

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019

2019 PARKING PERMITS

We are in the process of issuing the 2019 parking permits. If you haven't already notified us of your need for a 2019 permit then please do so now. Contact Barbara, the Estate Manager on 0203 538 4454 or manager@hle.org.uk giving the reg number and your address.

If you have a new car then you will need to complete an application form, which can be found on our website www.hle.org.uk

The 2018 permits are still valid for the time being and we will let you know when they are due to expire.

*Please note that if you have already requested a 2019 permit and not have yet received it, do not worry – we are still working through them, so no need to contact us again.

SNOWY WEATHER

We were busy gritting the roads and paths during the recent snowy weather, but we are only a small team and it does take us quite some time to get round. We have placed more grit bins around the Estate and they are regularly topped up. Please feel free to use the grit on the roads and paths if needed.

Also, we open the gates in very icy or snowy weather, however we do not like to leave them open all night so we start opening on our arrival at 8am, but again, it can take us an hour to get round to all the gates, so please be patient or in an emergency please call Barbara on 07731 301119 or Gerry on 07447 869570.

HIGHGATE CPZ (SUB AREA A) EXTENSION OF HOURS

Camden have issued a consultation on the Traffic Management Order (TMO). This is the final stage before they implement the extended CPZ hours in Highgate village.

Camden propose to extend the CPZ hours of operation in their new "Sub Area A" from 10 – 12 noon to 8.30am – 6.30 pm Monday to Friday. Sub Area A is Bisham Gardens, Highgate High Street (Camden side), Highgate Hill (south-west side from its junction with Dartmouth Park Hill northwards), Highgate West Hill (between South Grove and Highgate High Street), Pond Square, South Grove, Swains Lane (between South Grove and Bisham Gardens) and the Grove.

The stated intention is to reduce inessential car journeys to the area by providing less parking opportunities for non-permit holders. The aim is to reduce traffic levels, vehicle emissions and pollution levels and manage congestion.

Highgate Society, amongst others, is objecting and has set up a feedback page so you can have your voice heard too <https://highgatehaveyoursay.org/>

The deadline for comments to Camden is **Thursday 28 February 2019**.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS

Please be aware that there have been some burglaries in the local area, not on the Estate however, but it is prudent to review your security measures, especially if you are away for any length of time. To see the MET Police advice on keeping your home safe visit

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/keep-your-home-safe/>

Also, there has been a spike in car break ins. Please do not leave anything valuable in your car and remove temptations like sunglasses or coins for car parking. See <https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-from-a-vehicle/vehicle-safe-and-sound/>

And REPORT all incidents to the police. 101 for non-emergencies and 999 if a crime is in progress.

THEFTS OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS

A HLE resident witnessed (and reported to police) the theft of a catalytic converter recently on the Estate. This follows another theft from a car on Swains Lane last week and the police are reporting a rise in this crime at the moment.

Catalytic converters are part of a car's exhaust system that convert some of the pollutants into less harmful substances. They are relatively easy to remove from a car, especially those, such as 4x4s, that are further off the ground, and contain precious metals such as platinum and palladium.

The Met police suggest worried car-owners take steps to make their vehicles less vulnerable, such as:

- A serial number could be engraved on the catalytic converter to make it easier to trace and harder to sell at a reputable dealer
- If the converter is bolted on, it may be possible to weld the bolts shut, although that would deter only thieves working with just a spanner
- Protective coverings are available that make the converters harder to steal, although they are "quite expensive"
- High-clearance vehicles (such as 4x4s) could be parked near walls or other vehicles to make it harder to climb underneath them
- Security lighting, CCTV or alarms may also deter thieves

LBC RESPONSIVE SECURITY PATROL

LB Camden have confirmed that all the residents within Holly Lodge Estate, including private plot owners, can report ASB to their Response Security Patrol (RSP) (formerly Housing Security and Parks Patrol Service). They will also task the RSP to come and patrol the Estate at night. This service can be contacted by calling 0207 974 4444 between 18:00 – 02:00.

SECURITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

The HLEC created the Security Liaison Committee to identify and address specific concerns on the estate from burglaries to anti-social and drug-related activity and to engage with its residents to identify solutions to reduce their incidence. It also provides a forum to improve communication, exchange views and explore common ground among the various positions related to these issues.

