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HOUNSLOW'S COMMUNITY DEMENTIA SERVICE

The London Borough of Hounslow in partnership with The Alzheimer's Society has launched new community services to support people with dementia, their carers, relatives and friends in need of advice or who may simply want to chat.

The following services are available throughout the year:

Dementia Advisors, if you are concerned about your memory or have been diagnosed with dementia, advisors will work with you to identify your personal needs and assist you in meeting them. This will include guiding you to local support services.

Dementia Support Workers, the service will, based on a person's needs, provide information and practical advice to help maintain a person's independence for as long as possible.

Singing for the Brain, music encourages people to express positive feelings and emotions and well known songs can evoke memories and enhance communication.

Side by Side, this service assists persons with dementia to carry on doing what they enjoy. With the help of a volunteer they can continue do it with support.

Focus on Dementia, this group provides peer support for people living with dementia and is actively involved in developing Hounslow's dementia services. The group meets monthly at West Middlesex Hospital.

For advice / information about these services call **020 8563 0360** and Hounslow@alzheimers.org.uk

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The above is based on article in Winter edition of Hounslow Matters.

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at the Heston Community Centre at 7.30 pm.

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SPEAKER'S CORNER - HRA MEETINGS 2020

Wednesday 4 March - Annual General Meeting.

Wednesday 18 March – Presentation – update Tesco/Homebase

Wednesday 1 April Waste & Recycling – Ms C Gardener, LBH

Wednesday 6 May Education – Cabinet Member - Cllr Tom Bruce

HESTON & CRANFORD AREA FORUM & PLANNING COMMITTEE DATES 2020

Heston & Cranford Area Forum: 2020 12/3 starting at 7pm @ Heston Community Centre

Planning Meeting: 5/3, 2/4, and 14/5 starting at 7.30pm @ Hounslow House

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This is open Monday to Friday, 10.00am - 4.00pm when you can speak to an advisor who can provide help and support.

The Council is holding sessions up to March 2020 to support people who may need assistance applying for the Government EU Settlement Scheme

Appointments are held at Hounslow Library, 1st Floor, Hounslow House, TW3 3EB, on Thursdays 10am - 12noon until 26 March 2020.

HOMELESSNESS

Following the recent publication of the Shelter report **This is England: A picture of homelessness in 2019**, Cllr Lily Bath, Lead Member for Housing & Social Inclusion commented

“The Shelter report reflects the scale of challenges that local authorities face in dealing with homelessness across the country. It shows the excellent work we are doing in Hounslow to face up to these challenges.”

“The report also shows that Hounslow is amongst the top five London authorities in managing homelessness and rough sleeping. These results demonstrate our commitment to supporting the most vulnerable residents in our borough – we have helped over 7,000 households this year, (2019)

Homelessness comes in many varied forms and is extremely difficult to count accurately. With this work we attempt to estimate a snapshot of the number of people homeless on one given night in 2019. The types of homelessness that we count in this work are:

People who have been accepted as homeless and now live in Temporary Accommodation arranged by the local council

People who have been legally accepted as homeless and now live in Temporary Accommodation arranged by themselves or are living ‘homeless at home’

People who are rough sleeping

People who are owed a homelessness relief duty under the new Homelessness Reduction Act but have not been provided with accommodation (this was a new element for 2019)

Single people who are in hostel accommodation, but are not counted among the statutorily homeless people above

People who are owed a duty under the Children’s Act and are living in temporary accommodation that has been arranged by Social Services

It is estimated that on any given night in 2019 there will have been just over 280,000 people who were homeless, a rate of 1 in every 200 people. This population is mainly made up of people who are homeless and living in temporary accommodation arranged by their council (over 236,000). It includes approximately 4700 rough sleepers.

The following 10 local authorities are based on regional rankings and calculated, in respect of homeless persons in the area by comparing the estimated number of people who are homeless to the total population of the area, using the latest available ONS population statistics.

Newham homeless 14535 (incl.79 rough sleepers), **Haringey** 9308 (32), **Kensington & Chelsea** 5346 (20), **Westminster** 8478 (306), **Enfield** 10507 (78), **Barking & Dagenham** 5941 (9), **Hackney** 7703 (23), **Waltham For.** 7326 (22), **Tower Hamlets** 8245 (10), **Redbridge** 7198 (26)
The above also topped the national ranking

Selected other local authorities, Hammersmith & Fulham 3625 (12), ranked 16 in London out of 32, **Ealing** 6544 (33) - (17), **Kingston** 2317 (23) - (21), **Hounslow** 2031 (18) - (29), **Hillingdon** 1534 (70) - (31) and **Richmond** 726 (14) - (32).

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HOUNSLOW'S CREATIVE ENTERPRISE ZONE

The following notice was recently posted by the London Borough of Hounslow's Business & Investment Team "Progress is underway in the development of Hounslow's Creative Enterprise Zone, designated by the Mayor of London earlier this year as part of an initiative to support artists and creative businesses.

The Creative Enterprise Zone covers the areas from Chiswick Business Park to Sky in Osterley, south including the Brentford and north to include Boston Manor and Gunnersbury parks. The Great West Road spans the zone, with its eclectic mix of corporate headquarters in the broadcasting, media and IT sectors and micro businesses in co-working hubs such as UBCUK at The Mille Building. On the edge of the Zone in Brentford Town Centre you can find the artists community on Johnson's Island.

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The last few months have been spent getting the Creative Enterprise Zone team in place, engaging local stakeholders and commissioning required research. Some of the programme areas being addressed include:

Affordable workspace for creative industries has been identified as a priority. Local landlords have been engaged. The Council is working with the developers who are planning projects within the Zone. A study of the different types of affordable workspace is required (micro business co-working, rehearsal/production, creatives, etc. Boston Manor House renovations are scheduled to be completed in April 2021.

Employment & Skills, a tender opportunity for the delivery of a programme to assist and support individuals and start-ups in the creative industries will be issued in 2020. Both the University of West London and West Thames College are engaged and coordinating with their respective qualifications in the creative industries.

