

# THE HOLLY LODGE ESTATE

## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018

### 2019 PARKING PERMITS

We are beginning the process of issuing the 2019 parking permits, so do watch out for letters and emails asking you to confirm the vehicles for which you require a permit. These will then be delivered to your door but may not arrive until the New Year – do not worry, the old permits will have a period of grace and you will be informed when this comes to an end.

### FOOTPATH REFURBISHMENTS

The latest phase of footpath upgrades has now been completed and barring a few snags we have to sort we are very happy with the works. The paths not only look better but are safer too.

We have been following behind the contractors to reinstate the grass edgings. It will take a few weeks for the turf to take and in the meantime we kindly ask that you, your dogs & children keep off the new turf.

### POLLARDING

Our magnificent lime trees have now all been pollarded as part of the regular cycle of maintenance. Hillway does look rather naked, but do not fear - the leaves will burst back in the spring!

### UTILITY COMPANIES – Your help needed

It is often very difficult to manage our planned project works, as well as our routine work, plus resident's requirements such as moving house or their own building projects. Add into this mix a utility company arriving unexpectedly and digging up a path or road. They do not understand that we are a private estate and they need permission from the Trustees to dig here.

So, if you are having any planned works with a utility company (Thames Water, UKPN, Gas, BT etc) could we ask that you ask them to contact the Estate Manager for permission to dig, then we can manage the works, pedestrian safety and traffic etc to everyone's benefit.

If you need to call in an emergency please also tell them that it is private land and they must inform us. Once the emergency has been dealt with they will need to contact the Estate Office to keep us updated on the job.

### HOLIDAY SECURITY UPDATE

As the holidays are fast approaching, it is not too soon to take those extra precautions and be more vigilant about the potential for burglars to be working overtime.

Some burglars use "spotters" who are on the lookout for residential vulnerabilities, seeking out a specific list of most wanted items from bicycles to garden tools and builders' equipment. So be sure that nothing is left lying around, that your items are stored away and the shed is kept locked.

If you are planning to be away, for an evening or over the holidays: draw your curtains, ensure that doors and windows are locked, leave lights on (or use timers) and alert your neighbours to keep an eye out, pick up your mail or packages that have been delivered and report anything suspicious to your Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, the HLE Manager and...most of all, the police.

**Have a Happy and Safe Holiday.**



### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS

This is a very useful link to the NHW website which has a Toolkits page with all sorts of information and advice. <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/crimes/>

We have recently had some incidents reported involving car rifling. As mentioned in the past it appears that some cars are being accessed by a tech gizmo. Please do consider reporting such incidents to the police on either 101 or online.

At a recent Safer Neighbourhood meeting the police reported a surge in theft from cars in the Highgate area. HLE residents can do their part by letting the police know when it happens to them - this assists the authorities to gauge the severity of the problem.

The obvious advice is to always ensure you have locked your car and to never leave anything of value inside.

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## EV CHARGING POINTS PROJECT

The HLEC is currently looking into the feasibility of installing electric vehicle charging points on the Estate.

In order to involve the residents in this complex issue it is intended to set up a working party to explore all the options, costs etc.

A Consortium of London Boroughs and Transport for London has recently commissioned an Electric Vehicle Charging Study which is a useful document with which to inform the way forward - a copy of which can be found on the website [www.hle.org.uk](http://www.hle.org.uk) under Committee tab/EV Charging Point Project.

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## HOLLY LODGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

*representing the tenants and leaseholders of the mansion blocks on the Holly Lodge Estate, Highgate, London*



The Holly Lodge Residents' Association (HLRA) invites everyone to come along to the  
**Holly Lodge Xmas Community Party**  
**on Saturday 15th December from 3-5pm**  
**at the Community Centre.**

Father Christmas will have presents for all the children, and everyone can enjoy meeting their neighbours over mulled wine, and mince pies.



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At the recent Plots Owners' meeting Barbara Smith, Chair of the Community Centre, was pleased to report that things are going from strength to strength.

The range of classes being held is expanding and now includes yoga, telescope making and using, pilates for cancer recoverers, qi gong and zumba.

The highly successful Luncheon Club continues to open on Mondays to provide a 3-course meal for £3.50. They regularly get 30-40 visitors and is open to anybody. Participants can often take home bread and cakes donated by Gails. Lunch Club also opens on a Friday now for a fish and chip lunch run by the Highgate Newtown Community Centre. There is one paid member of staff, being the cook, who is funded by regular donations from HLE residents. Christmas lunch planned for 17th December received a donation of £250 from Noble House.

£6,850 has been given by the Community Investment Levy Fund, recommended by the Neighbourhood Forum, and this will be used to start a new film club and to provide new tables and chairs.

But they are always looking for more support, so please do consider donating, no amount too small! You can do so via this link on their website <https://www.hlcchl.org/support-us/>

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