

THE HOLLY LODGE ESTATE

FROM THE COMMITTEE REPRESENTING ALL PLOT OWNERS & INFORMING ALL RESIDENTS

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2021

A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIR...

You might think, looking around the estate, that things have been quiet this month with many residents away taking a much needed holiday after the lockdowns of the past 18 months. And yet, despite fewer people and parked cars, it has been business as usual on the Holly Lodge.

- The gullies and drains are being cleaned to minimise the risk of flooding should we have another heavy rain.
- One drain modified on Langbourne Mansions to drain more efficiently.
- The safety mirror has been installed on Highgate West Hill for those leaving from Holly Lodge Gardens to be aware of cyclists shooting down the hill.
- The finishing touches are being added to the ANPR app to assist residents at the top of the estate to register vehicles of their visitors during the trial period. A manual will be provided and a meeting announced shortly to explain how the system will work, available to all residents.
- Plans are being completed and will be announced soon for the next phase of the estate's wilding initiative.
- A meeting has been scheduled with our new Sergeant of the Safer Neighbour-hood Police Team to do a walk about on the estate with representatives of both the HLEC (plot owners) and TRA (Tenants and Residents' Association) to acquaint her with life on the Holly Lodge Estate.

All in all August has been a productive month after all and we are happy to report that quiet times are often the best ones to ensure that things continue to operate smoothly behind the scenes.

SUMMER GATHERING FOR ALL ESTATE RESIDENTS

Sunday 5th September 12.00 noon onwards

We all really missed our annual party last year and we are determined not to let another year slip by without a gathering of some kind. So please bring a picnic and join your neighbours and friends in the top park by Holly Lodge Gardens. There will be music, but not the usual live music and games.

THE CORRAN QUARTET RETURN FOR ANOTHER CONCERT IN THE PARK

Sunday 19th September from 4-6pm



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

After the big success of last summer's light classical concert The Corran Quartet is back again to play for our residents in the park by Holly Lodge Gardens at the top of the Estate.

Bring a chair or a rug, kick back and enjoy the music - From Haydn to Puccini to the Beatles!

The concert is free but 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.

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

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NEW CONVEX SAFETY MIRROR ON EXIT FROM HOLLY LODGE GARDENS

Following a couple of cycling accidents and near misses coming out of the top of the Estate onto Highgate West Hill we have now installed a convex mirror across the road so drivers can see the traffic coming down the hill from the village.

Thanks must go to West Hill Park management for allowing us to install this on their land and we do hope it will make this exit safer for all our residents and visitors.



A REMINDER ABOUT THE TREES IN YOUR GARDEN

Not all of you may be aware of what you are allowed to do to trees in your garden.

Because Holly Lodge Estate is a Conservation Area, all work on trees requires permission from Camden council. This is the case whether you wish to remove a tree or to prune it back and relates to all trees whether they are the object of a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) or not.

Specifically, if you wish to carry out work on a tree, you must first notify the Camden planning department, tel 020 7974 4444, email planning@camden.gov.uk or via the Planning Portal, giving at least six weeks' notice of your intention to carry out the work.

This legal requirement applies to all trees with a stem diameter of at least 75mm (ie., circumference 23cm, 9 1/4 inches) measured at 1.5m (just under 5ft) above the ground.

If the tree is dead, dying or dangerous you must still give Camden five days notice of intended works (unless the danger is immediate)- eg. if the tree is in imminent danger of falling down and will cause damage or injury) and you may need to prove that the tree was dead, dying or dangerous at a later date.

So, unless you are absolutely sure the tree concerned does not require permission, check with Camden Planning!

GULLY SUCKING DRAIN CLEARANCE

Unfortunately due to operational issues beyond our control the gully sucking was not completed recently and so they will be back to complete Langbourne, Makepeace & Oakeshott Avenues West plus Robin Grove on Tuesday August 31st. Please can you make sure you are not parking over any of the drains in these roads on that day.

CAMDEN PROPOSAL TO MAKE THE EXISTING RESTRICTIONS ON SWAIN'S LANE PERMANENT – CONSULTATION CLOSSES 5th SEPTEMBER

Camden are consulting on the trial changes which banned right turn from Swain's Lane into Bisham Gardens and also into South Grove. For more information visit camden.gov.uk/swainslane

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