Business Engagement – it was determined that the commercial focus would be on creative businesses within the 'Film/TV/Games' (screen) and 'IT/Digital' sectors, while micro business in other sectors would be supported through cluster and networking activities. Engagement has started with local businesses, including the large corporations, local businesses, small and micro enterprises and business incubators / accelerators. West London Business, the Hounslow and Brentford

Chambers of Commerce, sit on the project Consortium steering group and are providing links to the wider business community. This early engagement process has confirmed that Paramount Pictures are filming two films back-to-back at 'Gillette Building Studios'



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THE FOOD BANK

There are now about 2,000 food banks across the UK: the Trussell Trust accounts for about 1,200 of them. The number of supplies being distributed has risen by 73% over the past five years.

Food banks are non-profit making charities that collect and distribute food to people in need. Normally, those needing help must be referred by a doctor, social worker, or Jobcentre staff, who give them a voucher to exchange for food. The food is donated mainly by churches, businesses, community groups and individuals

The food bank in St Matthew's Church in Fulham is one of three sites run by Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank, a charity which feeds about 300 people a week. It is in an area of London where million-pound houses are

not unusual, only a short walk from the luxury developments of Chelsea Harbour.

"The people coming to the food bank are often "embarrassed and ashamed, they don't want to be here", says Daphine Aikens, the charity's chief executive. "But they are coming in growing numbers, with almost a threefold increase in three years." "Each person will have their own complicated reasons - but the common denominator, she says, is simply running out of cash.

"They just do not have enough to live on," and "The tipping point between coping and not coping can be pretty abrupt," says Mrs Aikens.

This can be low pay, low benefits, delays to universal credit, interruptions in earnings, illness, unexpected costs, debts, rent arrears, rising utility bills... but in the end, it comes back to a lack of money.

St Matthew's is offering access to psychotherapy sessions, along with consumer and legal advice, holiday clubs for families and training sessions on cooking and budgeting.

Newcastle's West End foodbank helps more than 46,000 people a year, more than any other in the country. United Nations poverty envoy Philip Alston visited the site earlier this year as part of a fact-finding mission into austerity in Britain.

The items most frequently handed out are: sugar, biscuits, breakfast cereals, soup, pasta and pasta sauce.

THE Riba STIRLING AWARD - 2019

An eco-friendly council estate in Norwich scooped the 2019 prestigious **Riba Stirling Prize Award for Architecture**. The **Royal Institute of British Architects** gives out the award each year to the UK's best new building.

The Norwich City Council estate, **Goldsmith Street**, is made up of almost 100 ultra low-energy homes. Goldsmith Street meets rigorous "Passivhaus" environmental standards, which means it "provides a high level of occupant comfort while using very little energy for heating and cooling", according to the **Passivhaus Trust**.

"Faced with a global climate emergency, the worst housing crisis for generations and crippling local authority cuts, Goldsmith Street is a beacon

of hope," said Riba President Alan Jones. Highly unusual for a mass housing development

"It is commended not just as a transformative social housing scheme and eco-development, but a pioneering exemplar for **other** local authorities to follow."

Goldsmith Street is made up of two-storey houses, bookended by three-storey flats. and designed by architect company Mikhail Riches to be eco-friendly down to the smallest of detail.

Letterboxes are built into external porches, rather than the front doors, to reduce draughts. Homes run on a passive solar scheme, estimated to bring residents annual energy bills which are 70% cheaper than those for the average household.

All face south to get as much sunlight as possible; walls are more than 60cm thick and the roofs are tilted in such a way to avoid blocking sunlight from the neighbours. They are constructed in materials referencing Norwich's history, such as glossy black roof pantiles, which relate to the city's Dutch trading links, and creamy clay bricks similar to Victorian terraces nearby.

David Mikhail of Mikhail Riches said "It is not often we are appointed to work on a project so closely aligned with what we believe matters; buildings people love which are low impact,"

"We hope other local authorities will be inspired to deliver beautiful homes for people who need them the most, and at an **affordable price**."

The other shortlisted contenders were: London Bridge Station, The Weston, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Nevill Holt Opera, Leicestershire, Cork House, Eton and the Macallan Distillery, Speyside.

Last year's winning building was the European headquarters of Bloomberg, the world's most sustainable office and largest stone building in the City of London.

Front cover with thanks to photographer Tim Crocker

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THINKING of BUYING a PROPERTY?

Recent research by property company Zoopla has revealed the average property price for first time buyers and the household income required to

purchase a property. In the case of first time buyers the most common property is a two bedroom flat.

The research found that the average cost of a first time buyer home in the country is £220,000. Needless to say an analysis of London's boroughs reveals that the average cost for the first time buyer is understandably much higher than the national average.

Despite it becoming much harder for young people to get a foot on the property ladder, it would appear that the proportion of buyers making property purchases for the first time has increased.

The following is a selection of a few of London's boroughs which illustrates how frustrating and demanding it can be for the potential property buyer to "get a foot in" the market.

Barking & Dagenham: Household income needed to buy: £66,750. Average house price for first time buyers: £300,000

Ealing: Household income to buy: £117,750. Average price for first time buyers: £529,950.

Hillingdon: Household income to buy: £105,500, Average price for first time buyers: £475,000

Hammersmith & Fulham: Household income needed to buy: £177,750, Average price for first time buyers: £800,000

Hounslow: Household income needed to buy: £111,000, Average price for first time buyers: £499,950

Kensington & Chelsea: Household income needed to buy: £294,500, Average price for first time buyers: £1,325,000

Kingston: Household income needed to buy: £124,500, Average price for first time buyers: £560,000

Richmond upon Thames: Household income needed to buy: £141,000. Average price for first time buyers: £635,000.

Westminster Household income needed to buy: £250,000. Average price for first time buyers: £1,125,000

Barnet: Household income needed to buy: £140,000. Average price for first time buyers: £630,000.

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CRANFORD PARK – THE SECRET GARDEN

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Friends of Cranford Park

HOUSING ESTATE REGENERATION

Hounslow Council web-site announcement: At it's meeting on the 21 January the Cabinet approved the preparation of a programme for regenerating the Council's housing estates over the next 20 years. Approval was given to the allocation of an initial Estate Regeneration budget of £600,000 to be funded from the HRA and GLA grant to support the development of the programme and preparation of outline plans.

