

THE HOLLY LODGE ESTATE

FROM THE COMMITTEE REPRESENTING ALL PLOT OWNERS & INFORMING ALL RESIDENTS

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FOXES

There have been many reports of foxes going into peoples homes and breaking into bins. We have two dens on the estate and we are surrounded by many more from the park and the cemetery. Urban foxes are here to stay, so we have to learn to live with them. There are bins you can buy that are fox proof, and ideas on how to repel them from going into your garden or home. Please have a look at the links below.

They are wild animals who should be scared of us, so **please refrain from feeding** them to prevent them losing their fear and coming into homes.

<https://www.bbcwildlife.org.uk/urban-fox>
[Fox proof food bin](#)

HOLLY LODGE ESTATE SUMMER PARTY

The long awaited Summer Party took place on the 26th of June and it was a great success after two years of absence. We had a very good turn out and the weather was perfect! Nikki was an amazing MC, we also had our regular performers, John and Roger as well as new talent, one of which was a young lady from Ukraine. Amy helped with the kids games which were very successful and well attended. William, Gerry, Dean and Nicola were there to help set up and clear up. I would like to say thank you to all involved in making it happen and hope you will join us next year.



INNOVATION

- A new Cycle gate has been added to the Holly Lodge Mansion Gate, this will hopefully prevent cyclists from using the pedestrian gates and running over our residents.

TREE WATERING

- We are watering as much as possible, but we ask all residents to **please water the trees outside your houses if you possibly can.**

BUS ROUTE CHANGES

There are some changes being implemented by TFL to our local bus routes which will change our services and you are allowed to have your say. Dead line is the 7th of August See

<https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/busreview> Relevant section is North London area, 4. Euston Road

FIRE PREVENTION

Due to the lack of rain and the prolonged hot weather, there is an increased risk of fires, especially in our gardens and green spaces. I wanted to highlight this and make sure you are all careful with BBQ's, open fire pits, disposal of cigarettes and composts. Although it is a rare occurrence, compost can combust & catch fire when the materials reach temperatures between 148c to 200c and have very little to no moisture. Poor aeration is also a factor, it is important to tumble your compost intermittently.

WILDING AREA

The team, and in particular Dean and I have been working on a strategy for improving our wilding areas. This year some wilding areas looked great; others were interesting. The bank in the Ornamental Garden, after a couple of uninspiring years, was a success, and we had lots of favourable comments, particularly about the poppies. **Thank you.** The bank will be cut back in September, at the end of the flowering season. The plants will then be left on the ground for two weeks for the seeds to drop and then collected up. We are hoping that it will then self-generate. However, last year we helped it along with some Cornfield mix, which included the poppies. wilding area in the Lower Park beside the rhododendrons, the cops, was also a success with 19 wildflowers documented, which included Borage, Wild Carrot and Cornflower by Rosie Durant



COMMUNITY CENTRE JOB ENTHUSIASTIC MANAGER FOR 21 HOURS A WEEK!

You will supervise the day to day running of the Centre, manage bookings and administration, update the website, initiate projects and support events, and fundraise. The contract is lottery funded until the end of 2023, after which the manager should secure funding to take the post forward.

The manager will work closely with our many dedicated volunteers and the trustees to deliver a service for the whole community. The Holly Lodge Centenary in 2024 offers a great opportunity to coordinate events and put the Centre at the heart of the estate and neighbourhood.

A working knowledge of QuickBooks would be an advantage. Pay is £20 per hour. Hours can be flexible.

Please apply for a full job description to hollylodgelondon@hotmail.com

CONCERTS AT WATERLOW PARK

The Friends of Waterlow Park present for the second year their season of free concerts in the park during August. With funding help from Camden Council, the concerts kick off with the rousing Brass Band London (7 August). Next (14 August) is the Raga Duo with Jonathan Mayer on Sitar and Mitel Purohit on Tabla. Acclaimed female oud player from Syria, Rihab Azar performs with percussionist Ant Romero (21 August) and rounding things off with gusto is London Jazz Festival favourite, saxophonist James Akers with Nigel Price (organ) and Jack Yardley on drums, making up the James Akers Trio.

For further information email [:chair@waterlowpark.org.uk](mailto:chair@waterlowpark.org.uk)

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