

# 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 aleksandra@japanservices.co.uk. Enjoy this edition of your Newsletter.

#### Princes Gardens Reservation Project - Phase 2

The gardeners are back at work clearing out dead wood and undergrowth on the Princes Gardens central reservation, after a long pause for nesting birds to raise their young. Thanks to everyone who helped with watering, the new trees and shrubs planted in the first phase are looking great and beginning to put on their Autumn colour.

Members of the project team were at Café 11 (North Ealing) from 3-5pm on Saturday September 15th to show how the lessons learned from the pilot are being applied to the next phase. If you couldn't make it then, go to: www.hhgera.com/gardens-project for updates and document links.



### Houses Service Charge

If you live in a house on the Estate and haven't yet paid your £60 annual service charge for 2018, please do so now!

Online payment details are on the invoice delivered to your house or you can email neil@hhgera.com if you would like someone to come and collect cash or a cheque.

#### HHGERA Litter Pick

Beautiful sunshine greeted our group of litter pickers on Sunday 16th September. Around twenty people of all ages came along to help tidy up our local area. Before we started, we all thought the streets looked pretty tidy and we wondered if we would have enough work to do!

One team bravely volunteered to do Masons Green Lane- the alley that runs by Holy Family school up to Park Royal- which we knew would be hard work. Another group suggested the car park on Monks Drive; and some tackled the service roads. Altogether we collected over 20 bin bags of rubbish! We managed to recycle three bags. The children (and some of the adults) got creative with the cans, glass, and plastic and made a fish and a monster.. or was it a robot?

We hope you will notice a difference around the Estate; and that if you are thinking about dropping litter it makes you think twice when you see how much we collected! Look out in the newsletter for plans for another litter pick next year! Kate Crossland



#### Fox Alert!

Those clever and pesky Hanger Hill foxes have worked out how to break into food waste caddies left out overnight. Please put caddies out on the morning of collection, rather than the previous night, so we don't get leftovers strewn all over the Estate. Also, please don't put out food for the foxes because it also encourages rats and mice.



#### Community Gardening Morning

Following three successful community gardens work days, we are organising another community gardens work day in October. The plan is to tidy up a small section in Tudor Gardens (the elbow). I therefore invite you to join us on:

Date: Sunday 21 October 2018

Time: 10am to 1pm but don't worry if you arrive late or leave early

Place: Tudor Gardens, opposite 14 Tudor Gardens.

Bring: Gardening gloves, secateurs, rakes, loppers / pruning saw Don't worry if you're not an expert gardener or don't have tools. And please do bring along anyone else you think would like to get involved, either on the 21st October or more generally. Please wear appropriate clothing, as we intend to tackle areas comprising ivy. As well as being fun, this will be a good opportunity to meet new neighbours. I hope to see as many as possible of you on Sunday 21st October.

Piers Mahoney, Gardens Co-ordinator Hanger Hill Garden Estate Residents Association

#### OWL Success Stories in Hanger Hill

- After a burglary and theft of a Mercedes in Hillingdon, OWL members were alerted and provided valuable CCTV images.
   The info helped the police and after a car chase 3 men were arrested and the vehicle recovered.
- Tesla car stolen at 3am. Appeal for info sent out on OWL at 5am by NHW coordinator. At 8am it was spotted by an OWL member on way to work and recovered. The owner was very grateful.
- 4 masked youths arrested & scooter recovered after watch members shared info and sightings in response to OWL alerts.
- Major obstruction on A40, alert sent to 1000's on OWL. Thanks was received from public who avoided the A40, thus reducing congestion.
- Missing child reported in Chiswick High Road. An appeal was sent on OWL across a 3 miles radius. Many who received the message on their smart phones went to help look for the boy. The child was found after 11 minutes of sending the message.
- Fake builders scamming elderly residents in Ealing. An officer sent out an OWL alert which prevented more incidents taking place. A resident explained that thanks to this message she refused to open the door to a scammer.

#### Is OWL free to use?

Yes, there is no cost to register and messages are free to send and receive **Will my neighbours know I am using OWL?** 

Messages are confidential, meaning you can use OWL discreetly to communicate with Neighbourhood Watch or the Police. When alerts and information is sent to your area, you cannot see the list of recipients so we can never accidentally disclose your email details to other users.

#### Will I receive marketing and advertising messages?

No. OWL is used by Police and Neighbourhood Watch to send alerts and advice on crime and other local issues relevant to you. We never provide your details to third parties for marketing.

