

# GREENHILL MANOR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2015

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### **Introduction**

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### **Introduction**

During the year local problems have included infestations of rats and overgrown and neglected properties. Neighbours suffer and the two often go together. Your association has been closely involved in having these matters dealt with.

All local planning applications are scrutinised so that the association can ensure that everyone concerned has been notified, in case they wish to object, and also to have an overview on the impact on the neighbourhood. Without close local knowledge it is not always possible to see which neighbours are affected. As concerned locals we also monitor the progress of the work.

The town centre is not part of our network but it affects us all since we live so close. 51 College Road [the old post office] is an exciting new development – the official planning application for 318 flats, cafes and retail units has just gone in. GMRA has commented during the consultations and will continue to monitor progress.

Due to the efforts of the road representatives membership numbers remain steady although there is a slight drop due to the number of rented properties. It is thanks to people continuing to pay their subscription that we have a voice with the council.



## **The Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in Victoria Hall [Small Hall], Sheepcote Road.

The formal meeting is quite short with time for questions. The refreshment break is a good time to catch up with your neighbours. After the break Richard Claydon, Borough Commander for Harrow, London Fire Brigade, is coming to talk to us on 'Fire safety in the home'. This is your chance to ask about the local service and anything you need to know.

### **Greenhill Manor Residents' Association Annual General Meeting 2015 Agenda**

The Meeting starts at 8pm on 11<sup>th</sup> May

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chairman's Welcome and Review of 2014-2015
3. Minutes of the AGM held 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014 [copies will be available at the meeting]
4. Any matters arising from these minutes
5. Treasurer's Report [copies of the accounts will be available]
6. Election of Officers and Representatives  
Nominations and/or volunteers will be welcomed for election to the positions of:-  
Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Road Representatives  
[See also Committee Members]
8. Any other business

After a break there will be a talk by **Richard Claydon, Borough Commander for Harrow, London Fire Brigade**

The meeting must close before 10pm

# Committee Members

With the exception of the Treasurer, all of the current Officers and Members of the Committee are standing for re-election. The position of Vice Chairman is still vacant and the Treasurer is not standing for reelection.

Nominations/volunteers are needed for the role of Vice Chair, which would be an opportunity for someone to see how the committee works.

One nomination has been received for the role of Treasurer, Eddie Griffiths, Bonnersfield Lane.

## YOUR COMMITTEE

I thought a few words about your committee and the work they do might be appropriate at this point. Over the last year we have had a good committee and all roads represented, which is good as it is a shame when there is no input from some streets. We meet on the first Monday every two months, We review what we discussed at the previous meeting, and make sure the matters referred to the Council have been dealt with by them.

Then all street reps. get a chance to tell us if anything has been going on in their street that would interest us , some serious, which we then decide what action should be taken and sometimes humorous, we always have time for a laugh.

Jack Bye then reports on any planning applications received by the Council concerning our area, if any applications for properties in our streets arise Jack has already notified the street rep. concerned.

Any other matters arising, and that is about it, meetings last about an hour and a half. All this leads me onto a request for a Vice Chairman, the duties are not onerous it just entails attending Committee Meetings and in the absence of the Chairman to take the meeting, I must say in my defence I have not missed a committee meeting since I took over.

So if you would like to become involved, now is your opportunity, Please contact our Secretary Helen Shorter for more information or speak to us at the AGM. See you there.

Margaret Bristow  
Chairman

# Your current committee

Chairman..... Margaret Bristow, 118 Crofts Road  
Vice Chairman..... **Position vacant**  
Secretary ..... Helen Shorter, 55 Grange Road  
Treasurer ..... Maurice Solovitz, 53 Grange Road  
Bonnersfield Lane, Close &..  
Croft Villas.....Noor Mohamed,  
71 Bonnersfield Lane  
Crofts Road ..... Margaret Bristow, 118 Crofts Road  
Francis Road ..... Bijal Vekaria, 35 Francis Road  
Grange Road ..... Helen Shorter, 55 Grange Road  
Hill Crescent and Road ... Myrna Albertsen, 27 Hill Crescent  
Manor Road ..... Mike Moran, 43 Manor Road  
Northwick Park Road ..... Sylvia Farooqi }  
Gwen Batham } Northwick Pk.Rd.



