

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2015

THE HALF YEARLY PLOT OWNERS' MEETING

is planned for 8 pm Wednesday 11th November at The Community Centre 30 Makepeace Avenue. The Agenda and Chair's report will come out to all Plot Owners beforehand and will be available, along with the financial report, at the meeting as well as on the website.

ROAD & FOOTPATH REPAIRS

Thank you to everyone for being so patient and accommodating whilst we undertook this project. We hope you agree that the roads look much better, not to mention making the footpaths safer for us all. Further works are planned for next year as part of our rolling programme of refurbishments.

ESTATE SECURITY UPDATE

As mentioned in the last newsletter we have been trialling a security patrol every night for the last month and the trial has now finished. Initial reports seem to indicate that we have successfully moved the anti social behaviour off the estate as we have only had one report of noise or nuisance since 25th September. However, we will continue to review this on an ongoing basis.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEMES

Your local policing team are eager to expand the Neighbourhood Watch Schemes on the Estate, and would love for you to be involved. We have a successful one just formed in Holly Lodge Gardens.

What are the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch?

A closer eye on the goings on in your area can help the police plan their actions to keep your neighbourhood safe.

Neighbourhood watch brings communities together and can be a great way to get to know your fellow estate residents.

Official and authorised neighbourhood watch schemes allow all members to enjoy 5% off their home insurance.

What do you need to do to join?

You may have already registered your interest previously, however if you are interested in being a part of the NWS, please send you name, home address and email address to:

Camden.Highgate.SNT@met.police.uk

Remember; it costs nothing and can make a real difference to the safety of your community!

SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS POLICE STREET BRIEFING

24th October, 2015. 11am - 3pm

What is a Street Briefing?

A street briefing is a monthly community engagement event hosted by your local dedicated Police Officer and Community Support Officer. The event is designed to be an informal drop-in session for local residents to call in at their convenience and chat to their local policing team. The event runs from 11am - 3pm, so please visit us at any time within that gap and stay for as long as you would like!

SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS POLICE STREET BRIEFING continued

Why should I come to a Street Briefing?

- If you have a local concern that the police could help you with.
- If you would like some general or specific advice on crime prevention.
- If you are interested in the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and would like to find out more.
- If you wish to know who your local officers are and get to know them.
- If you are looking for something to do on Saturday 24th October from 11am - 3pm!

Venue Information:

Holly Lodge Gardens
Holly Lodge Estate, N6
Highgate

PC 120 John Hounsell &
PCSO 7189 Leigh Bremner
Highgate Neighbourhood Policing Team
Email - Camden.Highgate.SNT@met.police.uk
Tel - 020 8721 2699

PARKING SURVEY RESULTS

Respondents' profile

218 questionnaires were returned (compared to 130 in 2009), of whom 64% came from houses, 36% from flats. 87% of respondents had 2 or fewer cars, including 6% who had no vehicles.

Is parking a problem – and will it become so?

Only a quarter think there is currently a parking problem (abuse of the system often being cited as the reason).

Agree parking is a problem	27%
Neither/nor	27%
Disagree	46%

The view of those living on the avenues is comparable to the sample as a whole. However parking is clearly an issue at the bottom of the estate (Bromwich Avenue and the bottom of Hillway) where 53% think parking is a problem (10 out of 19 replies)

Slightly over half agree there should be a limit to the number of cars that can be parked on the roads. Not surprisingly, the more cars people park on the Estate roads the less likely they are to support the idea and, if they do support it, the higher they think the limit should be – in other words, a limit is OK as long as the cars I park are OK!

Visitor parking

Only 28% think the current visitor parking system of informal notes is not working (predominantly, verbatim comments suggest, because of either abuse of the system or problems with the parking services company); and only one third consider that a more formal system such as scratch cards would be a good idea. These latter are evenly divided as to whether the number of scratch cards should be limited or not. There is overwhelming resistance to paying for scratch cards.

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PARKING SURVEY RESULTS continued

'Personal parking problems'

Most frequently cited 'problems' were the parking services company, house refurbishment obstructions, delivery vans, not being able to park near home (and conversely people parking who live in other roads), abuse of the visitor system, the 24/7 enforcement and parking on cross-overs.

Conclusions

The survey does not give the committee a mandate to change the current system (or specifically to introduce a more formal system of parking management).

The survey should very probably be repeated shortly after the refurbishment/ reoccupation of the flats is completed.

See website for full report www.hle.org.uk

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Due to seasonal workload, the Foreman's mobile will only be answered at 12:00–13:00 during the week. Please leave a text or voice message at other times.

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HLE COMMITTEE SECRETARY CONTACT:

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The Holly Lodge Community Centre at 30, Makepeace Avenue



The Holly Lodge Community Centre is offering a **"Kid's Halloween craft day"** on Saturday October 31st. There will be people around to help children make masks, hats, "trick or treat" bags etc for just the cost of materials. Kids can also get their faces painted in spooky style!

Entry is just 50p and some crafts will be free. There will also be games and refreshments. Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult



Time – 2-5pm at the Community Centre

Look out for the posters!