report from the Chair for the period 01-Mar-15 to 29-Feb-16.

	Current Year 2015/16	Prior Year 2014/15
CAAC meetings during year	6	9
Applications received for comment	28	25
<i>Of which Certificates of Lawfulness</i>	4	2
Objections Raised	9	15
Number of applications withdrawn	1	4
Number approved by Camden	25	14
Of which number modified to reflect CAAC's comments	4	3
Number refused by Camden	1	3
Number appealed by applicant	1 – lost	2 – both lost
Number outstanding	1	4
Of which number subsequently approved		3

28 planning applications were reviewed during the year, mainly at one of the 6 CAAC meetings though more straight forward applications were reviewed by email & ratified at the next CAAC meeting. The majority of applications were granted with at least 4 modified to incorporate the comments made by the CAAC.

Three enforcement cases were raised, 2 resulted in the need for remedial action, for the third involving the installation of Juliet Balconies in Holly Lodge Mansions by Camden, the breach was not considered severe enough.

Following initial refusal by Camden one application was appealed to the Planning Inspectorate who subsequently upheld Camden's decision.

Camden recently adopted a new Statement of Community Involvement which no longer requires them to write to neighbours, instead improved notices are to be posted near the property, typically on lampposts. Interested residents can also sign up to receive email alerts, details at on the Camden web site under Planning & Building Control. As always residents are encouraged to talk to neighbours about their planned improvements.

There are currently 2 vacancies on the Committee and all residents of the HLE are invited to apply by contacting the Chairman, conservation@hle.org.uk. The role involves reviewing planning applications at the ad hoc committee meetings each typically lasting an hour.

Martin Morton who has been a member of the CAAC for many years is retiring from the position of Vice Chair, but I'm pleased to say will remain on the CAAC.

I'd also like to thank my colleagues on the committee for their contributions over the last year.

Martin Narraway
Chair