

THE HOLLY LODGE ESTATE

FROM THE COMMITTEE REPRESENTING ALL PLOT OWNERS & INFORMING ALL RESIDENTS

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A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIR...

ESTATE MANAGER TO LEAVE HOLLY LODGE

Barbara Wheatley, manager of the Holly Lodge Estate, has announced that she will be leaving in February. For the past seven years, Barbara has been the interface of the Holly Lodge Estate Committee with the residents and staff, carrying on her work with a warm, friendly and personable touch, where no task was too big or difficult to tackle. She has instituted and established many of the procedures and practices we now take for granted that help the estate to run so smoothly. She has overseen the work of the four member grounds staff, enhanced the estate's equipment and vehicle resources and somehow managed the rather complex EMF billing, parking permits, supplier payments and dealing with Camden.

Although not directly accountable to the tenants and leaseholders in the mansion blocks, Barbara has also established a rapport with many of their residents and representatives of the Tenants and Residents' Association and Camden contacts. Through regular meetings and frequent e-mails and phone calls, communication with this part of the estate is as smooth and seamless as dealing with the plot owners.

During the past twenty months, working from home during the lockdown periods, Barbara has kept the estate running like clockwork to ensure that residents' needs were addressed and the regular maintenance of mowing, leaf collecting and gritting as well as planting, weeding, litter collection and routine maintenance happened when needed. She has been heavily involved in a number of extracurricular charitable activities during the pandemic including supporting the TRA & CC with delivering food parcels and hot lunches to some of our residents, helping the Royal Free Hospital ICU staff with much needed snacks and drinks, and even driving Santa around in his snazzy electric sleigh whilst he delivered presents to some of our children.

I know that I speak for the Holly Lodge Estate Committee when I say that we will miss her knowledge and experience. We will miss her day-to-day contact with the residents. We will miss her ability to get things done. We will miss her management of the staff and the maintenance of the estate. And, most of all we will miss her.

We wanted you to know that although Barbara will be leaving, she will be around for a while in case you might want to speak with her in the days ahead. We have already begun our search for a replacement, knowing that these will be mighty big shoes to fill. Not surprisingly, Barbara has already offered to help the new person during the initial phase of settling into the job.

From all of us...a big thank you Barbara and all the best in the days ahead.

CRIME PREVENTION DROP-IN SESSION WITH LOCAL POLICE

Our local Safer Neighbourhoods Policing team will be available on Wednesday February 16th 13.00-15.00 at the Community Centre 30 Makepeace Ave, London N6 6HL.

Please feel free to drop in and ask them anything from home security to bike marking to identifying vulnerable neighbours or just have a chat and get to know them.

2022 PARKING PERMITS

We hope to start issuing the 2022 parking permits in the next few weeks.

You will receive an email with a link to verify your need for a new permit. Please look out for this email - check your junk mail, and follow the simple instructions. If you have changed your email address since you originally applied for your permit then please do update us as soon as possible otherwise you will miss the renewal link.

If you have a new car then you will need to complete an application form, which can be found on our website www.hle.org.uk under Residents/Car Permit.

The 2021 permits are still valid for the time being and we will let you know in good time when they are due to expire.



giving
nature
a home

Big Garden Birdwatch 2022: the launch!
Everyone can take part from 28th to 30th January 2022

www.rspb.org.uk Go to 'Get Involved/Activities' to sign up

1930s ORIGINAL DOORS x 7

We have salvaged seven lovely, solid, original 1930s doors from one of the houses on the Estate – similar to this one in the picture but missing the original handles & fingerplates.

Please contact the Manager or the Foreman if you could make use of them.



Heath Hands, a nature loving charity based on the Heath have offered to provide some nature sessions for us. These will be on a Saturday afternoons and for families and all ages.

The first session will be a nature activity drop in looking for instance at skulls on 26th February. Then in another session we will make bird boxes. Heath Hands will also lend us cameras to catch images of animals; we will then look at the images together. Rosie Durant.

Be sure to use the SUGGESTION BOX email for your comments:

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