The programme is expected to deliver hundreds of high quality, energy efficient, affordable homes for residents, who will play a leading role in shaping the proposals. It is being guided by comprehensive assessments of the council's 171 estates, designed to identify those that will need to be updated over the next 20 years.

At the Cabinet meeting, where the intention to prepare the programme was approved, it was also resolved that the Convent Way estate, in Heston, will be the first estate to be regenerated, with the potential to create 1100 new homes – up from 440 currently - a community centre, play areas and improved public transport links.

The regeneration project will be a further step towards the Council's pledge to secure 5,000 new affordable homes for Hounslow (3,000 for social rent and 2,000 for shared ownership), and honouring its commitment to build 1,000 new council homes, by March 2022. Already 1,118 new affordable homes have been built in the borough.

Convent Way was prioritised for early regeneration following an audit that showed it faced increasing maintenance bills, consistent concerns about nuisance behaviour like fly-tipping and that it would struggle to meet the council's rigorous energy efficiency targets. The plans for the regeneration of the estate will be shaped by the residents themselves, in an open conversation about what residents want for the future of the estate in which they live. The regeneration of the estate will lead to an increased

number of council homes. All existing tenants and leaseholders will be offered an alternative home on the new estate.

Cllr Steve Curran, Council Leader and Lead Member for Regeneration and Affordable Housing Developments said: "I am delighted with this chance to create new, high quality and energy efficient homes, as well as opportunities for new community and health facilities, shops, improved transport links, and green and leisure spaces. It will take us one step further to delivering our housing pledge and our strategic aspirations for building more vibrant, thriving places where people will enjoy living.

"It is vital that residents and the local communities support us in our aspirations. That is why we are putting them at the heart of this process - we need to build a partnership with them to develop a scheme that will better serve their needs, create jobs and improve their quality of life.

I encourage all residents in Convent Way to come forward, provide their ideas and help shape the future plans for their estate."



LIST OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS Heston & Cranford

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213, Great West Road:P/2020/0248:Erection of a part single/part 2 storey side extension.#

18, Scott Gardens:P/2020/0336:CoL for the retention of the rear roof extension incorporating a reduction in size.

1, Victoria Gardens:P2020/0363:Col for the erection of a single storey extension to the single storey outbuilding.

317-9 Vicarage Farm Road:P/2020/0414:Raise the roof of the existing MOT service building by 1m and the erection of additional covered area attached to the existing building.

10, Brandon Road:P/2020/0364:Conversion of the garage into a habitable space and the erection of a 1st floor rear infill extension.

163, Heston Road:P/2020/0341:Change of use of rear part of the ground floor to residential to allow the creation of 1 additional flat with associated amenity space.

10, Haslemere Avenue:P/2020/0396:CoL for the erection of a hip to gable and rear roof extension with 2 roof wondows.

103, West Way:P/2020/0421:Erection of a detached single storey garage to rear of the house.

All Saints Church, Broad Walk:P/2020/0375:Retrospective application for the retention of a single storey attached building for use as a meeting room at the front of the existing conservatory and a single storey attached building for use as a book shop at rear of existing conservatory.

STRANGERS IN BERLIN

My two children live and work in Germany, that is how it happens with some families. Good jobs turn up, and the prospect of an interesting life and they are off. I think I am unfortunate to have both my children living abroad but I have recently met a friend whose two sons married American girls and she has to cope with the long journey to the States, whereas my flight is a one and a half hour from Docklands City Airport.

Christmas is always appealing not only to see the family but the wonderful German markets held in many small and large towns.

My children live in Berlin and there are about 40 markets in the centre and surrounding area.

I was there three years ago looking at a wonderful market, full of home made craft ware, wooden Christmas carvings and wonderful food. We were there a couple of hours and my son said "It is time we went to a restaurant because people have been drinking and it's getting too noisy. We made our way to a nearby restaurant and had just sat down and ordered our food when everybody's mobile phone went off saying "Stay where you are, terrorist attack". We heard the sound of gunfire and shouting. The terrorist had driven into the market in a heavy vehicle and mown down many people, 12 people were killed!

This year we decided to go well out of the centre and chose the beautiful town of Charlottenburg with its castle. The castle was built in 1695 by Friedrich 3rd as a summer palace and the beautiful gardens were crowded with stalls selling Christmas goods, stollen and mulled wine.

There was of course the inevitable coffee and cake stall, so I suggested we stop there, I sat down while my son got me some coffee and stollen. Shortly afterwards four Indians came by speaking English. I said "Isn't this a wonderful place full of colour" They agreed they had never seen anything like it. Just then a little band started playing which made the atmosphere even more festive.

I said to them "Where do you come from" The lady said "Langley". Oh I said "That is near the airport. I used to live near the airport at a place called Norwood Green" The lady said "We know that very well my brother lives there" I said "What road does he live in" and she said Alleyn Park. I nearly fell off my chair, I said "That is the road I used to live in, you are not

in my old house are you? Her brother lived a few doors up from my old house.

What is the chance of meeting somebody who is a stranger with whom you have a lot in common - in a crowded foreign city - in a Christmas market with hundreds of people walking round.

Life is strange.

Margaret Hofman - former Chairman HRA, now residing in Canterbury





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LONDON UNDERGROUND - POLLUTION

Researchers from King's College London recently carried out a comprehensive survey of pollution on the London Underground, evaluating the exposure of people travelling on different parts of the network. The outcome of the research was that pollution on the Underground network is around 15 times greater than it is above ground.

Researchers found that concentrations of fine particles - known as PM2.5 - which are linked to many health issues were far greater on the Underground than in other modes of transport such as the bus or driving a motor vehicle.

As one would expect stations in Central London are those where passengers encounter the most serious pollution levels; those stations that are above ground were found in general to be less polluted.

The study found that median concentrations recorded on the **Victoria** and **Northern** lines the most polluted on the network, were greater than

any recordings taken on subway systems in New York, Los Angeles, Beijing, Guangzhou, Sydney, Seoul or Barcelona, stations with the most exposure to pollution, and that researchers are most urgently urging the authorities to intervene at **Oxford Circus**, **Waterloo** and **London Bridge** stations.

