



FROM THE COMMITTEE REPRESENTING ALL PLOT OWNERS & INFORMING ALL RESIDENTS

NEWSLETTER JULY 2021

A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIR...

If you don't live near the top of the Estate or use the Highgate West Hill (HWH) entrance, you may not have noticed that the **Estate yard** has had a serious make over. Originally planned for 2020, this project was delayed until the Spring of this year. The yard, like the sunset, was slowly sinking into the West and was badly in need of shoring up. It has had extensive foundation work and completely new concrete surfacing. The finishing touches, including a new fence and storage are now being completed. Thanks to the hard work of Martin, Barbara and the grounds crew for making this a reality. And thank you to the patient neighbours who endured quite a bit of noise and disruption.

You may have observed that the Estate now has two **ANPR cameras** above Oakeshott on Hillway and near the Holly Lodge Gardens / HWH entrance. This is the first step in our ANPR Trial that will begin soon. More details will be announced shortly and a Zoom meeting is planned before the trial starts to acquaint those interested or involved with the process.

We are aware that cyclists have become a more regular occurrence on the Estate as well as encountered when leaving it. To help reduce the risk of an accident with one zooming down HWH towards the Holly Lodge Gardens junction, we have an agreement from Camden that they will paint Slow & Give Way signs on the road surface, and we have secured the agreement of West Hill Park across the road to install a **convex mirror** to assist drivers leaving the Estate

There have been a number of comments this month about the Estate "**Wilding**" project. We are only in our second year of this experiment and are still learning. We have done some things that, in retrospect, did not turn out as well as planned....but we haven't given up. We are open to suggestions and welcome your thoughts and ideas on what we can do to make this more successful.

And speaking of suggestions, I promised that we would be receptive to your ideas and comments (good or 'not so good') and to assist in that direction, have now created a "**Suggestion Box**" where you are free to write in to submit your suggestions to the Committee. You can reach us at "suggestionbox@hle.org.uk" We are still planning to **upgrade our website** to include this as a permanent feature and are currently reviewing options for the renovation of <https://www.hle.org.uk/> If you have some experience or know someone who does and would like to share it with us, please let me know.

Finally, just a reminder. Last month over 10% of the new vehicles purchased in this country were electric. Adding in the EV hybrids and that number rises to 17%. We are slowly, but surely, moving in that direction. If you have an electric vehicle or thinking about buying one, don't forget that there are now **EV charging points** on the Estate on Makepeace Avenue by Hillway.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO WORK FOR THE ESTATE?

A position has come up for a Grounds Maintenance Operative who would work for the HLE Committee in helping to maintain the common parts of Estate. Ideally, they would need some horticultural qualification and / or experience and be happy working outdoors alongside our small team. If you are interested or know anyone who is, please ask for further information from manager@hle.org.uk

Be sure to use the **SUGGESTION BOX** for your comments: suggestionbox@hle.org.uk

ANPR CAMERA UPDATE

To acquaint residents with the ANPR Trial scheduled to begin soon at the top of the Estate, a Zoom meeting will be held before it goes live. Zoom login and meeting details will be announced shortly.

Residents in the trial zone may want to attend and will receive an operator's manual to explain how the app works, but all residents are welcome to join the meeting.

All residents with a valid parking permit (as well as those with temporary permits) will automatically be excluded from being ticketed when using the zone and there is nothing you need to do. The "zone" (area above Oakeshott on Hillway through Holly Lodge Gardens to the exit at Highgate West Hill) will be active from 8 PM to 6 AM daily. However, if you or your visitors are just passing through (up to ten minutes) there is nothing that needs to be done. It is only those visitors who stay longer than ten minutes or park overnight in the zone that will need to have their vehicle registration logged in.

A NEW HLE WEBSITE PLANNED. FEELING CREATIVE ?

If you have website development experience, are familiar with WordPress or just have some great ideas about "how to build a better website"; we'd like to speak with you ! We are planning to renovate our Holly Lodge Estate website to make it more user friendly, easier to navigate and (for us on the Committee) easier maintain and update.

Before turning to the outside to engage a professional organisation, we are putting out a call to arms on the Estate for anyone who might be interested in shaping the future. Please contact Martin Narraway (Martin.Narraway@hle.org.uk) or Pippa Rothenberg (Pippa.Rothenberg@hle.org.uk) on the HLE Committee with your details...and welcome aboard !

THE WILDING PROJECT

We have received a number of comments about the wilding on the Estate. The Committee is intent on reviewing your input and the experience of not mowing certain areas and will develop a balanced plan. While there are a number of those supporting the project, the views of many residents continue to be in favour of mowing. The verges are but a part of the Estate that contains many private gardens including the HLE gardens at the top of Hillway. Together with the wilding areas in the large and ornamental gardens at the top of the Estate, they form a natural "insect" corridor between the Heath and Waterlow Park / Highgate Cemetery.

We are currently reassessing the experiences of the past two years and working towards a plan for the future. Please bear in mind that the Estate must be maintained and there are health and safety and access issues if verges are not mown. Finally, the staff should not be made the subject of any representations as they are acting under direction of the HLE Committee and management team. It is not a simple "to wild...or not to wild" issue. (Be sure to use the Suggestion Box if you have any comments.)

SUMMER PARTY- UPDATE

As the restrictions are being lifted, we are really hoping that we will be able to hold our Summer Party this year. We looking for a Sunday date in mid-to-late August or September. Watch out for more news on this shortly...

THE CORRAN QUARTET RETURN FOR ANOTHER CONCERT IN THE PARK

****SAVE THE DATE - Sunday 19th September from 4-6pm****

Following the success of last summer's light classical concert, we are planning to have The Corran Quartet back again to play for our residents in one of the parks at the top of the Estate.

We will circulate more information once we know the full extent of any Covid restrictions we will have to put in place. <http://www.corranquartet.com/>

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HOLLY LODGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (HLRA)

*representing the tenants and leaseholders of the mansion blocks on
the Holly Lodge Estate, Highgate, London*

Dear Neighbours,

Camden Council is planning to deliver free courses to residents in the autumn. We may be able to deliver some of these from our Community Centre. You can tell the Council what you would like – see their email below.

Best Wishes,
Roger Elliott
(Chair HLRA)

Camden Council is working with Tenants' and Residents' Associations (TRAs) to deliver free courses on Estates.

The survey is to find out what free adult learning courses Camden residents would like to see happening on their Estates, local TRA halls and community centres. These courses will be delivered by Camden Adult Community Learning and they offer a range of free courses from Computing, ESOL, family learning, health & wellbeing and learning about yourself and your local area.

The results of this survey will help Camden Adult Community Learning deliver the exact courses that residents want - right on their doorstep.

All responses to the survey are confidential.

Closes 31 Jul 2021

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WHAT'S ON AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE?

MINI MINDFUL MUSICIANS

It's Friday morning fun during term times at Holly Lodge Community Centre! Specialising in movement and mindfulness, they take a different approach to introducing children to music. Children, accompanied by a parent, get to experience their environment and themselves mindfully and at their own pace.

Contact minimindfulmusicians@gmail.com for more information, or to book.

DRAMA WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN (7-14 years) Culminating in an outdoor performance

Sessions Monday to Friday 10am-4pm 2-6 August or 23-27 August

£200 per week. Concessions Available

Run by DBS Registered Professionals

Places are limited

Book now 07941 928 337 / Lisajrose@hotmail.com