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HHERA NEWS

The Newsletter Of The Hanger Hill East Residents'
Association - Addressing Residents' Needs and Views
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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

The last six months have been worrying times for many of you. Since September 2018 four aggravated burglaries (robberies involving a direct threat to the occupants) have taken place on the estate, along with a number of thefts of motor vehicles. The Police are convinced this is the work of professional criminals. Your Association, in liaison with concerned local residents, has hosted two well attended public meetings at the Church of the Ascension to explore improving our security. These meetings have also variously been attended by senior Police officers, our councillors Joy Morrissey, Gregory Stafford and Nigel Sumner, our MP Rupa Huq, and our London Assembly member Onkar Sahota.

It is important to stress that solutions are not easy. The estate is patrolled daily by our Safer Neighbourhoods Police team but there has been a national reduction in Police numbers due to reduced budgets and this also affects us. Ten years ago six officers patrolled our estate. Now there are only two, with a third overdue to be recruited, and tasked with covering a larger area. They are as frustrated as we are about the limits on their ability to look after us. Likewise the Council, like all local authorities, has suffered large budget cuts in the last few years, and this limits the help they are able to offer. Your Association is here to speak for you and we are not a mouthpiece for the Police and the Council. However we do speak directly with them regularly and based on that working relationship I have to tell you that in the present constrained circumstances, simply shouting louder or placing blame is not the answer.

As detailed in Estate News, your Association undertook a fresh consultation on employing a private security patrol, the favoured solution advocated by many who came to the public meetings. A sufficiently significant minority of residents indicated that they would opt into such a scheme to make it practical to investigate this further. A group of residents are currently doing this, working alongside members of your Committee, and we will be able to give an update at the forthcoming AGM.

The WhatsApp group facilitated by Shashi Gossain has brought many people together to keep an eye on one another's properties and report concerns. Some of us have been willing to go out to check on alarms going off or suspiciously parked vehicles and bring reassurance to those who were worried. I hope more people will be willing to undertake this quiet vigilance. It doesn't take long to walk down the street and if the result is that someone home alone feels safer, it's worth it. I would simply sound a cautionary note that we must not become paranoid. Representatives of utility companies do call door to door. People do park and wait on the estate roads because they are a public highway. Much as many of us don't like them, other door to door callers are not illegal. Please only flag something as suspicious if you have an actual reason to believe there is something wrong. Local young people on a night out may create some noise but they are not going to break into houses or steal cars. In fact they actually make the estate safer by being on the streets late at night when car thieves might otherwise be about!

If there is anything good coming out of this anxiety it is that it has brought people in our community together as never before and I am glad that your Association has been seen as the forum to do that. If you care about these issues and about our neighbourhood please get involved. We're all volunteers, doing this around busy jobs and lives. Come to the AGM and join in the discussion and if you're doing something for our estate, or want to, please get a couple of people to nominate you and stand for the Committee. We need each other!

Simon Reed - Chair

DID YOU KNOW? We are fortunate to have on our doorstep Ealing Cricket Club, one of the biggest and best Cricket Clubs in London. Approaching nearly 150 years old, the club was initially founded in 1871 and the first recorded match on the Corfton Road Ground was in 1874 when ECC played the MCC. Now well established as a high profile club, it offers cricket to hundreds of children and adults, plus spectators and visitors from far and wide. With 7 senior men's teams, a ladies Team plus Colts section for boys a girls, Ealing can offer Cricket for any ability. The spectacular Victorian clubhouse/pavilion is available to hire for Company Cricket Matches, Parties or even for film crews to use as a base for filming or to hire the car park. The Club has built an excellent reputation over the years, hosting and catering for all types of events with a wide variety of menus to suit any occasion. For anyone wishing to obtain further details on membership or Hiring the facilities please visit: the official website: www.ealingcc.co.uk



The Hanger Hill (East) Residents' Association

CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION (REVISED 1987/1997/2007/2008)