Perhaps not surprisingly the District and the Docklands Light Railway, large sections of which are above ground, were the lines with the lowest concentration of pollution.

Researchers monitored pollution levels by wearing special backpacks fitted with devices that measure PM2.5 levels. These compared the PM2.5 levels underground with congested areas, like Oxford Street, or parkland like Hyde Park.

Lead author Dr David Green, from King's College London said: "Our aim in this study was to make high quality measurements of the PM2.5 that people are exposed to in the London Underground. "The results show that they can be some of the highest concentrations they will encounter during their day.

"Currently, our understanding of the health effects of air pollution is based on measurements taken by fixed measurement stations above ground. "Clearly these don't represent what people are exposed to as they travel on the Underground and these new measurements will help us improve these assessments."

On average, the London Underground handles 2.8 million passenger journeys each day - with an average journey of 47 minutes.

Compared with many other city underground systems London's is rather aged and considerable investment is needed to bring it into the twentieth century.

The underlying problem is of course that for many commuters the underground is the most convenient means of transport to get to their place of work or for an evening out at the theatre. To use any other form of transport would probably be less convenient, more time consuming and/or impracticable.

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ATTACKS on POLICE OFFICERS

Statistics have recently been made available which highlight the dangers that confront London's 31,000 police officers on a day to day basis. In the 12 months to May 2019 there were 5061 attacks on police officers, in 2661 attacks officers were injured.

Westminster registered the highest recorded attacks on officers with 321 followed closely by Lambeth 319. Other boroughs featuring a high number of attacks included Southwark 261, Lewisham 219, Croydon 215, Brent 211, Newham 202 and Ealing 196.

Other selected boroughs: Kingston 83, Hillingdon 117, Enfield 129, Barnet 139, Kensington & Chelsea 147, Hammersmith & Fulham 159, **Hounslow 156.**

The lowest was Richmond with 53 recorded attacks against police officers.

Measured as attacks per 100,000 of a borough's residents, Richmond was the lowest with 27, followed by Bexley 29, Merton 31, Redbridge 33, and Barnet 35.

Selected others Hillingdon 38, Ealing 57, **Hounslow 58**, Hammersmith & Fulham 86 and Kensington & Chelsea 94.

Interestingly, whilst the City of London had only 50 reported attacks, the least in the capital, it had the most attacks per 100,000 residents, when taking into account the number of residents in the borough (574).

Four of the five worst boroughs for attacks on police officers were in South London, ironically so are three of the safest.

In general, officers serving in inner London boroughs were more vulnerable to attack than those based in outer London.

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In November 2018 Hounslow Council's Cabinet approved a substantial investment in the borough's CCTV capability, an integral part of its commitment to revamping the Council's overall approach towards improving community safety across the borough.

Recently unveiled, the new state-of-the-art, high definition CCTV network will lend the council better capacity to monitor the borough's streets, especially hotspot areas, on a 24/7, 365 days-a-year basis. This will not only assist council staff in taking enforcement action, but also facilitate closer working with the police and other agencies, leading to improved community safety.

Cllr Katherine Dunne, Lead Member for Communities said:

"With our new integrated CCTV capability, we are equipping our housing, neighbourhood and enforcement teams with the best technology to better monitor our streets and safeguard our communities from those who flout the law in a wide number of areas. Communities should feel reassured with the extended capacity of the service and the enhanced community safety as a result."

NEW PARK SIGNAGE on TRIAL

Hounslow Council's web-site notes that:

Redlees Park in Isleworth has had a brand new series of signs installed as part of a pilot scheme to improve access to all green spaces across the borough.

The new design incorporates silhouettes of people and activities in bright colours alongside the promotion of 10 minute walking routes around the park. The recently improved trail along the Duke of Northumberland's river walk has also been added to the map to encourage users to explore and to promote a link between Hounslow's numerous green and blue spaces.

These signs are being trialled in Redlees Park but if they prove popular with residents, the Parks Team will roll out the new design as replacement opportunities arise.

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E – Waste

We are constantly being reminded of the need to recycle, including such items as cans, bottles, plastic, paper and cardboard, clothing and small electrics.

However, relatively little attention is paid to the recycling of e-waste which includes, but is not confined to: TVs, computer monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, cables, circuit boards, lamps, clocks, flashlights, calculators, phones, answering machines, digital/video cameras, radios, VCRs, DVD players, MP3 **and** CD players.

It is reported that more than 50% of UK households have at least one unused electronic item and that 45% have between two and five languishing in drawers and cupboards!

Further, many such items have a value and can be sold on for recycling/re-use and it is reported that the average household has e-waste worth £127, with mobile phones being top of the list. A UN report states that 50 mill tonnes of e-waste are thrown away each year of which only an estimated 20% is recycled, in the EU the figure is 35%.

Electronics are full of valuable materials, including copper, tin, iron, aluminium, fossil fuels, titanium, gold, and silver. Many of the materials used in making these electronic devices can be recovered with considerable worth, reused, and recycled—including plastics, metals, and glass.

The recycling of e-waste can significantly decrease the demand for mining heavy metals and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions from manufacturing virgin materials. The recovery of re-usable materials from electronics, saves natural resources (energy), reduces pollution, conserves landfill space, and creates employment.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (US), recycling one million laptops can save the energy equivalent of electricity that can run 3,657 U.S. households for a year. Recycling one million cell phones can also recover 75 pounds of gold, 772 pounds of silver, 35,274 pounds of copper, and 33 pounds of palladium.

With such a comparatively short useful life, electronics transition into e-waste at a rapid pace. In fact, it was estimated that close to 500 million unused cell phones have accumulated in people's homes. Globally, a cell phone is sold to around 25% of the population annually, and every year

millions of electronic devices such as mobile phones, TVs, computers, laptops, and tablets reach the end of their useful life.

Importantly e-waste recycling helps cut down on production waste. According to the Electronics Take Back Coalition, it takes 1.5 tons of water, 530 lbs of fossil fuel, and 40 pounds of chemicals to manufacture a single computer and monitor. 81% of the energy associated with a computer is used during production and not during operation.

