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NEWS

The Newsletter of the Hanger Hill
Garden Estate Residents Association
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The Residents Association owns and maintains the gated service roads and most of the communal gardens on the Estate. Our Constitution outlines all the activities we undertake on your behalf. The Constitution together with a host of information and news can be found on www.hhgera.com. We hope you enjoy this edition of our Newsletter which forms part of our commitment to keep you informed and to promote a stronger community. If you would like to help out contact: volunteer@hhgera.com.

HHGERA Annual General

The HHGERA and Houses Management Board AGM will be on Thursday 24th March at 7pm. Everyone is welcome! We hope to hold the meeting in person, but of course this will depend on the Coronavirus situation. Formal notice is being circulated at the same time as this newsletter. We will send an update and agenda two weeks before the meeting.

We always welcome help running the Association. We have a variety of different roles, including helping with organizing events; looking after gardens and service roads; planning and conservation and lots more! Please get in touch if you would like to know more: email chair@hhgera.com.

Service Roads

Genevieve Bornor has been leading a group of volunteers who look after our service roads that run behind the Estate's houses. Sadly she will be moving away, but we are delighted to welcome Sarin Takhar as the new service roads co-ordinator. Looking after the service roads involves checking they are clear for rubbish collections, reporting any problems like fly-tipping, and making sure neighbours are aware of the rules. Some volunteers also help by picking up litter. Keeping the service roads clear, clean and tidy makes life much nicer for all. If you'd like to help please get in touch by emailing chair@hhgera.com.

Christmas trees

While we're on the subject of service roads, please don't leave Christmas trees on them! Ealing Council will only take them away if they're left on the pavement on a black bin day.



Deeds of Easement

If you own a house on the Estate and are thinking of selling, please ensure your solicitor is aware of the information about Deeds of Easement on our website:

www.hhgera.com/selling-your-house



Putting the 'gardens' into our Garden Estate

Did you know that all the green spaces on and around the Estate are looked after by either the Flats management company or the Houses Management Board? Ealing Council is only responsible for trees planted on the pavements.

Our programme of gardens improvements has gathered pace over the past year with clearance of overgrown vegetation in the Rose Garden and around the Tudor Gardens triangle, and the planting of more than 450 Spring bulbs at various places on the Estate. More has been done, too, to improve visibility across Princes Gardens following a spate of handbag thefts last Autumn.

That's all thanks to the hard work of Abel Gardeners, the Houses' contractor, under the guidance of gardens co-ordinator John Stone. John says: "One of my priorities has been to open up the overgrown areas so that they can be maintained more easily in future while maintaining biodiversity throughout the estate."

Sadly, John adds, the horse chestnut on the corner of Vale Lane and Princes Gardens had to be cut down. It was once a beautiful tree and had been heavily pruned to try to keep it alive. Finally, though, it became so badly damaged by fungus that it was dangerous and had to come out. The same was true of one of the self-planted Sycamores on the elbow of Tudor Gardens. There are also some smaller dead trees to be removed from service roads and the Princes Gardens central reservation, where the 20 new trees planted in 2017-18 are growing nicely.

The Flats have their own contractor, who looks after the Pond garden as well as the gardens, Paddock and lawns around the flats. And our volunteer gardeners have made the little garden at the south end of Monks Drive look very pretty. We're planning more improvements in 2022 and thinking of ways to celebrate the Estate's gardens for its centenary in 2028. More on that at the AGM.

Sustainability on the Estate

Thanks to the work of our sustainability group, we now have a page on our website with frequently asked questions about sustainability. Please have a look here:
<https://www.hgera.com/sustainability>



Welcome to new Flats Management Board members

In December the Flats Management Board held its own Annual General Meeting. Ian Collier stepped down after many years of service on the board. We would like to thank him and the board members, old and new, for all their hard work on the Flats side of the Estate. The board and new management company are keen to work on some joint project with the Residents Association. Look out for news on this!