The group meets every few months on or near the estate and is composed of representatives of the Committee and those individuals who wish to take a more active role in security and well-being of the estate. If you are interested, please contact its Chairman at Rob.Schoenbeck@hle.org.uk. Spaces are limited to ensure a lively but focused discussion.

FOXES

Further to my newsletter item about foxes last year a resident has found an organisation that offers advice on deterring foxes. The Fox Project, The Lodge, Kings Toll Road, Pembury, Kent, TN2 4BE

www.foxproject.org.uk. They recommend www.fox-a-gon.co.uk and mention a water-driven gadget called "Scarecrow" which they say has proved highly effective

But, please do not encourage the foxes by feeding them or leaving food out inadvertently. Try to put your rubbish bags out first thing on collection day if you can – rather than leaving out overnight. I have also heard of other water scarecrows and repellents that may help – Google search 'Fox Repellents'

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Just over a year ago, our wonderful cook, Cecelia, had to stop working for us when she became too unwell to continue. Sadly, Cecelia passed away shortly before Christmas, and our thoughts are with her friends and family. She will be much missed. Holly Lodge Community Centre has made a donation in her name to the Marie Curie hospice where she was being so well cared for.
Classes and events at Holly Lodge

2019 is well underway with classes old and new at Holly Lodge. Our community lunches are still going well with delicious freshly cooked meals created by our lovely cook Lulu and are open for anyone and everyone; £3.50 on Monday and £3.00 on Friday for three and two courses respectively, with tea or coffee. These lunches depend heavily on the regular donations made by local residents and friends of Holly Lodge, as we have no other funding to pay for the excellent services of our cook. All other helpers at the lunches are volunteers, and their vital friendly regular support is very much appreciated. We are very keen not to let down any of the lovely people who come to our lunches, and so we would be delighted if anyone feels they can afford to make a regular monthly donation to Holly Lodge to help us continue this work. It need not be much = perhaps just the cost of a couple of cups of coffee at Gails! Gift aiding makes all donations worth 25% more to us. A gift aid form is attached if you are able to help.

Yoga continues with Ad at 2pm on Tuesdays and 7.15 with Steven in the evening. Roland offers judo on Tuesday evenings at 7pm, and the telescope making group meets every other Wednesday at 8pm. Anyone with or recovering from cancer can join the special Pilates group on Wednesday mornings at 10am.

We still host Councillor's surgeries at the Centre every second Friday of the month at 6.30pm.

Zumba classes are now on Saturday mornings at 9.30am, and mums with kids are especially welcome. The music is fun and you can enjoy joining in whether you are seven or seventy!

If you have children who are artistically inclined, then Kidsart is for them. They are given the opportunity to be creative as well as learning some art appreciation. Check it out on their website www.kidsartuk.com and contact them on 07827 275821 for more details. Other Kidsart groups in London have attracted up to 100 kids!

Please see our noticeboard in Makepeace Avenue for direct contact details for all classes, or ask for more information on our email, hollylodgelondon@hotmail.com. You can also see details on our website, www.hlccchl.org

Please note, the donations page on the website will soon no longer function as the "myDonate" site is closing, and we will have to find another provider.

Barbara Smith
Chair HLCC



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Holly Lodge Community Centre receives no local authority funding, and its continuing existence depends entirely on the generosity and support of people who care about their community, and who want to see services such as lunch or tea, workshops, classes or social events offered to all those who may be lonely, vulnerable or maybe just too frail to go very far to interact with others. The Centre also offers plenty of opportunity for anyone who may wish to hire it for parties, exhibitions, classes, workshops or meetings.

One off donations are always very welcome, but regular donations mean that we can have more certainty about our income, and will be able to run services accordingly. For a one off donation, please complete the form below. *[return address at end of form]* Many thanks from

The Holly Lodge Management Committee

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I wish to make a donation of £ _____ *[please print]* _____ pounds and I
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Signature _____ Date _____

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To qualify for gift aid, what you pay in income tax or capital gains must at least equal the amount we will claim in the tax year

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Regular donations – please complete this part of the form if you would like to make a regular donation to the Holly Lodge Community Centre – even a small amount regularly would make a big difference.

To: your Bank Manager of _____ Bank

Address _____

Your account number

Sort code

Please pay to : National Westminster Bank plc, Bloomsbury Parr
For the credit of Holly Lodge Community Centre

Account No. 36880043 sort code 60-30-06 quoting ref. no. FS 1608

The sum of £ _____ *[please print]* _____ pounds

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