Electronics recycling can be challenging, discarded electronics devices are sophisticated devices manufactured from varying proportions of glass, metals, and plastics. The process of recycling can vary, depending on the materials being recycled and the technologies employed, but here is a general overview:

Collection and transportation are two of the initial stages of the recycling process, including for e-waste, Recyclers place collection bins or electronics take-back booths in specific locations and transport the collected e-waste from these sites to recycling plants and facilities

Shredding, Sorting, and Separation: after collection and transportation to recycling facilities, materials in the e-waste stream must be processed and separated into clean commodities that can be used to make new products. Efficient separation of materials is the foundation of electronics recycling. Shredding the e-waste facilitates the sorting and separation of plastics from metals and internal circuitry, and waste items are shredded into pieces as small as 100mm to prepare for further sorting.

Iron and steel is separated from the waste stream on the conveyor it can then be prepared for sale as recycled steel. Further mechanical processing separates aluminium, copper, and circuit boards from the material stream—which now is mostly plastic. Water separation technology is then used to separate glass from plastics. The final step in the separation process locates and extracts any remaining metal remnants from the plastics to purify the stream further.

Preparation For Sale as Recycled Materials: After the shredding, sorting and separation stages have been executed, the separated materials are prepared for sale as usable raw materials for the production of new electronics or other products.

Whilst it is important for users of electronic equipment to recognise the need for recycling, it is equally important for local authorities and other

agencies to recognise not just the need but the associated value of the numerous materials derived from recycling.

As the UN report states: "Lack of awareness about how to recycle and worries about data security mean there are vast tranches of residual electronics in drawers, garages, bedrooms and offices across the globe waiting to be dealt with".

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FUNDING FOR NEW CYCLE SPACES

Transport for London (TfL) recently announced more than £3.5 million of investment to 30 London boroughs to create 7,800 new cycle spaces in town centres, stations, schools and residential areas.

The funding is part of TfL's Cycle Parking Implementation Plan, published last year, which highlighted that thousands of new bike parking spaces are needed to keep up with the increased levels of cycling. TfL is working with councils, schools, universities and hospitals across the capital to ensure the number of cycle parking spaces can meet demand.

The investment will enable thousands more cycle journeys each week by ensuring that more journeys begin and end with a place to park. The investment has been targeted to add spaces where they are most needed. Cycling in London has continued to boom in recent years, with recent TfL data showing the average daily total distance cycled in the capital exceeding four million kilometres for the first time.

The £3.5 million cycle parking funding is part of the Mayor's investment in cycling and walking. It is designed to help create healthy streets in London, enabling people to walk, cycle and use public transport more often - benefiting people's health, improving air quality and reducing road danger. The Mayor and TfL are committed to increasing the % number of journeys made in London by walking, cycling or public transport from 63 per cent to 80 per cent by 2041.

In Hounslow, the additional funding received from TfL has enabled the council to set up a scheme to offer residents of the borough the possibility of having a Bike-hangar installed. Bike-hangars offer a secure solution to overnight cycle parking and an effective way to protect bikes from tough weather conditions and vandalism. They store six bikes within half the space of a car parking bay, making it ideal for areas where space for indoor cycle storage space is limited.

Hounslow Council will continue to review cycle parking provision and is interested to hear about locations that would benefit from additional on-street cycle parking to help residents safely secure a bike while visiting local shops and other amenities.

Will Norman, London's Walking & Cycling Commissioner, said: "We are determined to get more Londoners onto their bikes to help to tackle congestion and make the city greener.

"As well as continuing to make cycling safer, we know it's vital that we make the beginning and the end of people's journeys as simple and hassle free as possible. Alongside our investment in high-quality routes, we are extremely pleased that this new funding for cycle parking facilities will enable thousands more Londoners from all corners of the capital to hop on a bike."

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A recent report published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) noted that: "While smaller pubs have been struggling to survive in recent years, bigger pubs have been growing in number. This growth has been driven by food rather than drink and there has been a big rise in the number of people employed as pub kitchen and waiting staff.

"The latest year, however, shows the first rise in total numbers since before the financial crisis, with growth in pubs of all sizes. Only time will tell if this marks a revival for smaller 'locals'."

Despite a small rise in the number of pubs of all sizes in 2019, the overall number of pubs in the UK had previously been dropping for over a decade. Previously, the ONS reported that this fall was mainly driven by small pubs – employing fewer than 10 people – closing. The figures showed that the number of medium sized and large pubs was actually growing.

Figures published in January 2020 showed that, while the total number of pubs fell from 51,120 to 39,130 between 2007 and 2019, total employment grew from 426,000 to 457,000 (7%) over the same period.

The number of small pubs and bars in the UK has increased for the first time in more than 15 years. The latest ONS data shows that the number of small pubs and bars (that is, those with fewer than 10 employees) increased by 85 (a 0.4% increase) in 2019. This follows more than 15 years of closures. The overall number of pubs and bars in the UK increased by 315 (a 0.8% increase) between 2018 and 2019, the first increase for a decade.

New data from the ONS shows that pub and bar enterprises now employ more people serving food than people working behind the bar. In 2003, bar staff made up roughly 4 in 10 employees and those serving food (that is, chefs, cooks, waiting staff, and kitchen and catering staff) made up roughly 3 in 10 employees. Since 2016, the opposite has been true, with those serving food outnumbering those working behind the bar.

The tendency in pub and bar enterprises to employ more people serving food may be a reaction to changing consumer habits. There is a long-term trend towards people spending more of their household income on eating out and less on drinking out. The ONS is monitoring the slight decline in spend on meals eaten out in the financial year 2017 to 2018, as this may not be indicative of a consistent trend.

As well as an increase in the number of pubs and bars in the UK, turnover in the sector increased by £847m (3.8%) in 2017, after inflation is considered. Real turnover in the latest year of data is at its highest level since the financial crisis of 2007 to 2008 ended. Moreover, there were 7,000 more jobs in the sector in 2019 compared with 2018, an increase of 1.6%.

