



# HHGERA

## NEWS

The Newsletter of the Hanger Hill Garden Estate Residents Association  
[www.hhgera.com](http://www.hhgera.com)

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The Residents Association exists to ensure your views on the Estate are heard and works to promote a strong community. The officers are all volunteers. If you would like to help, email us via [mail@hhgera.com](mailto:mail@hhgera.com). Enjoy this Autumn 2022 issue!

## Join us and make new friends

A lot of volunteer effort goes into keeping our Estate safe and clean, and we always welcome new people who would like to join us. This needn't take up a lot of your time and it's a great way of meeting your neighbours and putting something back into the community.

The flats' management board looks after the blocks, Garage Road, the Paddock and some of the communal gardens.

But the gated service roads behind the houses are managed by the Residents Association, using part of a very modest £60 annual service charge and a lot of work by a network of service road monitors.

Another group of volunteers collects the service charge, including visiting houses that have not paid. Most of the money pays for gardeners who look after the 17 communal gardens such as the Rose Garden and the middle of Princes Gardens.

Yet more volunteers are our contacts with Ealing Council, the local Police and other neighbourhood organisations; others do litter picking, organise community events like Playstreet (see below) and the Annual General Meeting. Not to

mention running the hhgera website and producing HHGERA News.

We're always on the lookout for more help. But at the moment we're particularly looking for:

- Service road monitors for the eastern side of the Princes Gardens loop, into Tudor Gardens
- Knowledge of e-commerce to help set up emailed service charge invoicing and reminders for houses
- Website design and build, to refresh hhgera.com.

Contact us via [volunteer@hhgera.com](mailto:volunteer@hhgera.com) to have a chat about how you might be able to contribute.

## Around the Estate



**Several people have heard and seen a pair of owls around the Princes Gardens loop. We think they're Tawny owls.**

One theory is that they've been hunting mice drawn to the nuts dropped by our Turkish Hazel street trees – they've certainly attracted a lot of squirrels and magpies. There are red kites around, too – see them wheeling above the A40 checking for road kill.

On the subject of wildlife, has anyone seen a hedgehog recently? There used to be lots on the Estate but they seem to have disappeared since Holy Family School was built.

### Houses service charge

The houses' charge was held at £60 this year. If you haven't yet paid, please do – or if you don't think it's your job, email [neil@hhgera.com](mailto:neil@hhgera.com) to tell him where to send the bill.



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**IT's PLAYSTREET TIME!**  
Halloween edition + Best Costume Competition!  
Put on your costume, meet your neighbours, let the children play, have fun!

**WHEN?** Sunday, 30th October 2022, 2 – 4 pm  
**WHERE?** Monks Drive (next to the Pond)  
**WHAT'S ON?** Fun Games, Cakes, Arts and Crafts and more!

During a playstreet the road is closed to traffic so children can play together safely. Adults are welcome too!



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## Progress at last on repairing the 'village pond'

Work continues by the Flats Board on refurbishing the pond. The pond is very old. It needs repair and a new liner to stop it leaking. This all takes time to plan and organise, and has been made more difficult with costs rising and a hosepipe ban.

Did you know? The 'fountain' is really just a tap attached to the mains, which spurts up high because of the water pressure. Sadly, this means the new pond won't have a fountain, but it will still be a beautiful part of our Estate.



## Picnic at the Paddock



Our main social event of the summer was the Jubilee themed picnic on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The sun shone, balloons bounced, kids played, the cakes were delicious and everyone had fun. Huge thanks to the organisers and congratulations to winners of the 'guess the weight of the plants' competition!

## Duke's Road noise update

Residents continue to be disturbed by noise from a business on Dukes Road. A noise abatement order is in place, but we are disappointed to report that the business has ignored this. The Council is now taking the next step, by taking the business to Court. We share the frustration of the affected residents.

## Fly tipping costs your neighbours money

Ealing Council won't collect rubbish left on service roads unless it's in the correct wheelie bin or neatly packaged recycling. Getting rid of it costs money, which may be charged directly or ultimately add to everyone's service charge.

It's very dispiriting for Residents Association volunteers and Ola, the flats' caretaker, to spend their time clearing up other people's mess. So please dispose of unwanted furniture, garden waste, ironing boards, fridge freezers and ovens properly.

You can book a FREE slot at recycling centres in Park Royal (Abbey Road – book via Brent Council) or Greenford, or arrange a bulky waste collection via the Ealing Council website ([www.ealing.gov.uk](http://www.ealing.gov.uk) – currently £40 for up to 8 items/ £25 per fridge freezer).

Wheelie bins shouldn't be kept permanently on houses' service roads. We'll be putting numbers on back gates soon; numbering your bin will then mean the bin men can get the right bin back to you. And don't forget to put out your food waste caddy (on the pavement) on collection morning so the foxes don't open it overnight.



**Rubbish left on service roads won't be taken away by Ealing Council. After Christmas, leave trees out on the pavement. Houses residents can apply for a skip permit via [www.hhgera.com/service-roads](http://www.hhgera.com/service-roads).**

## Find out more

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