1. The Association shall be called "The Hanger Hill East Residents' Association" hereinafter called "the Association" or "HHERA".
2. Membership of the Association is open to all residents of the Hanger Hill Estate, being the area bounded by Hanger Lane, Western Avenue, the Piccadilly Line between Park Royal and North Ealing stations, and Queens Drive (including Queens Parade). At meetings of the Association any person not named on the published electoral roll may be asked to provide a utility bill not more than three months old as proof of residence and a passport or driving licence as proof of identity.
3. The aims and objects of HHERA are to serve and protect the interests of the residents of the Hanger Hill Estate and to protect, improve and further the amenities of the Estate. It will be a principle always of HHERA to recognise the cultural diversity of the Hanger Hill Estate and its residents, appreciating that all residents, no matter their age, race, ethnic origin, gender, religious or political affiliation or financial position, have something positive to contribute to the Estate and the people living here.
4. The officers of the Association shall comprise a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Other posts may be designated by the Committee to serve the needs of the Association as occasion demands.
5. The business of the Association shall be conducted by a Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Committee shall consist of a maximum of eleven members. Every nomination for the Committee shall be proposed and seconded by a member of the Association and shall contain a confirmation by the nominee that he/she is willing to stand. Nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least seven days before the AGM. Unless the Chairman considers it to be unnecessary, an election shall be determined by a paper ballot with the eleven nominees who receive the highest number of votes being elected.
6. The officers of the Association shall be elected by the Committee from amongst their members at the first Committee meeting following the AGM. In the event of any member dying or resigning, the Committee may co-opt another member of the Association to sit on the Committee for the period until the next AGM.
- 7(a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall normally be held in the month of April each year. Three weeks' notice shall be given of the AGM.
- 7(b) An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Association shall be called if 10 or more members of the Association request in writing a meeting stating the purpose of the meeting. Such a meeting shall be held within 28 days of the receipt of such a request or at a time mutually agreed between the Committee and those proposing the meeting.
8. The Committee shall meet as often as the Committee members deem necessary but this should be at least twice a year. If a Committee member does not attend two meetings consecutively without any apology, it will be deemed that he, or she, no longer wishes to serve, will be automatically retired from the committee and he, or she, will be advised accordingly.
9. At each AGM, all members of the Committee shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election. In the annual elections of Officers and Committee members, all candidates will issue brief but relevant biographies, and these will include their age, and the number of years service they have given, if they have already served as Officers or Committee members.
10. At the AGM, all residences within the catchment area of the Association as defined in paragraph 2 above, shall have one vote. The Chairman shall in the case of an equality of votes have a second, or casting vote.
11. Any member wishing to move a motion at the AGM shall give notice in writing to the Secretary not less than 7 days before the date of the meeting. Emergency motions for matters which arise after the last date (7 days prior), including on the night, will only be allowed for debate at the discretion of the meeting.
12. Minute books shall be kept by the Association and the Secretary shall enter a record of all proceedings and resolutions.
13. All funds raised for or on behalf of the Association shall be applied to further the object and aims of the Association and for no other purpose. The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the association. Expenditure above £100 must be authorised by the Committee.
14. The accounts of the Association shall be audited once a year by an auditor elected at the previous AGM each year. The financial year of the Association ends on 31 December.
15. Any funds at the disposal of the Association should be held in a bank or building society. In the event of the Association ceasing to operate, such funds, archives and any other materials or interests shall be made over to an adjacent residents' association, which will be decided by the Committee, and will not be redistributed.
16. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt for the period until the next AGM up to an additional three members of the Association on to the Committee (in addition to the maximum number specified in paragraph 5 above) specifically to aid it with research and implementation of matters that benefit the aims and objectives of the Association.
17. This constitution may be added to, repealed or amended by a resolution at any Annual or Extraordinary General meeting, notice of which will be as set out in paragraph 7 above, and shall have contained particulars of the proposed modifications.

Hanger Hill (East) Residents' Association

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Hanger Hill (East) Residents' Association (HHERA) will be held **7:45 pm** on **WEDNESDAY 1st MAY 2019** at the Church of the Ascension, Beaufort Road, Ealing W5.

(Drinks and light refreshments from 7.15 pm)

Agenda

1. Chairman's report
2. Estate matters (excluding crime and security)
3. Crime and Security – update and discussion
4. Treasurer's report
5. Appointment of independent examiner
6. Election of 2019/2020 Committee
7. Any Other Business (items for discussion should be submitted to the Secretary not later than 24th April)

NOMINATION FORM for 2019/20 COMMITTEE

I, the undersigned, am willing to serve on the 2019/20 Committee of the HHERA:

Name:
Address:
Postcode:
Telephone:
E-mail:
Signature:

I have been nominated and seconded by the residents below:

<i>Nominator</i>	<i>Secunder</i>
<i>Name:</i>	<i>Name:</i>
<i>Address:</i>	<i>Address:</i>
<i>Postcode:</i>	<i>Postcode:</i>
<i>Telephone:</i>	<i>Telephone:</i>
<i>E-mail:</i>	<i>E-mail:</i>
<i>Signature:</i>	<i>Signature:</i>

Note. All nominations should be submitted to the Secretary, Sally Clarkson, 8 Ashbourne Road, W5 3ED, by no later than 24th April 2019 to be considered for inclusion. Any names received after this date will not be eligible. Photocopy this document as required.