In **Hounslow**, there are around 2.6 pubs per 10,000 people. This is lower than the UK average of 5.8 pubs. There are now around 60 fewer pubs in Hounslow than in 2001.

In **Hounslow** there are around 800 jobs in pubs and bars. This is **36.0%** lower than in 2001.

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CABINET QUESTION TIME FOR HESTON & CRANFORD

Cabinet Question Time for the Heston & Cranford area, chaired by David Blackett, Chairman of Heston Residents' Association, was held recently at Cranford College the main issues raised were:

1. Waste & Recycling: weekly waste collections are not anticipated. It was emphasised that residents must engage more with the current system. It was acknowledged that there are problems with waste and recycling collections, particularly with tenanted properties. Fly-tipping remains a problem (over 20,000 reported incidents pa) and more staff will "door knock" to reinforce messages regarding waste / recycling collections. Overall recycling rate is currently 32%, high rise properties 49%, low rise properties 8%. Investigations ongoing re recovery of materials from street waste, commencing with Hounslow High Street..

2. Tesco / Homebase development: serious concerns expressed regarding this and other residential developments particularly the impact on the local infrastructure such as hospital & GP services, education, public transport, and utilities (gas, electricity, water/sewage). also too few car parking spaces.

3. Support for families in exceptional circumstances eg violent death: Council support is available and Victim Support staff are particularly helpful in such circumstances.

4. Knife crime: Whilst this is a matter of considerable concern Hounslow is not classed as a "gang borough". The Council is acutely aware of the problem and it was considered that schools should be addressing the problem and also be aware that mental health problems can be partly at the root of this type of crime.

5. Day Centres: It was considered that not enough use is made of day centres and it is known that there are plans to consolidate some centres. Dementia patients should be able to obtain greater benefit from such centres

6. Trees: It was reported that many street trees have been lost and not replaced. Attendees were assured that 1000's of new trees are to be planted in the next financial year.

The poor weather had a great impact on attendance, which was a shame. However, the event was well worthwhile and appreciated and those that did attend had the opportunity to air their views and ask pertinent questions of Cabinet members. Vivienne Blackett, Secretary HRA

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The 18,000 bed-frames in the Athletes Village at this year's Olympics will be made of cardboard.

The sustainable sleeping arrangements are said to be able to support up to 200 kilogrammes, making them stronger than many wooden beds. They will be recycled into paper products after the games, while the mattresses will be converted into new plastics.

The Athletes Village complex will be completed in June, ahead of the Olympics opening on 24th July and the Paralympics on 25th August.

Toyota has announced around 90% of the vehicles it is providing for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics will be electrified and claims medals will be made of recycled mobile phones, digital cameras, handheld games and laptops.



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GREENER CLEANER HOUNSLOW

Building on the success of last year, London Borough of Hounslow announces that it will again be organising and supporting Community Clean Up Events, as part of the Keep Britain Tidy Great Britain Spring Clean GB SpringClean and the Cleaner Greener Hounslow programme Cleaner Greener Hounslow.

In 2020 the Council hopes it can build on this success with you! Together let's make it happen!

Thank you for all the support and commitment towards last years' Community Clean Up Events. With your help we were able to organise over 60 events, spanning many areas of the borough, not only within our parks and open spaces, but also on many of our streets, as well as in other community spaces. These events helped to improve local environments for all. For example there were around 500 bags of litter collected from last springs' events, with approximately a quarter of the litter sent for recycling to our recycling centres at Space Way and Transport Avenue. Without willing and committed volunteers such as yourselves, none of these events would have happened, thank you!

This year the **GBSpringClean** is set to commence from the 20th March until 13th April 2020, but we won't limit ourselves to only holding events during this period, the Cleaner Greener Hounslow Team would like to support as many events as possible!

If you are a member of a parks Friends group, or indeed any other community group, and know of a park or open space which you feel would

benefit from a community clean up event, please contact us and we'll help to promote and support the event. As in the summer, we will be concentrating mainly on parks and open spaces but if you would like to suggest any other areas, be it other community spaces, streets and alleyways, or other public areas, please contact us. Along with our service providers, we will ensure to support all community clean ups where possible, promoting them on social media, registering on the Keep Britain Tidy website, and providing guidance, equipment and waste collections on the day of the event.

If you would like more information about these events or have any queries or suggestions please contact us and we will be happy to help.

Additionally, please contact us if any of the following apply;
I am interested in holding an event in my area and would like support from Greenspace 360 (which manage open spaces and can provide equipment and site arrangements – keeping everyone safe and happy)

Remember If you own your own suitable gloves and litter pickers, please bring them with you! **also REMEMBER** to dress for the weather, wear comfortable footwear and bring water!

HESTON & CRANFORD AREA FORUM

For the first time for many years the Heston & Cranford Area Form, following persistent lobbying by Heston Residents' Association, was held in the local area, at the Heston Community Centre, thus falling in line with three of the other Forums and in my opinion justifiably so, particularly with the problems of parking in Hounslow.

This was the first H & C A F since July 2019, two Forums having been cancelled a cardinal sin in itself. As a result of the cancellations there was a full agenda, the Forum commencing at 7pm and not finishing until 10pm, a strong black coffee being a prerequisite.

The agenda included:

1. LBH Budget Presentation by Cllr Rajawat, probably the most important item on the agenda which was given some 10 minutes before close down, surely totally unreasonable, certainly for attendees and there was no time for questions.

The most significant points were a Remaining Savings Gap for 2020 of £6.1mill, and a proposed 3.99% increase in the council tax for 2020/21,

adding £48.92 pa to a Band D property plus the GLA precept of £6.41, an overall increase of £55.33 pa The Council will set the budget in February.

2. Heston Park Update: despite the 1mill+ spend on Heston Park 3 or 4 years ago there is an overall feeling that value for money was not achieved; there remain outstanding problems to be resolved including: **a) replacement of 6 trees b) the wild flower mounds** which have not been successful due to lack of maintenance **c) the failure to raise the Green Flag**, following the award in 2019, **d) the hedgerow** immediately adjacent to the park along the Walnut Tree Road alleyway, which has been crying out for maintenance for some time. **e) the “meadowland” areas** adjacent to The Grange and the above mentioned hedgerow require more positive maintenance and finally the need for a greater synergy between Greenspace 360 and Fusion – responsible for the leisure site.

