

HHGERA

NEWS

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

This edition of News is kindly sponsored by
by Zekel Tennis, our local tennis club.

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 NEW LOOK

It's nearly three years since HHGERA residents started to plan an ambitious project to clear the dead trees and undergrowth from the middle of Princes Gardens and make it beautiful again. Now the project is almost complete and it is hard to remember what the old 'green wall' looked like!

At the north (top) end, which was cleared first, young trees and wildflower meadow have been in flower and new shrubs have been putting on a burst of growth. At the southern end, the old dead trees, dense brambles and ivy were taken out last Winter, along with an overgrown rockery. The new planting here is more mixed, with some grasses and perennials alongside ornamental trees, wildflowers and shrubs. In total 20 new trees have been planted, chosen to give colour and support wildlife throughout the year, plus some young saplings rescued during clearance work. More than 2,000 flower bulbs were put in last Autumn, and there are over 100 new plants including some lovely roses near the junction of Queens Drive. But the scheme has also left relatively dense planting in some areas, following feedback from residents, and provided wood stacks for insects and birds.



There's a little bit more work to be done on the southernmost end, and some more bulbs to be planted this year. Then it's simply a matter of looking after the new plants as their roots settle in, and keeping the area clean and tidy from now on. None of this would have happened without a massive effort from the project's volunteer steering group; Ealing Council's Transform Your Space fund; nearly 70 other sponsors and individual residents; or the Estate's gardener, Patrick Corcoran, and his team. Watch out on Twitter (@hhgeranews) and www.hhgera.com for the date of a celebration to mark the project's official opening.





LITTER PICK

Our second Estate litter pick took place at the start of April. Ealing Council provided extra litter-pickers, gloves and bin bags, and arranged to remove the rubbish we collected which made the job much easier. Thanks to our local councillor Joy Morrissey for helping arrange this. Masons Green Lane remains the biggest source of rubbish. Across the Estate, we certainly found less than at the first event 6 months ago. So we hope that by working together to keep the area looking tidy, we are making people stop and think before they drop litter. Several people have told us they have been inspired to go out and collect rubbish regularly. We also learnt that some residents have been quietly doing this for years! It may be we don't need another litter pick, but if we do we will plan one for September with a focus on Masons Green Lane. Look out for information in the newsletters and posters. Thanks to everyone who attended and all those secret litter collectors.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Would you like to get to know your neighbours better? Do you have a few hours free to help look after the service road that runs behind your house or to collect service charge from houses on the Estate? If so, why not contribute to our community by joining the volunteers who work to maintain our lovely Estate?

As a service road monitor, you will help keep a small section of service road tidy and clear of obstacles so that rubbish trucks and other essential vehicles can get through. We also need people to help collect the £60 annual service charge paid by all houses to look after the service roads and green spaces that belong to all of us.

Don't worry! It needn't take up much of your time – just an hour or two a month. It's rewarding and important work. And you will receive lots of support from the Houses Management Board members who co-ordinate these tasks.

Email volunteer@hhgera.com to discuss how you can help.



Residents Association Annual General Meeting

The HHGERA AGM was held on the 28th March this year. Before the normal business of the AGM, an extra meeting was held to discuss updating the constitution and rules of the Residents Association. These were well received, with some great discussion on the changes, in particular skip licences. A unanimous vote passed the new constitution. The Chair Hugh Richards commented we should all see this as a 'live document', which can be reviewed and changed as needed. For the AGM we were pleased to welcome our local councillors and police officers, who updated us on the issues affecting the Estate and wider community such as the Post Office, stop and shop parking, and crimes reported via 'Cuppa with a Copper' events.

For the houses part of the Estate, our team of Service Charge collectors were delighted to report that 93% of all charges were paid for last year! This is the highest percentage we can recall. Well done to the team of collectors, and thank you to all residents for assisted with this. Perhaps we can make it 100% next year. We also heard from the residents association officers about events, replanting on Princes Gardens, future plans for the Estate Gardens, and some of the challenges of managing the service roads and gates.

Please look out for the full details and the meeting minutes on our website at

<http://www.hhgera.com>



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2019 PlayStreets:

Sunday 30th June	All 2-4 pm
Sunday 29th September	All are on
Sunday 27th October	Monks Drive



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**If Anti Social Behaviour is making your life a misery
contact your local Police Safer Neighbourhoods
Team.**



Hanger Hill SNT Tel 0208 721 2947 hangerhill.snt@met.police.uk
ALWAYS DIAL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY

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New Permits Needed to Place a Skip on the Service Roads After 1st July 2019

The gated service roads on the estate are owned by HHGERA Ltd and managed by the Residents Association. Whilst most residents have the right to drive on the service roads, no residents have the right to park or place a skip on any of the service roads. At the AGM it was agreed to introduce skip permits for residents wanting to place skips on the HHGERA Ltd service roads. This is to ensure that residents know where they can safely place skips without blocking refuse vehicles or neighbouring properties, to remind them that they need to keep the area around the skip clean and tidy and to raise funds which will help to keep down the cost of the annual service charge. Skips and skip vehicles can cause damage to the service roads and it was agreed at the AGM that introducing skip permits is fair and reasonable. If you need a skip permit just fill out the application form on our website www.hhgera.com. The permits cost £40 for a 4 week period, and an additional £10 for each week thereafter. Signs informing residents and skip companies that skip permits are required will be fitted to the gates. The signs will also show the condensed Rules of Use of the service roads. The service roads without gates belong to HHGERA Ltd, and residents wanting to place skips on those service roads should contact the Flats Management Board.

Service Road Gate Keys

Mul-T-Lock, the manufacturer of our service road gate locks, stopped making both the locks and the key blanks a few years ago, and last year we ran out of spare keys. I'm pleased to report that after writing to the Government Ombudsman, Mul-T-Lock agreed to do a production run of key blanks just for us. We now have sufficient spare keys and locks to last us for around the next 20 years. If you need a key just fill out the application form on our website www.hhgera.com and take it to Japan Services. The keys only open the gate nearest your house. However, keys to the gates on the long service road running around the outside of Princes Gardens and part of Tudor Gardens also open the gate onto Masons Green Lane, giving a useful short cut to Park Royal Underground Station.

Zekel Tennis - your friendly local club

You might have already met Zekel and his fantastic coaches if you regularly attend PlayStreets on Monks Drive, where they have engaged with children and given them a taste of what tennis is about. You also may have met them at many school fairs or other community events, as well as at their partner site Everyone Active Acton.

Zekel Tennis is a community focused club providing tennis classes in four schools: Twyford CofE High School, West Acton Primary, Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls and Southfield Primary School.

I asked Zekel what makes him leap out of bed every morning - he replied that it is always this passion for teaching tennis and a mission that he is on: "We teach our students to play how the professionals play". He adds that they use proven teaching methods and the coaches have been trained in from some of the best academies in the world and all instructors are Lawn Tennis Association qualified.

They teach all ages - adults and children alike, but they also have a special programme for small children called Little Tennis www.littletennis.co.uk

Armenian SUMMER Festival

JULY 14TH 2019

North Acton Playing Fields

Arrive at NAPF, Noel Road, W3 0JF from 12 noon



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