



# HHGERA

## NEWS

The Newsletter of the Hanger Hill Garden Estate Residents Association

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The Residents Association exists to ensure your views on the Estate are heard and works to promote a strong community. The officers are all volunteers. If you would like to help, email us via [mail@hhgera.com](mailto:mail@hhgera.com). Enjoy this January 2021 issue and stay safe.

## A happy and healthy new year to all our neighbours

Very many thanks to everyone who has helped keep our Estate the beautiful, peaceful haven it has been during the past year. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas lights, baubles and poster trail, and stayed well over the holidays.

Our Covid support network are still there if you need them – see below for contacts. Some of us have been out litter picking over the holidays. And even in the depths of winter, the gardeners are working to get ready for Spring.

But we have some other important projects planned for the new year:

### Annual General Meeting

Covid permitting, the Residents Association/Houses Management Board AGM will be held at Holy Family School on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm**. Formal notice will be delivered soon and we are exploring how to make it possible to take part by video link or paper vote if the meeting can't be held or residents can't attend in person.



**This fabulous sunset was captured by HHGE resident Dion Hitchcock. Send your favourite snaps via HHGERAnews on Twitter or [mail@hhgera.com](mailto:mail@hhgera.com)**

### Social event

The 2020 Summer festival, which had been planned for early May, fell victim to the Pandemic. We're going to try again in 2021 with a celebration of gardens, nature and our wonderful community. Watch out for details at [hhgera.com](http://hhgera.com).

### Service road repairs

Urgent repairs are needed to part of the concrete surface behind odd nos. **65-153 Princes Gardens**. This is a big, expensive job which must be paid for by the residents most directly affected. More information will be circulated shortly.

## Covid-19 support

Our group of volunteers are still available if you are self-isolating or need help for other reasons. They all live on the Estate and operate under a strict protocol to keep you and themselves safe. Email [support@hhgera.com](mailto:support@hhgera.com) or call Dion on 07515 029725 to find out more. For up to date information on Covid, see [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)

### PREVENTION



wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds



don't touch face with unwashed hands



avoid contact with sick people



## School streets: consultation is open

Since November 9<sup>th</sup>, Vale Lane has been closed to traffic outside Holy Family School from 8.30 to 9.30 am and 3.00 to 4.00 pm during term time, under Ealing Council's school streets traffic calming scheme.

For the most part, this seems to have gone smoothly. It has reduced morning traffic on our Estate and helped reduce pressure on parking. The scheme is provisional for the first six months and we have been working with Boileau Road and Haymills residents to assess its impact. Consultation is under way whether to make it permanent.

Share your views via [schoolstreet@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:schoolstreet@ealing.gov.uk).

## New manager for flats

Lloyd Paxton has retired so the blocks of flats on the Estate have a new manager - Ruvina Sekhon of JFM Management. Contact her via [ruvina@jfm-management.co.uk](mailto:ruvina@jfm-management.co.uk) or on 0203 865 7789. Caretaker Ola and flats board Chairman Ian Collier's contacts are unchanged.

## Important news for car and van owners

From October 25<sup>th</sup> this year, London's Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is expanding, and our Estate will be inside the zone. The new area will cover from central London up to the North Circular Road (A406) and South Circular Road (A205). The North and South Circular Roads themselves are not in the zone.

The aim of the ULEZ is to reduce traffic emissions, which are a big source of poor air quality. Many areas across London are still exceeding the legal limits for air pollution. But for Estate residents with older – especially diesel – vehicles, this could mean a £12.50 a day charge to drive (but not just to park) in the zone, or risk a penalty charge of £160.

You can find out more and check if your vehicle is affected on the Transport for London website – [www.tfl.org.uk/modes/driving](http://www.tfl.org.uk/modes/driving).

## Working on your behalf...

A lot of work has been done on the houses' gardens and service roads this year – cutting back overgrown hedges, pruning a dangerous tree and getting a skip to remove accumulated rubbish dumped on Houses land.

The Houses Management Board can only look after the service roads and gardens it's responsible for if residents pay their service charge - £60 per house in 2020.

We've worked hard to collect the money despite not being able to go door-to-door because of Covid. **If you have not paid yet for 2020, please do so immediately.**

Accounts and budgets will be presented and the 2021 charge will be set at the Annual General Meeting.



Look carefully to spot the first signs of Spring, such as this Cherry blossom on Queens Drive

## ... and fighting nuisance

HHGERA has successfully negotiated with police and Ealing Council to remove the broken bench on Princes Gardens that had attracted antisocial behaviour for many years.

Partial success also for residents who suffered serious noise and nuisance during lockdown from the Basrah Lounge, just north of our Estate.

Magistrates granted an order limiting its licence (initially until 31 March) to a closing time of 9pm. Many thanks to the residents who helped the Council with this and gave evidence in court.

## Find out more

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