Since the above points were tabled at the Forum by HRA Chairman, there has been some positive response from the Parks Project Manager, progress maybe on the horizon.

Litter in Heston Park can certainly be a problem, particularly during the summer months, weekends and school breaks; Greenspace 360 is responsible for cleansing/litter picking on a daily basis, but as we know this is a never ending challenge. The problem is exacerbated by residents dumping household waste in or by litter bins and on the hoof diners stuffing pizza boxes in the bins and blocking otherwise half empty containers – tear them in half, but that of course is expecting far too much. Since the Forum 3 trees have been planted, mounds have been strimmed and the Walnut Tree Road alley hedgerow cut back. **Success!**

3. The Hermitage, 17, Upper Sutton Lane, as many local residents will be aware this 15th / 16th century Grade II property was badly damaged by fire in June 2003 and is on Historic England’s At Risk register. Despite one or two attempts by the previous owner to develop the site the overall situation remains unchanged. There is the added on-site problem of Japanese Knotweed which can be aggressive in growth and a threat to property.

Numerous attempts by Chairman HRA for The Hermitage to be on the Forum agenda have met with little success. Both local Councillors and residents deserve feedback from responsible officers at the Forum.

This item was not on the agenda. Further pressure will be applied for future Forums.

4. Waste & Recycling: in addition to the present weekly / fortnightly collections, a selection of points covered **a)** improved communal food recycling facilities at 10 Hounslow Housing locations in February/March **b)** Space Way accepts hard / rigid plastics which are separated and are currently achieving income of £150 per tonne, **c)** Council investigating cooking oil and battery rebate opportunities, **d) target** to achieve a 65% municipal waste recycling rate by 2030, including a 50% recycling rate for local authority collected waste by 2025, **e)** programme to investigate the recycling of cans/bottles from High Street litter to be carried out in the near future.

A review of the Space Way site is planned, to ensure health and safety and legal compliance. Also to improve use of the site, to engage with residents and traders re future plans and to enhance site safety, security and resource efficiency.

Comment: above all else Space Way needs to be more user friendly, witness the sites visited by the BBC's "Money for Nothing" programme.

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JOINT UNIT for WASTE CRIME

A new taskforce, the Joint Unit for Waste Crime (JUWC), that brings together law enforcement agencies, environmental regulators, HMRC and the National Crime Agency to crackdown on waste criminals has been launched. It will target serious and organised waste crime, such as falsely labelling waste so it can be exported to unsuspecting countries and dumping hazardous materials on private land.

Serious and organised waste crime is estimated to cost the UK economy at least £600 million a year, including lost landfill tax revenues and clean-up costs. A report published in 2018 found that no one had been given the maximum fine of £50,000 or 12 months behind bars.

By working together, the joint partners will be able to share their intelligence and resources more easily to take swifter action when investigating criminal waste operations and other connected illegal activities, such as money laundering and human trafficking.

The new Unit, which bolsters the Environment Agency's (EA) existing efforts to tackle waste crime, will conduct site inspections, make arrests and prosecutions and upon conviction, push for heavy fines and prison sentences.

Last year, the EA stopped illegal waste activity at 912 sites – 12% more than the previous year, which resulted in businesses and individuals being fined almost £2.8 million for environmental offences in 2018.

Environment Secretary Theresa Villiers said: "Waste crime is a scourge on our environment and this new Joint Unit for Waste Crime will crack down on the criminals responsible.

"Criminals are shifting their focus to waste crime as they expand their illegal activities and it's vital that we take action. The Joint Unit will shut down illegal waste sites, catch criminals before they can do further harm to our environment and local communities, and make them pay for the damage they have done through custodial sentences and the payment of compensation."

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CRIME in LONDON – 2019

Between January 2019 and December 2019, there was a total of 914,428 crimes reported across the capital which included theft, sexual offences, fraud, burglaries, vehicle offences and more. Of this number there was a

total of **221,003 violent offences** against another person recorded by the police.

The borough in London with the least amount of violent crimes recorded by the Met Police during 2019 was **Richmond** there was a total of 12,860 recorded last year with 2,941 being for violence against another person. The most committed crime was theft with 2,990 offences recorded.

Other boroughs making up the top ten with the least recorded violent crime were:

Kingston – 3,475, Merton – 3,949, Sutton – 4,223, Kensington & Chelsea – 4,229, Harrow – 4,718, Bexley – 5,280, Havering – 5,451, Hammersmith & Fulham -5,664, Waltham Forest – 6,108.

Selected others: Westminster was the borough with highest number of violent offences recorded in 2019, there was a total of 82,105 reported crimes. Theft was the most committed crime with 46,063 offences recorded, and violence was second with **11,055** offences committed. **Others incl. Ealing** - 8,544 violent crimes, **Hounslow** - 7,549, **Barnet** - 7,342 **Hillingdon** – 7,318.

BOSTON MANOR PARK SECURES LOTTERY FUNDING

Hounslow Council recently announced that: Boston Manor Park has secured National Lottery funding of £3,634,600 for Stage 2 of a project to enhance, conserve, interpret and engage diverse communities with Boston Manor Park.

The funding, awarded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund, represents 71% of total eligible costs for Stage 2 of a far-reaching project “Reconnecting Boston Manor Park” that incorporates: a new learning space and modernised community café hub, landscaping and extensive refurbishment of the Park focusing on ecological enhancement works, lake and river bank improvements, a new nature trail path, accessibility alterations including a new accessible circuit path and changes to the Park’s amenities, tree planting and the introduction of a wide range of on-site information resources and activities.

Boston Manor Park is home to Boston Manor House, a Grade 1 listed, Jacobean manor house built in 1622. The 11.36 hectares public park was part of the Boston Manor estate and now surrounds the House in a combination of woodland and open space, with an area adjoining the Grand Union Canal. Together the Park, River Brent and Grand Union

Canal form a unique historic and ecological green space and are designated as a Conservation Area.

