

HHGERA

NEWS

The Newsletter of the Hanger Hill
Garden Estate Residents Association
www.hhgera.com

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The Residents Association exists to keep your views on the Estate heard and works to promote a strong community. The Committee members are all volunteers. If you would like to help out in any way please contact any Committee member. Enjoy the Summer 2017 edition of your Newsletter.

Help us transform a dark, overgrown space into a beautiful woodland garden!

Your Residents Association is working to raise nearly £50,000 to restore and improve the dark and overgrown central reservation on Princes Gardens, identified as a priority at the last Annual General Meeting. Lots of work has been done on the project since then, and we have developed a 'cherry trees' theme that will:

- Renovate the central gardens and make the Estate look even more beautiful
- Protect air quality and provide a biodiverse, nature friendly area
- Improve road safety with more places to cross and make it easier to see cars
- Replace dead trees and shrubs to be in tune with our heritage and adapt to climate change
- Bring the community together with gardening days and festive gatherings
- Offer an education resource for residents and local schools
- Discourage antisocial behaviour such as flytipping

We need as many people as possible to get involved, to share ideas and help persuade local businesses, large sponsors and funding organisations to back the project. You can:

- Email consultation@hhgera.com to tell us what you think and to get involved
- Come along to **Monks Drive** from 2-4pm on 29th July to meet the team and see the plans
- Go to the crowdfunding website www.spacehive.com/westactoncherrytreewalk, where you can register and pledge money in support (you can give as little as £2).
- Look out for updates at www.hhgera.com/gardens-project.

Now it's your turn to let us know what you think. A circular is being delivered to everybody on the Estate, there's lots of information at <http://www.hhgera.com/gardens-project>, and members of the project team will be on hand to discuss the details at the next Playstreet on Monks Drive, from 2-4pm on 29th July.

HHGERA AGM

The residents association Annual General Meeting was very well attended and many residents had the opportunity to share their views and ask questions about issues that affect us all on this beautiful estate.



The Tea Club of Hanger Hill

The Tea Club of Hanger Hill is a blog about people, home, family, history and community. It's a village publication about Hanger Hill Garden Estate and its surrounding area. The author has loved living on HHGE ever since she moved here 4 years ago. She talks about plant life on the estate: "Spring in Hanger Hill conjures for me (who has never been to Japan) images of the cherry blossom season in the country of the rising sun." She also talks



about objects: "When Odile moved to the area surrounding Hanger Hill Garden Estate 20 years ago, she found the letter in an old buffet that the previous occupants left behind. She could never throw it away." She is quite fond of animal life: "Mr and Mrs Duck fascinated my children and I straight away because they had this instinctive tendency to stay together." Her real fascination though is for people "you will never hear the Japanese mum of Hanger Hill reveal any parenting issues or complain about her daily activities." "Breda and Michael are certainly a lovely couple and it seems true champions of the community." The stories of people who live on the estate are stories of hardship, immigration, family values, success, dedication, passion and happiness. These are uplifting stories that might inspire all of us & which she shares with us on her blog: <http://www.teaclubofhangerhill.com/>

Playstreets are in full Swing!

The playing, sharing and conversation on Monks Drive has resumed as residents came together on the 29th April and the 24th June. **SPECIAL NOTICE:** We will be turning the **30th September** Playstreets into an **HARVERST FESTIVAL**. You shouldn't miss what promises to be a memorable neighbourhood event - full details will be announced closer to the time.

If any local residents or businesses would like to come along and have a stall at the festival, please contact Kate by email: kate.crossland@riseup.net. It's a great chance for all of us to meet and connect on our beautiful Hanger Hill Garden Estate. If you'd like to know more about playstreets, have a look at this great website at: <http://playingout.net/>. Upcoming dates as below:

- 29th July from 2pm – 4pm on Monks Drive.
- 30th September from 2pm – 4pm on Monks Drive.
- 28th October from 2pm – 4pm on Monks Drive.



Community Gardening Morning

We are delighted to report that residents got together on the 15th May 2017 and cleared an overgrown area at the top of Princes Gardens.



Neighbourhood Watch Update

Summer holidays are upon us: don't forget to put light timers on, ask a neighbour/friend re-arrange your curtains, bring in your bins. Having been a victim and lost my entire hard-drive AND my dissertation, I am sharing **ACTION FRAUD's RANSOMWARE ADVICE:**

- Don't click on links, or open any attachments, you receive in unsolicited emails or SMS's
- Always install software updates as soon as they're available. Whether you're updating the operating system or an application, the update will include fixes for security vulnerabilities.
- Install anti-virus software on your computer and mobile devices, and keep it updated.
- Create regular backups of your important files to an external hard drive, memory stick or online storage provider. The device you back up to shouldn't be connected to your PC
- Don't pay extortion demands as this only feeds into criminals' hands and there's no guarantee that access to your files will be restored if you do pay.

RECENT INTERNET FRAUDS: Wedding Frauds; Puppy Frauds; Fake BT Email; Goticketuk.com (non-existent tickets); HMRC: payment demands using iTunes gift cards

HOLIDAY FRAUD ADVICE from ACTION FRAUD

- **Stay safe online:** Check the web address is legitimate and has not been altered by slight changes to a domain name – such as going from .co.uk to .org
 - **Do your research:** Don't just rely on one review - do a full check the company's credentials.
 - Check whether the company is a member of a **recognised trade body such as ABTA**. If you have any doubts, you can verify membership of ABTA online, at www.abta.com.
 - **Pay safe:** Be cautious if you're asked to pay directly into a private individual's bank account. Paying by direct bank transfer is like paying by cash – the money is very difficult to trace and is not refundable. Wherever possible, pay by credit card or a debit card.
 - **Check paperwork:** You should study receipts, invoices as well as terms and conditions. Be very wary of any companies that don't provide any at all. When booking through a Holiday Club or Timeshare, get the contract thoroughly vetted by a solicitor before signing up.
 - **Use your instincts:** If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
 - **Get free expert advice:** stay safe when booking travel online, go to Get Safe Online.
- TRUDY PRESCOTT, NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR

Water Lilies on the Pond

Have you noticed how beautiful the water lilies were on the Pond this year? Below are some of the photos taken when they looked loveliest.



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