

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2016

THE COMMITTEE & TRUSTEES WISH ALL OUR RESIDENTS A HAPPY NEW YEAR

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR & CRIME

There have unfortunately been a few burglaries on the estate over the past few weeks. Three on Hillway, one on Highgate West Hill and two on Holly Lodge Gardens. Please make sure that you keep all your doors and windows locked and let your neighbours know if you are going to be away.

The anti social behaviour that we were plagued with last year at the top of the estate appears to be returning although we are looking at measures with the local Neighbourhood Watch group and the local police to further reduce the problem and nip this in the bud.

Someone was seen acting suspiciously recently in the Hillway/ Holly Lodge Gardens area. He was described as olive skinned, tall, 20s / early 30s. The local Neighbourhood Watch circulated this sighting so everyone was alerted to keep an eye out.

If you are interested in setting up a NHW in your part of the Estate then please contact:

PC 120 John Hounsell, Highgate Neighbourhood Policing Team

Email - Camden.Highgate.SNT@met.police.uk

Tel - 020 8721 2699

NB. Call 101 for non emergencies or 999 if you witness a crime in action.

SECURITY PATROL

In the light of the events mentioned above and after discussion with the local police the Committee has decided to employ a security patrol for a limited period of time.

The objectives of the patrol are:

- to deter potential thieves and individuals who wish to use the Estate for anti-social behaviour.
- to take details of suspicious vehicles and people acting suspiciously on the Estate
- to establish how effective patrolling is on the Estate.

The funds for this exceptional expenditure will come from the contingency for patrolling voted for by plot-owners at the November meeting.

Meanwhile the Estate urges plot-owners to form Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

GRASS VERGES & BOLLARDS

As mentioned in the last newsletter we are still experiencing a lot of damage to the grass verges. In certain places the corners continue to be clipped again and again. It is taking up considerable time and energy for us to repair these sections of grass so please be aware that we will be placing posts/bollards in some of these areas.

A NEW PLAN AND COMMUNITY CASH FOR HIGHGATE

The Highgate Neighbourhood Forum have considered the many comments they received on the first draft of the Highgate Neighbourhood Plan and produced a new draft, which includes a new Vision for the area and many new policies. They have also commissioned a Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Plan which analyses these policies and their potential effect on the area over the 15 year life of the Plan. You can comment on both of these at www.ForHighgate.org/plan/ and also vote on how you think the community should spend Community Infrastructure Levy monies on projects in the neighbourhood. The Consultation runs from 14 December 2015 to 7 February 2016.

HLE FOREMAN CONTACTS:

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Please try to call the Foreman's mobile between 12:00–13:00. Leave a text or voice message at other times.

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Safer Neighbourhood Police News

On behalf on Highgate Safer Neighbourhood Team I would like to wish you all a happy new year! We look forward to continue policing your community and working together with many of you to make Highgate a safer place to live.

In the spirit of the new year, I believe now is good time to establish some goals and vision for local policing in 2016:

An increase in visible foot patrols in targeted areas, potentially looking at trying the effectiveness of stationary pulse patrols (uniformed officers standing at vantage point for 30 minute stretches)

Why?

A common theme of current policing is the assertion that uniformed officers are never seen walking on your streets. We would like to address this by ensuring we are seen. Therefore as opposed to walking through an area, we will choose a high activity area and remain there for 30 minutes, talking to many of you as you walk by and acting as a prolonged visible deterrent.

More contact and information

Why?

The Met as a whole has been identified as lacking in communication in areas such as what we are doing in your communities to tackle crime. Many of you may have received my email summarizing the issue of burglary and what we are doing about it last year, we look to replicate this model for other crime types at least once a month in 2016.

More local familiarity

Why?

My role as DWO (dedicated ward officer) is summarized as follows: Residents all across London should be able to name two police officers in the met: The commissioner, and their local police officer. In order to attain this ideal, I aim to be involved in all things Highgate community. From street parties to resident meetings. If there is a local event that you believe will benefit from my presence, let me know and I will attend. Hopefully by the end of 2016 I will be widely recognised by the majority of Highgate!

More proactive than reactive

Why?

With cuts to policing that are widely publicised, it is no secret that our responses to incidences cannot realistically be as effective as they once were.

I know our response officers will continue to go above and beyond to protect you and detect crimes as much as they can, but we would ideally like them to have less to deal with. Therefore, our focus on crime prevention in 2016 will be as strong as possible, with events such as 'beat the burglar' being just a taste of what we can achieve together.

All of these visions combined should see Highgate become a safer place, and the good news is YOU can have an affect on how successful we are...

We invite you in 2016 to work with us on issues from burglary to transport, violence to dog fouling. Whatever the issue, we will always be more effective with public support.

We wish you the very best for the new year, and hope you have a safe and enjoyable 2016.

Kind regards,

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