

# Highams

## Residents' Association

*AREA OF SPECIAL CHARACTER*

*Founded in 1955 for the residents of the Highams Estate*



### Short update on recent planning matters

Planning applications can be viewed at any time on the Waltham Forest Council website (there is a "Search for Planning Applications" section).

#### 2 The Charter Road / Planning Application No: 161589

The planning application to convert 2 The Charter Road into a block of 9 apartments has been withdrawn. Thank you to the many residents and all our councillors who joined with the HRA in writing to the council voicing their concerns over the detrimental impact such a development would have on the Estate's Area of Special Character status.

#### Café in the Park / Planning Application No: 163805

A planning application has been put together by the Highams Park Planning Group to convert the existing Park Keeper's Lodge in the Highams Park into a community hub and café with toilets. The application is currently being considered by the Council. The proposal is that the hub/café will be open 7 days a week during daylight hours. Feelings amongst HRA residents are mixed on this project – some in favour and excited by the prospect of the extra facility in the park; some concerned about potential noise, parking and urbanisation of the green space. The HRA has maintained a neutral stance on this occasion and e-mailed residents to make their views known to the Council by 31<sup>st</sup> January.

#### Discussions to start with Council on Conservation

##### Status for the Estate

Representatives of the HRA will be meeting with Waltham Forest Council Conservation Officer and Head of Planning Policy and Strategy in the near future to discuss the possibility of upgrading the Estate's Area of Special Character status to Conservation status. We will keep residents informed of any developments and implications.

# AGM

This year's AGM will be held on

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017

8pm

at

The Rugby Club

### Met. Police - Safer Neighbourhood Teams

As The Highams Estate is in two wards

We have two teams

Hale End and Highams Park Ward

020 8721 2646

Hatch Lane Ward

020 8721 2641

Met Police Non Urgent Dial 101

Or 0300 123 1212.

### Abandoned Vehicles

You can check if a vehicle is taxed and report abandoned vehicles.

On this site

<https://www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax>



# VOLUNTEERS APPEAL

## Party in the Park 2017

*If this event is to go ahead we need volunteers to help on the day. It would happen on*

**18th June 17.**

**Please email your contact details to:-**

[Daveisin7@gmail.com](mailto:Daveisin7@gmail.com)

*Thank you*

*Dave Jennings. (Chairman)*

## The Charter Road

HPPG reported that Redbridge Council has had Enforcement Officers on Chingford Lane to control bad parking by parents, but the major problem is in The Charter Road, which is in Waltham Forest. LBWF say they are not able to issue penalties to vehicles that are waiting, rather than parking, on double yellow lines or the pavement! Also, they do not support the suggestions for railings or bollards to prevent pavement parking.

The school has written to parents asking for good behaviour when dropping off and collecting pupils. Explaining the dangers and pollution risks to children is seen as an effective way of informing parents. They have also set up a Google Group to encourage parents to car-share.

For a week in March the school is offering free Level 1 and 2 cycling lessons to the whole school. More cycle racks will be installed as part of the building works, though many children travel a long distance, which would not be appropriate for cycling. An extra bus is now provided, and extra time has been allowed in the pedestrian crossing sequence. They have also recruited Youth Travel Ambassadors who will be giving assemblies after half term and acting to engage both parents and pupils in tackling these transport problems.

The school is not able to provide drop-off and pick-up space in its grounds due to the narrow entrances, the safety of pupils walking, and as the temporary entrance currently being used by the builders will become a netball court. The Hawkey Hall car park is a recommended waiting area for parents but is too far from the school so is little used.



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

## Dear Residents

The HRA **Neighbourhood Watch** scheme has gone rather quiet over the last year or so and we feel it would be beneficial to the estate to revive it and re-establish a close working relationship with our local community police support officers.

The following residents have volunteered to be co-ordinators in their roads, but more are needed for the roads not represented:

**Henry's Avenue: Alison Ring and Nicki Everitt**  
**Keynsham Avenue: Jerry Crowley**  
**Lichfield Road: Jack Mann**  
**Nesta Road: David Jennings and Fiona Merrick**

The role should not be onerous and will entail about three meetings a year with our local community police support officers for feedback both ways. The police are keen to work with us and have said they will also invite a representative from an established local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme that is working really well to speak to us when we're up & running so we can get ideas from them as well to apply to our own scheme.

If you would be interesting in volunteering for this role, please let me know and I can then set up our first meeting of HRA co-ordinators with the police shortly afterwards. (It will be a weekday evening meeting)

With kind regards  
Fiona

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## History

**Anyone interested in the history of our estate I can personally recommend a book called**

**"Courtenay Warner and Warner Estate" Published by**  
[www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org.uk](http://www.walthamstowhistoricalsociety.org.uk)