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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HANGER HILL EAST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION - ADDRESSING RESIDENTS' NEEDS AND VIEWS

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Chairman's Welcome

Why do people get involved with a local Residents' Association? I guess it's because they want to make their neighbourhood a better place for everyone to live, including themselves. It often takes a while to get things done, so when something decisive does happen it's very satisfying.

Traffic problems are a perennial concern on our estate. In the last newsletter I reported on the results of the traffic survey taken last autumn. Despite evidence of serious congestion in Connell Crescent there were no recommendations for action and we said that we would try to do something about that. In collaboration with Cllr Nigel Sumner, your Association organised a local consultation with residents of the Crescent to see whether there would be support for closing the road to westbound motor vehicles between 4pm and 7pm. We received fifty replies (a very high level of response for this kind of exercise) with 95% in favour of the proposal – some wishing to lengthen the closure to a 3pm start. This is relatively inexpensive to implement (unlike width restrictions for which there is currently no available funding) and our survey has been forwarded to the Council so that a formal consultation may be carried out. If the result is the same, the closure will be implemented, hopefully ending the almost daily nose to tail traffic queue which is so annoying to residents.

Protecting our homes against burglary is another regular concern, and although crime rates are low compared to UK averages, that is no consolation if you are the victim of a break-in. Some time ago your Association held a special meeting to discuss crime.
A number of residents were interested in exploring the possibility of employing a private security firm to patrol the estate. On behalf of your Committee, former HHERA Secretary Graham Fowler conducted some research into security companies. Having consulted further, your Committee has decided to invite two of them, Garde UK and London Community Services, to make short presentations at your Association's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday April 30th, to allow you to decide for yourselves whether this is something we might wish to pursue and whether it would be viable to do so.

I would like to thank all the members of the 2013-2014 Committee for their hard work on your behalf during the past year, and also Moira Black, our honorary treasurer, and Serena Gossain who helps us to put together this newsletter. We're always delighted to welcome new members onto the Committee, and, as I hope you can see, your Association really is able to make a difference to life in Hanger Hill.
See you at the AGM.

- Simon Reed

Did you know? By Robert Gurd

The origin of the name "Haymills" Estate

HANGER HILL ESTATE
HAYMILLS HOUSE TYPE L.2.
GROUND FLOOR
FIRST FLOOR
Price £1,650
Freehold
Including Garage
No Road Paving Charges

Messrs Haymills were established in 1911. The Hanger Hill estate was one of three built in north-west London by them in the 1920s and 30s along with Barn Hill, Wembley, and Downage, Hendon. At the time the houses were not considered cheap and had a reputation for being well-designed and sturdily built. The consulting architect was Herbert Welch from the highly respected practice of Welch and Lander which designed Park Royal Station, Garage (now Bodens), Public House (now disused), and Hanger Court (with N F Cachemaille-Day who went on to design many churches including the recently restored extension to St Mary's, West Twyford).
All the estates have similar house designs but with considerable variation between them. Also some similar road names were used on the estates (e.g. Corringway and Corringham Road in Barn Hill; Chatsworth Road and Chatsworth Avenue in Downage). Haymills continued to build houses of similar, but simpler, designs until the 1960s, employing metal rather than wooden windows because timber was in short supply after the war. They also built houses and flats elsewhere in Ealing (e.g. in Woodville Gardens) with a reputation for high standards of materials and workmanship. Their head office was for many years in Hanger Green, and some of the directors lived on the estate, until the property was sold for redevelopment into flats (now Mercury and Haymills Courts). The company continued in existence until the recession in 2009 and when it fell into administration. Part of the business was bought by Vinci Construction and the Haymills identity was lost. However, their name continues in the various estates they built and is appropriately remembered above the entrance gate to Haymills Court.