



HIGHAMS
RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION

Spring Newsletter 2021

Dear Residents,

We hope this note finds you and your families safe and well. In the absence of a gathering, we would like to keep you posted of news within our community.

Christmas lights competition

I was delighted to see more people joining our Christmas Lights Competition. I feel it boosts the sense of community, and for this I am thankful to all participants.

This year's winner was No.44 Keynsham Avenue, and they very kindly donated their prize to Haven House Hospice; a big thank you to them.

Up till now the competition has been judged by the committee. We felt it was time for a change, so we recruited three families with young children from the estate to judge Christmas 2021.

Highams Estate: Area of Special Character (ASC)

The Highams Residents' Association (HRA) was formed to preserve the character of this charming 1930's estate and to foster a sense of community. The estate was designated an ASC by Waltham Forest in 1988. We are listed on LBWF website at the end of the list of Conservation Areas.

We understand many people wish to develop their houses, and all we ask is that this is done in a sympathetic fashion, preserving the street scene.

Storage: We have decided to try and help with this by storing and preserving some original character features, such as windows and doors. If any residents could help with any spare storage space, please contact us.

New signs: We are keen to raise awareness of the fact that we are an Area of Special Character, and have started to put up signs around the estate advertising this fact. If any residents would like to display a sign, please get in touch.

Our committee of volunteers

We are a team of volunteers and we welcome new committee members, new blood and new ideas to boost to our estate.

If you like a walk, we welcome help with delivering the occasional leaflets, and once a year collecting subscriptions. You can commit as much or as little time as you like. Please do not hesitate to get in touch and get involved.

Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Our local police urge us to report any crime, however small and any ASB. You can email nemailbox.snthaleend&high@met.police.uk or nemailbox.snthatchlane@met.police.uk. You can also report crimes easily at www.met.police.uk.

Burglary, car theft and car break-ins

The local police has advised that many burglaries and car thefts are caused by people not securing their homes or vehicles. Please make sure you lock up, even if you are in the house.

We had at least one incident last year of thieves using a ladder from a neighbouring garden, climbing in through a bedroom window, and carrying out a burglary whilst the residents were downstairs watching TV. If you have any ladders in your garden, make sure they are put away, or chained to something immovable.

Whipps Cross Hospital

A consultation is currently underway on the plans for the brand new Whipps Cross Hospital. If you would like to see more details, please go to www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/future-whipps

Dogs in our area

Many of us are dog owners but we need to be mindful of our neighbours and community. Please do not let your dog be a nuisance to others, especially in the park. Public spaces are there for all to enjoy. And of course, please clean up after your dog in all areas, including Epping Forest; it is a byelaw.

Local organisations

Highams Park Planning Group (HPPG) was formed in 2011. They have produced a Neighbourhood Plan which has been adopted by the council, to try and preserve the village feel of Highams Park Centre and surrounding area. Visit their website www.highampark.london and sign up for their emails; they are very informative.

Highams Park Society is another good local Group with a film club. Their Chairman is a local historian (Sandeep Christian) who gives very informative talks on local history. Their website is www.highamparksociety.co.uk

My very best wishes to you all.

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