

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2015

Holly Lodge Estate Summer Party - Fun for all!

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.

Parties in the Park

Residents are welcome to use the gardens and park for parties but please do remember to let us know so we can make sure we don't have too many on at any one time and so we can help with rubbish collection, notify neighbours if needed etc. Please note though that we do not allow barbecues.

Dog Poo

The dog waste bin has been replaced at the bottom of Hillway now and we have moved one next to the gate off the large park onto Holly Lodge Gardens. There is no excuse for piles of dog waste being left around the estate now. We appreciate that it may well be visitors to the estate that are the main culprits so, if you feel able, when you see anyone leaving their dog mess do please point out where the bins are. It is not only vile for our staff, who have to clear it up or worse still get sprayed with it when strimming or mowing, it is also a health and safety issue for the many children who enjoy playing in the parks. You can also use the general waste bins for dog mess.

Parking Permits

We are aware that some of the very old permits are fading. Please return them to us at the Estate office and we will replace them. Don't forget to put an 'Awaiting Permit' note on your dashboard. Also FYI the mobile number we ask for on visitors' notes is for HLEC use only in case we have to ask you to move the car. The MET attendants will not call the number.

Lost Property

We often pick up lost property whilst out and about on the Estate. It is worth checking with us if you are missing anything. Currently we have a Yale key on a pink key fob, a Ruko key no fob, a man's leather wallet and a carrier bag of men's clothing & books.

Holly Lodge Summer Shakespeare Workshop

One of our residents is running a summer workshop 17-21 August 2015.

If you are aged 7-12 and are interested in drama and art why not go along and get involved. For more information please call Lisa on 07941 928337 or email dramaworkshops@hotmail.com

Drains

As some of you may be aware we had all the Estate drains and gullies cleaned last week. Some of them were in a very bad state being full of builders' rubble, cement etc plus a large quantity of engine oil in one drain. Please can you ask your contractors to take care when disposing of their waste and do not use the drains. It is very time consuming and expensive to put this right. We will have to make a charge against anyone found fouling the drains.

Update on anti social behaviour on the Estate

After a concerted effort by local residents and our Highgate Safer Neighbourhood Police team there has been a lull in the antisocial behaviour that we reported in last month's newsletter – namely car loads of lads parked up drinking and making a noise late into the night.

However, unfortunately it seems to have started again. If you witness any of this behaviour please call 101 and please alert us as well. manager@hle.org.uk, secretary@hle.org.uk

Crime Reporting

There have been a few reports of break ins to cars and properties on the Estate, as well as an assault. Unfortunately many people don't report petty crimes to the police. It is important to do so, no matter how seemingly small the crime. Whilst we are considered by the Police to be a low crime area we are trying to get a clearer picture of the scale of crime on the Estate and are currently collecting information about any incidents so we can look at what actions, if any, we might need to take – eg. Setting up a Neighbourhood watch scheme.

Please call 101 to report a non emergency and let us know at manager@hle.org.uk, secretary@hle.org.uk

Your local Safer Neighbourhoods team is keen to hear about any anti-social behaviour issues you may be having in your area. They will be available at a **Street Briefing** on Saturday 18th July 2015, 3pm to 6pm outside Tescos on Swains Lane.

Please feel free to use this opportunity to go and meet your local team, PCSO Leigh Bremner 7189EK and PC Dave Cooper 375EK, receive crime prevention advice and raise any concerns you might have.

HLE FOREMAN CONTACTS:

Mobile phone: 07447 869570 Email: foreman@hle.org.uk

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.

HLE MANAGER CONTACTS:

Office: 0203 538 4454 Mobile phone: 07731 301119 Email: manager@hle.org.uk

HLE COMMITTEE SECRETARY CONTACT:

Email: secretary@hle.org.uk

News From Our Local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team

Scaffold Security

When work is being carried out on properties where scaffolding is erected, you are reminded that most burglaries are carried out by opportunists. Two out of every 10 burglars don't even have to use force to gain entry; they gain access through an open window or door. Approximately 3 out of 10 burglars get through an unsecured open window.

Scaffolding can be easy to climb and provide access to higher levels where windows, both front and rear, may be less secure.

MAKE LIFE DIFFICULT FOR BURGLARS BY FOLLOWING THE BELOW ADVICE ON BURGLARY PREVENTION:

All Opening Accessible Windows:

Fit key operated window locks, bolts or stoppers.

Suitable locks for this purpose are available for wooden, metal and PVC constructed windows.