ESTATE MATTERS

Private Security Consultation

In response to the concerns of residents, your Association helped organise a consultation in late February to measure interest in a private security patrol. From approximately 700 houses and flats, just under 160 households indicated that they would support such a scheme. Although this is below the threshold to make the original proposal financially viable, it still represents a far higher level of interest than when this idea was discussed some years ago. It has therefore been decided to go ahead engaging a company to patrol for 8 hours a day and work is ongoing to get this set up. Thanks to local residents Amarjit Singh Dassan and Tarun Wasan for their work on this, and to Shashi Gossain who runs the Haymills security alert WhatsApp group.

Policing:

The local police team are still looking to recruit one more PC to add to the PC and PCSO we have currently. The OWL neighbourhood policing website reported a successful police operation to close down a cannabis factory in Queen's Drive and arrests for the theft of motor vehicles on The Ridings. There has been no indication yet of the progress in the deployment of CCTV cameras on the estate.

Shared Use Parking Proposal:

The council has proposed making a number of parking spaces on the Estate shared use in nature. They would then be available for both residents' use and for pay per use parking. It has been stressed that it does not apply to parking outside residences, only to those parallel to gardens, e.g. at the lower end of Ashbourne Road and The Ridings. Since the Police have advised us that criminals often park cars to use in observing potential targets and/or to

make their escape, your Association has objected strongly to the introduction of this scheme which would bring cars from outside onto the estate.

Dog Fouling:

Residents have complained about dog fouling in Vale Lane in front of the garages and on the grass verges. Your Committee has requested signs reminding dog owners of their legal obligation to clear up and for a dog litter bins to be installed. We have been informed that Council enforcement against offenders will take place.

Boileau Road Resurfacing:

This is due soon. There is a possibility that the traffic humps could be removed. When the time comes residents may want to be consulted on this.

Hanger Hill Woods

At the last AGM we agreed to look into how this ancient woodland could be improved as a local amenity and to spend some HHERA funding on this. Unfortunately due to the urgency of dealing with crime and security matters there has been no progress on this. Please do enjoy this woodland and also report to the Council anyone you see fly-tipping there (or anywhere else on the estate).

Conservation Area:

Geoffrey Sumner from the Conservation Panel reports that new draft management plans for the Ealing Conservation Areas is running late so their issue is likely to be postponed. There is only one consultant to cover 29 conservation areas! Due to other staff shortages there are also long delays in enforcement of planning violations.

Parent and Toddler Group:

Ealing 135 runs Actions Songs & Rhymes at the Church of the Ascension, Beaufort Road on Thursday mornings in term time from 10am-11am. There is also a club for retired people, the Ascension Friends, on the first Tuesday of each month 2pm-4pm. These activities are open to all residents.

ADVICE FROM SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Burglary can be devastating and leave you with a sense of insecurity in addition to the financial and practical burdens. Measures to reduce the likelihood of intrusion include: Ensure all doors and windows are locked when the house is empty, even if you are only popping out for a short time. It is also advisable to keep them locked when you are at home, especially during the hours of darkness. Good quality locks can make windows more secure by preventing them from fully opening. Keep keys a long distance from the letterbox to prevent burglars "fishing" for them. An internal plate on the letterbox can prevent anyone reaching in. Keep valuable items out of sight so burglars cannot be tempted. Valuables should not be visible from the windows or the open door as some burglars knock on the door on any pretext with a view to seeing if there is anything worth stealing on display. Keep curtains and blinds closed at night and leave some lights on to give the impression that someone is at home. Timer switches can be used for this. Security lights deter burglars as they draw attention – ensure they are installed high enough that they are difficult to vandalise. Front doors should be solid and have a 5-lever mortice lock and a deadlocking rim lock. Door frames could be strengthened using 'Birmingham' or 'London' bars. Doors with glass panels should be reinforced. A visible security alarm will make your home less attractive to burglars.

HANGER HILL,
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SUBSCRIPTIONS

There is no formal subscription for membership of the Association but donations are welcome to cover expenses, such as the newsletter, hire of the hall for AGM etc. £5 per household should be sufficient for normal needs. Please send your donation to: The Treasurer, 8 Ashbourne Road, London, W5 3ED, payable to Hanger Hill (East) Residents' Association.

Thank you for your support

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