#### Do I have to be a member of Neighbourhood Watch to use OWL?

We recommend joining your local Neighbourhood Watch as you will receive additional local information to help keep you safe, but if you do not wish to join, you can register for Community Messaging instead. This means you will only receive alerts and information from the Police.

#### How safe is my personal data?

The OWL system has been designed with security in mind. Only those who need it can see your data. We never sell your data or pass it to third parties. If you unsubscribe, we delete all of your data.

#### What is Secured By Design?

Secured By Design is the official UK Police initiative combining 'designing out crime' with physical security

**How do I unsubscribe?**f Simply email your details to the Watch Liaison Officer and we will delete your data from OWL.



A warm welcome to PC Aaron Rafiq to the Hanger Hill ward officers team. Telephone: 0208 721 2947

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#### Lessons in the art of Ikebana

Ikebana allows you to enhance your philosophical and creative capability while encouraging freedom of expression. Structure plays a significant part in Ikebana, yet it is through learning this structure that freedom is found. So advises Tomoko (Sempo) Yanaqi, an ikebana master.

Her display includes a number of the different lkebana styles so that one can get a real flavour for this calming yet uplifting art form. While serenity and energy separately may represent opposing forces, they are harmonised through lkebana. About lkebana - Japanese flower arranging:

Ikebana's history goes back more than 550 years ago. Originally Ikebana was available for highly ranked people such as emperors and regional lords for presenting their authorities and sophistications, much later it became as part of the personal development for ordinary people. She feels that flowers are not only beautiful, but that they could reflect the passing of time and the feelings in their own hearts: "We arrange plants cut and removed from nature so that they are filled with new beauty when placed in a new environment. Rather than simply recreate the shape a plant had in nature, we create with branches, leaves, and flowers a new form which holds our impression of a plant's beauty as well as the mark of our own spirit".

#### Ikenobo Style of Ikebana

This is a style that considers not only an open flower but also a flower's bud to be beautiful, for within the bud is the energy of life's opening toward the future. Past, present, future ... in each moment plants and humans respond to an everchanging environment. Together with plants, humans are vital parts of nature and ikebana arranging expresses this awareness.

Tomoko-San's Students are a group that is officially qualified and called: Ikenobo Ikebana School UK & Ireland Group. Upon completions of sets of lessons, official certificates can be issued by Ikenobo Ikebana Institute in Kyoto Japan. Past and existing students are from 6 years old to 80 years old men and women and boys and girls from all around UK and Europe, USA, Brazil, China, Singapore etc.

All of the lessons are conducted in English. Five students have already reached a qualification level which allows them to start teaching. Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pg/ikebanaworldUKIreland Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ikebana\_uk\_ireland/







#### Japanese School Summer Festival 2018

This year Maeda Gakuen Acton Yochien organised yet another successful festival on the beautiful grounds in Queens Drive:











### Neighbourhood Watch Police Update October2018

The Hanger Hill Team have been involved with the Community Road Watch Team: volunteers work with the Police to identify and warn speeding motorists on our ward. If anyone wants to join please contact the ward officers, as below.

The police have been actively encouraging residents to contact the council with regards to the erection of alleyway gates to prevent people accessing the rear of their houses.

They also assisted Ealing Council in obtaining a Civil Injunction against a resident whose home had been the target of a drugs warrant, this resident is now barred from entering specific parts of the Ward.

They have been issuing Community protection Notices (CPN's) to people committing constant ASB on the ward.

A new restaurant and bar had applied for longer opening hours (until 5 am). The Team and many residents thought this inappropriate and provided Statements to the Licensing Authorities.

They have also been following up any burglary by "cocooning" the immediate area. This means enquiring with neighbours of the victim as whether they heard or saw anything suspicious on the date and time in question.

Popular "Cuppa with a Copper" sessions October:

Contact Point: Crowne Plaza Hotel

Thurdsay 25th October 12 -1 pm Tuesday 30th October 1 -2 pm

Hanger Hill Ward Officers:

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#### PlayStreets 2018

Neighbours have enjoyed meeting monthly on Monks Drive in higher and higher numbers and Playstreets is becoming more and more popular. Tennis, bike rides, crafts, chalk drawing and yummy refreshments are just some of the features that have made PlayStreets such fun this year. Don't miss the special Halloween meet - details are below!