# IDENTITY FRAUD

Fraud is when trickery is used to gain a dishonest advantage, often financial, over another person.

Identity theft is when your personal details are stolen and identity fraud is when those details are used to commit fraud.

Individual Fraud could be any fraud that targets a person directly.

On line Fraud is when fraudsters rely on the internet to commit their crimes.

## SUPPORT AND PREVENTION

You can sign up for FREE ACTION FRAUD ALERT to receive direct, verified, accurate information about scams and fraud in your area by email, recorded message or text message.

If you are a victim of fraud there is a network of support and information available to you.

## PREVENTION

DO NOT GIVE any personal information (name, address, bank details, email or phone number) to organisations or people before verifying their credentials.

Many frauds start with a phishing email. Remember banks and financial institutions will NEVER send you an email asking you to link in and confirm bank details. Do NOT trust such emails even if they look genuine. You can always call your bank using the phone number on a genuine piece of correspondence.

Destroy and shred receipts with your card details and post with your name and address.

Ensure your computer has an up to date anti-virus software and a firewall installed. Ensure your browser is set to the highest level of security.

You should regularly get a report of your credit file. Experian and Equifax offer this service for a fee of £2.00 and £3.00. Please check their websites for more information.

If you are a victim of fraud, beware of fraudsters pretending to be lawyers to assist you. Advice is free from Action line Fraud 0300 123 2040

Useful telephone number and websites:

Action Fraud 0300 123 2040

[www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

[www.stop-idfraud.co.uk](http://www.stop-idfraud.co.uk)

[www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

Talking about Fraud, please do not entertain any phone calls purporting to be from Microsoft Certified Partners, Symantec (Norton) or out of the blue calls which tell you that your PC is infected/slow and they will sort it out free by taking control of your computer remotely. Just tell them you do not use any computers.

These fraudsters will plant a virus or Trojan on your computer. Then they will ask you to pay a big amount by Western union or Debit card. Once you pay, your money is lost forever. Being a Computer Technician one comes across a lot of people stung by this scam. When you have a problem on your Computer, find a reputable Technician in your area. Be alert and don't be a victim of easy or free solutions.

# News

## THE CAFE IN THE PARK

Hurrah! After a long break the Cafe in the Kenton Recreational Ground is once again open for business. It is run by volunteers who provide tea, coffee, biscuits and cake with an honesty box for your donation. It is open from about 11am to 4pm every day.

Also, there is a room available for meetings for up to about 20 people, or tables and chairs suitable for Bridge, Chess or any other games, obviously no gambling allowed.

For further information speak to Eugene Callinan who is in the park every day.



We have a bin next to the Bench on Bonnersfield Lane.