Two locks are recommended for wooden windows with an opening edge of greater than 30"

Vehicle Security

Always lock your vehicle and use an Alarm and Immobilizer. Motor cycles should have a disk lock fitted and be secured with a ground anchor.

Always protect your keys, never leave a running vehicle unattended and place your keys and any vehicle documents out of sight in your home.

Steering wheel locks or wheel clamps are also recommended.

Fitting locking wheel nuts will reduce the likelihood of wheels and tyres from being stolen.

Tamper resistant screws will prevent your number plates being stolen.

All items should be taken with you or removed from open view and placed in the boot.

Consider having your car or bike security marked with one of the recommended methods or fitted with a tracking device.

When driving in slow moving traffic activate your central locking and keep your windows up and your handbag or valuables down in the footwell.

When parking try to leave your vehicle in a safe place that is managed with security staff, good lighting, and CCTV surveillance – for a list of Police approved parking places please visit British Parking Association.

Purchasing a used vehicle

Ask to see proof of the seller's identity and address - an official letter or driving licence, for example.

Make sure the vehicle's VIN matches that on the registration document (V5) - The VIN, formerly known as the chassis number, is a unique 17 character number issued to every vehicle by the manufacturer and can be found: Stamped on the body chassis or frame on a manufacturer's VIN plate under the bonnet or fixed to the post between the front and rear doors or on an additional plate fixed securely to the top corner of the dashboard where it can easily be seen through the windscreen - this is called a visible VIN.

Never buy a vehicle without the registration document (V5) - make sure it has a DVLA watermark and has not been altered in any way.

If in doubt, ask the AA, RAC or another reputable organisation to inspect the vehicle before agreeing to buy.

You can check the vehicle's history and second-hand status by contacting Equifax HPI.

If you're buying a used vehicle, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) can also tell you what it knows about the vehicle. That information can include the make and model, the year it was built, and whether tax is owed on the vehicle.

PCSO 7189 Leigh Bremner

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The Holly Lodge Community Centre at 30, Makepeace Avenue

Dear Residents,

We are still waiting to hear from Camden about our hoped for refurbishment, but contractors have been to have a look and we should hear very soon now. The Centre continues to just “hold its own” in terms of lettings and classes, and the Resident’s Association with the Holly Lodge Committee again gave a Sunday afternoon tea on May 17th for any residents to come along and enjoy a social gathering with sandwiches, cake, live music, sherry and tea. There were at least thirty people attending, and the 50’s theme went down well. We try to organise one of these teas around once a month or so, and everyone is welcome. Do consider dropping in next time you see a poster with the date of the next tea.

We hope that once the Centre has been refurbished, we will have a better idea of our income, and will start to consider how we can offer a more regular, weekly social event at the Centre aimed particularly at our older residents. Working with our close neighbours, Highgate Newtown Community Centre, and St Anne’s, we will use the results of our survey to gauge what kind of service to offer at Holly Lodge, perhaps lunch, or a regular tea. Much depends on whether or not we will be able to afford to employ anyone on a regular basis. On that note, if you would like to make a donation please find attached donation/ giftaid form.

We are very grateful for the support and donations we have received for the Community Centre so far. Day Morris estate agents have very generously offered to give Holly Lodge Community Centre 10% of their commission on any sale or rental on the estate towards Holly Lodge services for our older residents, which will be a great boost for us.

If you haven’t returned our survey yet, there is still time to do so, or if you didn’t get one, or if it has been lost, you are still most welcome to offer any suggestions on how you would like to see the Centre used as a focal point for the whole of the Holly Lodge community. A note through the door [30 Makepeace Avenue] or an email to hollylodgelondon@hotmail.com would be fine.

The Community Centre will also have a table at The Fair in the Square on the 13th of June, so do come and say hello!

Barbara Smith
Chair, Holly Lodge Community Centre

Yoga at Holly Lodge Community Centre, 30 Makepeace Avenue

Thursday evenings 7.15 to 8.30pm - suitable for all levels, including beginners.

Class cost £12. You will need to book in each week with Annie as spaces are limited. Mats and props provided. More information about Annie and the style of yoga (together with testimonials and details of other classes in Highgate) on her website: www.yogayo.weebly.com.

Facebook page www.facebook.com/Suppledame - Annie posts an article related to each week's class theme (i.e. balance). Alternatively email or call annierigby@blueyonder.co.uk or 07971 921 029.

One-to-one sessions in your own home can also be arranged.