The National Lottery award means the project can go ahead delivered by the London Borough of Hounslow together with Boston Manor partners; the Friends of Boston Manor, Spartans FC, the London Wildlife Trust, the Brent River Catchment Partnership, the Canal & River Trust and other local organisations.

The capital investment outlined above will enable the park to host a full programme of activities to engage with local communities. Workshops on topics such as; creative writing, poetry, photography, local history and nature conservation will offer local communities a chance to reconnect with their heritage and environment. Guided walks and talks will link the park with health and well-being opportunities for residents and visitors. The Park's improved facilities will also provide opportunities for outdoor learning in areas such as horticulture, nature and heritage trails, gardening and planting. The Park will host a Forest School programme and afternoon sessions for local children as well as an outdoor learning programme targeting the 140 schools of Hounslow and Ealing, comprising approximately 98,000 pupils in all.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS – GREAT WEST ROAD – MASTER ROBERT JUNCTION

Readers may recall that concerns were expressed about the timing of the traffic signals at the Sutton Road / Upper Sutton Lane / Great West Road Junction. TfL has recently provided the following response.

“The signals at this junction are operated by **SCOOT**, an automated system that utilises detectors buried in the road surface on each approach to measure vehicle flow and then automatically adjust the green times. On average following the recent timing review the southbound receives approximately 15 seconds green time in the AM peak and approximately 14 seconds in the PM peak. Our Network Managers have set up the **SCOOT** system at these signals to provide a fair balance between competing road users including a focus on prioritising bus movements and protecting cycle and pedestrian movements. As this is an over-subscribed part of the network, there is a delicate balance to be made with the A4 which has significantly more vehicles and the more frequent bus service. Following our timing review, we are confident these signals are providing that fair balance.”

The NEW BOLDER ACADEMY

Work has now commenced on the new Bolder Academy, MacFarlane Lane, off Syon Lane. The initial work over the next few months will include piling, foundation works and structural steel frame, followed by brickwork and internal fitting out. Later in the year there will be associated road works along Syon Lane. Work is due to be completed in August 2021.

The planning application (P/2017/1417) was approved in August 2019, the Academy will eventually accommodate over 1,000 students.

The company responsible for the new build is Bowmer and Kirkland Ltd, a partner of the Considerate Constructors Scheme.

HOUNSLOW COUNCIL and BREXIT

Whilst Britain has officially left the EU local authorities across London continue to assist EU nationals to apply to settle in the city.

Hounslow Council has decided to continue to fly the EU flag at Hounslow House, and Council Leader Cllr Steve Curran has explained why. He said: "Although the decision to leave the EU has been made, we know there is still a lot of uncertainty and concern among our EU citizens, their families and employers, as well as local businesses and organisations.

"Our EU citizens, many of whom work for the council, our partners such as schools, health and social care services and the police, contribute a huge amount to the diversity and rich culture of the borough.

"They are our friends, neighbours and loved ones, and we want them to stay." He added "They've also brought a huge amount to our local economy. Their skills, innovation and hard work has been at the heart of the fantastic business growth we've seen in the borough, and the jobs and opportunities that creates for residents.

"As well as the council advising and supporting them as best it can, it wants to make sure they continue to feel welcome as valued members of our communities."

"We're going to keep flying the EU flag as a symbol that we remain an internationalist borough, a gateway to London for people and business, a place which embraces diversity and which EU citizens can call home."

The council has also advised locals who want support and information about Brexit, including how to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme, to visit the Brexit section of its website.



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Consider the following steps in the event that such an incident occurs: -

- Call 999 and explain the situation to police.
- Don't open your door unless absolutely safe to do so.- Move to another part of your home for a better vantage point.- If you have to open the door, use a chain to prevent access.- Report any suspicious behaviour to the police.

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MINUTES OF THE HESTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2020 AT HESTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Attendance: 24

In compliance with Fire & Safety Regulations, Chairman indicated the location of the Emergency exits to be used in the case of fire or emergency and stressed the importance of members signing in as a record of attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER: Matthew Kelly, Senior Communications Manager (Delivery) Heathrow.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: N Marbrow.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Agreed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. **Rectory Farm:** Update in January RAM (p 31).
2. **The Hermitage:** Chairman has tried to elicit information through H&CAF to no avail.
3. **Heston Park:** Chairman HRA has raised a number of concerns about the park. It was noted that although the Park has Green Flag status no flag is flying. Replacement trees: 3 trees have been replaced. The meadowbank mounds have now been strimmed
4. **Heston Healthcare Centre:** S Malhotra MP is to meet with senior partners at the Crosslands Practice following which she will meet with the Minister for Health to discuss funding.
5. **Tesco/Homebase:** A meeting with the Berkeley Group arranged for 19 February has been cancelled; to be re-arranged.

MEMBERSHIP 2020: 350 (paid up).

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

1. **Traffic lights**, Upper Sutton Lane/Great West Road: TfL report states that no change to timings is required (see p 31)
2. **Trees, Summerhouse Avenue/Heston Rd**: New trees required to fill gaps. This needs to be pursued with the rider that the more that complain the more likely that trees will be replaced.
3. **Raffle December meeting**: The raffle raised £50. A cheque for £70 was sent to the Mayor's fund; a letter of appreciation received from the Mayor.
4. **Future visiting speakers**: AGM 4 March: the Fire and Safety Officer for the Community Centre will brief HRA members. **1 April**: Cindy Gardiner, Waste & Recycling. **6 May** Lead Cllr Tom Bruce to speak on education issues. A police Inspector has been invited to speak at the June meeting.
5. **OWL** messaging service: is now video linked.
6. **Parking, North Hyde Lane**: It is reported that cars are being parked on the pavements at North Hyde Lane. A complaint has been lodged with Hounslow Highways with no reply. There is also a complaint regarding dumped cars awaiting repair.
7. **Drinking/The Ringway**: Several complaints that people are drinking in The Ringway resulting in ASB.
8. **Earl Haig**: No further news. A planning application is expected in 2/3 months

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Annual General Meeting: Wednesday, 4 March 2020.

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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