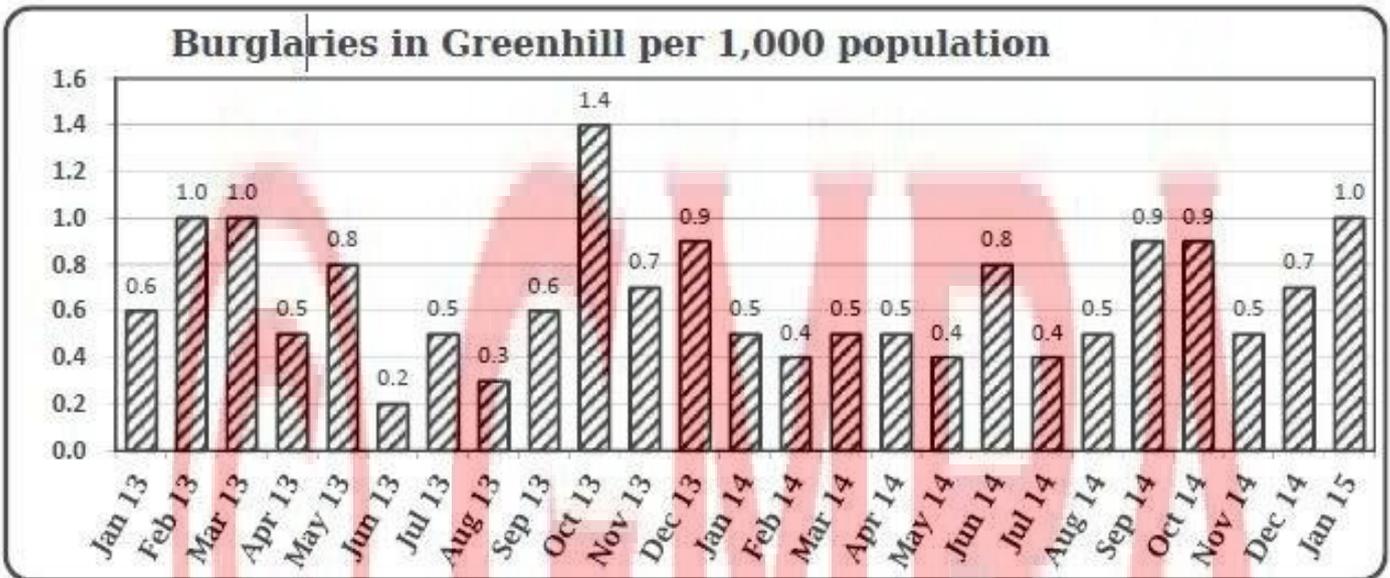
## Cumberland Hotel Demolition

A proposal has been submitted to demolish Cumberland Hotel (St. Johns Road) and build two blocks of flats (123 flats in total). Maximum height will be 9 stories.

# Greenhill Burglaries

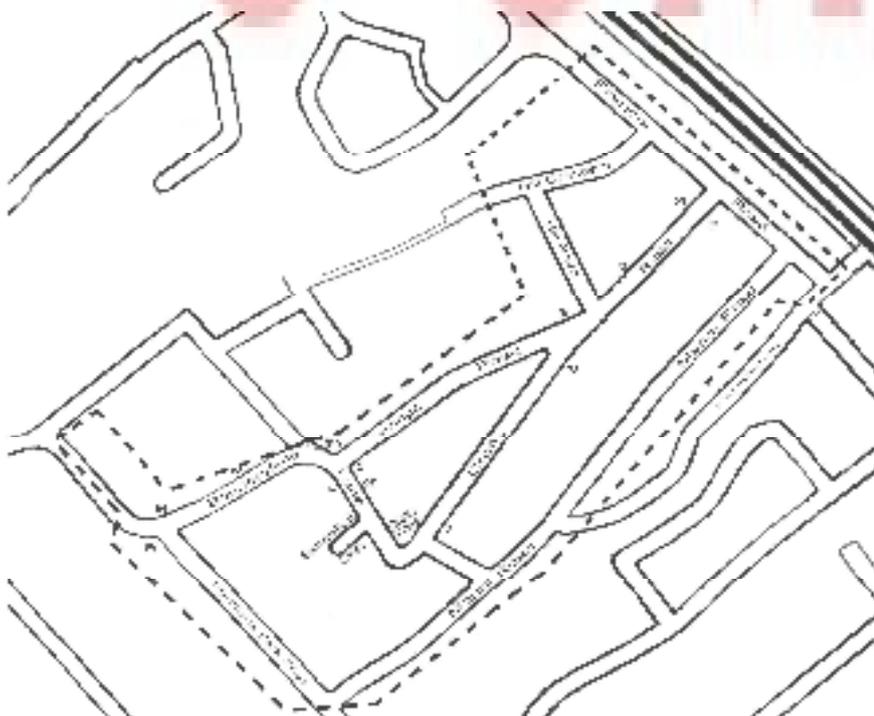
Here is the chart with the latest burglary figures for Greenhill – unfortunately rather higher for January 2015!

The chart below shows how the number of burglaries in the whole of Greenhill has changed through the last two years. It should be noted that Greenhill extends past the town centre as far as Bessborough Road.



These figures were produced by the Metropolitan Police. They show the number of burglaries for every 1,000 people.

## About the Association



The Association is a non-political, non-religious organisation run by your neighbours for the benefit of all residents in Greenhill Manor [see map], whether they are home-owners or tenants.

