

THE HOLLY LODGE ESTATE

FROM THE COMMITTEE REPRESENTING ALL PLOT OWNERS & INFORMING ALL RESIDENTS

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2021 PARKING PERMITS

As you may be aware we have had difficulties with issuing the 2021 permits. This problem has now been resolved and we have sent an email link to the email address we have registered against your vehicle. Please follow the link as soon as possible to verify your need for a 2021 permit. We will then generate all the permits and drop them round to you. This is likely to take a week or two. Please be assured that your 2020 permits will remain valid until this process has been completed.

EVENING PARKING MANAGEMENT AT THE TOP OF THE ESTATE – ANPR TRIAL

For the last year or so the Committee has been researching the use of cameras to help deter the late evening visitors who mainly arrive in a car and act in an anti-social way playing loud music, smoking drugs, etc at the top of the estate. The original scheme using CCTV cameras proved unacceptable for enforcement (issue of a PCN). However, MET can now provide ANPR cameras (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) that is a proven technology and widely used in car parks.

As explained at the recent Estate Zoom meeting, the cameras will be positioned to capture vehicles entering and leaving the zone between the entrance to Holly Lodge Gardens off Highgate West Hill to the junction of Hillway and Oakeshott Avenue / Holly Lodge Mansions. Visitor vehicles entering this zone and remaining for more than 10 minutes between 20.00 and 06.00 will need to be authorised by a resident to avoid receiving a PCN. Authorisation will be provided via a computer / tablet / phone App. All HLE residents' vehicles will automatically be 'white listed'.

The first step, installation of the cameras, will occur shortly and will be followed by additional signage. Prior to "going live" with a date announced in advance, a user-guide will be distributed to those residents living in the zone and available to others on request.

FIREWORKS

We know times are difficult and we would not want to curb what little enjoyment we are able to generate at the moment, but if you are intending to let off fireworks from your garden please could you let your neighbours know, and if you are on the WhatsApp group post a notice there too so the wider Estate are aware and can keep pets indoors. And it would be much appreciated if you do use fireworks, that they not be set off late in the evening when children (and pets) are in their beds.

CYCLING ON PATHS

Whilst it is great to see more of you out on bikes we continue to see cyclists on the footpaths. This has already caused several accidents. Please, please walk your bike or get onto the road. We are trialling cyclists' gates at both ends of Langbourne Avenue which give cyclists direct access onto the road.

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DOG OWNERS!

We have had reports from several residents of suspicious behaviour on the Estate when out walking their dogs...especially puppies. Their concerns centre around the sense of being followed or observed as if those individuals (usually in a vehicle driving slowly alongside the walker) were checking out the dog and where they live.

With the rise in dog thefts in London due to their increased value since the lockdowns began, we encourage you to:

- **Always** report to the police with any specific details (such as vehicle make/model and registration) should an incident (attempted or suspicious) occur,
- **Be** aware of activity around you both on and off the Estate,
- **Contact** the Estate manager with details of incident plus crime reference number

Here is some crime prevention advice from our local Police.

Protect your dog against theft

- Think twice before leaving your dog tied up outside a shop
- Don't leave your dog alone in the car, even for a few minutes
- Make sure your garden is secure if your dog is out there

Prevent your dog being stolen while out walking

- Beware of strangers asking you questions about your dog
- Keep an eye on your dog at all times if off the lead
- Vary your times of walks and routes; some dogs are actually targeted and snatched during walks.

SUPPORTING THE ROYAL FREE ICU STAFF

Our support for these wonderful staff is winding down now as they are getting meals and water delivered by the hospital. So we have contributed some of your generous donations to staff wellbeing packs organised by the ICU Matron. We have bought a £5 voucher for each pack from The Nook in South End Green, a wonderful coffee shop and much more. They have generously added an extra £1.80 onto each voucher and in addition NHS staff will get a 15% discount so the voucher will have an £8 value in total. We send a huge thank you to The Nook. They've been great (and do amazing hot chocolate).



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The Community Centre has had to close its doors during the lockdowns and has not been able to generate funds from room hire, classes, clubs etc. But they have been working hard at supporting the community throughout these difficult times; supporting food banks and delivering hot lunches in partnership with Highgate Newtown Community Centre plus supporting the network of Estate volunteers who are helping individual residents by collecting prescriptions, braving the supermarkets for shopping, or just having a chat. They would be very grateful for any help so they can continue this work and prepare to open up again once we are all released.

Their Covid-19 fundraising page is hosted by Virginmoneygiving <http://bit.ly/hollylodge-corona>