

THE HOLLY LODGE ESTATE

FROM THE COMMITTEE REPRESENTING ALL PLOT OWNERS & INFORMING ALL RESIDENTS

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2020

COVID19 SUPPORT UPDATE

Thank you again to all the volunteers and kind neighbours who continue to support our community through these strange times.

The Holly Lodge and Highgate Newtown Community Centres are still providing food parcels and hot meals for those in need. Food and toiletries are being donated by local residents to the food bin outside the Holly Lodge Community Centre. PLEASE DON'T STOP DONATING – there are still people struggling financially or with shielding.

If you are interested in keeping abreast of what is going on, share information or wish to ask for help then we have a Covid19 Support WhatsApp group which has morphed into a very useful general support group for Estate residents and you are welcome to join via this link.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/lfDWkSyMBC3Ik2HmYKbTde>

HOLLY LODGE GARDENS BARRIERS CLOSED 22/23 AUGUST

Highgate West Hill will be closed from Millfield Lane to Merton Lane on Sat 22nd and Sun 23rd August whilst they resurface the road. This means the barrier entrance, Holly Lodge Gardens onto Highgate West Hill, will be closed from Friday evening until Monday morning. Access to and exit from the Estate will be via the Swains Lane entrance only.

SUMMER CONCERT IN THE PARK

We are planning a light classical concert for our residents in one of the parks at the top of the Estate on Sunday 6th September from 4-6pm. Bring a chair or a rug and enjoy the music whilst maintaining social distance.

The Corran Quartet are a group of young musicians who had planned the entire Beethoven Quartets Cycle for 2020, but that was sadly cut short after just a couple of concerts! For more info on them visit their website

<http://www.corranquartet.com/>



The setting will be Covid compliant, with a one way system, 2m distance signage, and we will ask for your name, address and contact number. The relevant risk assessments have been completed.

There will be an electronic programme available via a QR code at the entrance.

Entry is by TICKET ONLY. They will be available from 17th August onwards through Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/classical-concert-in-the-park-tickets-116706338801>

The tickets are free and **you will have to show you have hand sanitiser and a mask with you before you will be allowed in.**

The Quartet will ask for 'contactless' donations at the end, so bring your credit cards!

** Please note – the event will be postponed if the weather is wet.

SUMMER PARTY DEFERRED

It is with great sadness that we have decided we have to defer our Estate Summer Party. We had hoped that things may have eased and we would be able to put it on in the Autumn, but alas, this does not seem to be the case. We hope that next summer things will be easier and we can go ahead with this popular tradition.

GOING GREEN!

The HLEC has recently invested in a range of battery powered tools, such as blowers, trimmers, hedge cutters etc. Not only are these more environmentally friendly, they make much less noise. We do have to point out though that some jobs will still require the petrol driven tools because the battery powered ones do not have the same power – but we will keep the petrol tool use to a minimum.

We also have taken delivery of an electric buggy which we use as much as possible around the Estate.

WILDING EXPERIMENT

Further to 'No Mow May' and our trial to leave a few of the verges to go wild we have now reviewed these areas and we are cutting back anything that does not have anything of interest to the pollinators. We will continue to leave plants that are insect friendly.

BORDER BEDS IN LOWER PARK AND PLANNED PLANTING IN THE TOP GARDEN



You may have been watching the upgrades to the Lower Park at the top of the Estate. We have cleared some of the brambles and rhododendrons in the copse area and are now managing the regrowth.

The shrub beds alongside Holly Lodge Gardens have been revamped with railway sleeper edgings and a new planting scheme. The colour palette is mainly blues and purples which should look lovely against the old brick wall.

The central 'bath bed' in the top ornamental gardens is also having an update in the next few weeks – so watch that space too.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

An order has been placed with Engie EV to install the new charging points in Makepeace Avenue West. We are currently trying to get a programme or timeline from UK Power Networks to do the electric works, but we are hoping that the installation will be completed in the next 2 months.

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Holly Lodge Community Centre is planning to reopen fully, with our Monday lunch clubs set to resume for the first time since February, on Monday 5th October at 12noon. £3.50 gets you a hot lunch, dessert and drinks... a little more socially distanced than normal!

This is dependent on there being no local spike in cases or lockdown, and we will be taking part in the NHS Test and Trace scheme - meaning that we will ask for a few basic contact details to keep on record for 21 days in case of a local coronavirus outbreak. The centre has been following HSE guidelines to ensure we appropriately risk assess in advance of reopening.

We will begin accepting hall bookings from September, but with reduced capacity as a result of the distancing procedures in place.

The centre lost substantial income over several months as a result of being unable to hire out its facilities, so great thanks must go to all those who have donated via our Covid-19 appeal page on Virgin Moneygiving, or sent us money through other means. Many of you wished to remain anonymous, hence this public, but generic, thank you being the order of the day!

Many thanks,
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NEW WEBSITE: www.hollylodgecc.co.uk
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HOLLY LODGE KIDS' SUMMER WORKSHOP

17-21 August 2020

Now in its 13th year!!

The Selfish Giant (Oscar Wilde)



A fantastic week of creativity, imagination, art, craft, drama, dance, cycling, socialising and fun, culminating in a magical performance in the Hollylodge Gardens.

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

CALL LISA: 07941928337

COST: £200 (CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE)

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But mainly we will be outdoors!!*