

GREENHILL MANOR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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INTRODUCTION

Your Committee continue to work on your behalf. We are pressing the Council on the state of many of our pavements, why have Elmwood Avenue and several others leading out onto the Kenton Road been redone, while Crofts and Manor Road in particular remain in such hazardous condition?

We asked for a litter bin at the end of Francis Road by the footbridge over the railway, one appeared under the Interpretation Board, which was not very good if you wanted to look at the board. However, that disappeared very quickly, perhaps, too many people were using it, seriously though, the Council are now grassing over that area, and, hopefully the bin will be replaced in due course.

We are also, trying to get the Railway Bridge cleaned regularly.

We do not seem to be making much progress, but, rest assured we keep plugging away.

OPPORTUNITIES

As you will see from the list of current committee members we already have two vacant positions for Vice Chairman and Planning Advisor.

Myrna Albertsen has now advised us that she will be unable to continue as Road Representative for Hill Road and Crescent due to health problems, and I had already advised the Committee that I intend to retire from the position of Chairman at the next AGM.

I know the next AGM is some months away but it is vital we fill these positions as the Association will be unable to function with so many vacancies.

If you think you could undertake one of these jobs or know someone who could, please let either me: Margaret Bristow, our secretary: Helen Shorter or your Road Representative know and we can contact them to discuss what is involved.

Margaret Bristow

DO YOU KNOW?

We will have to find a new venue for our AGM in 2017, as the Victoria Hall is due for redevelopment.

Do you know of anywhere that would suit our needs, a hall that will seat about 30 people preferably somewhere that we can make a cup of tea for our members, if you know of a suitable venue please let our secretary know Helen Shorter.

HARROW, THE SAFEST BOROUGH.

Great news for Harrow, the London Borough of Harrow maintains its first position out of the 32 boroughs in London as being the safest Borough in London.

A few of the latest statistics available-

Burglary down 25.8%

Criminal damage down 18.1%

Robbery down 46%

Theft from Motor vehicles down 29.3%

Theft of Motor vehicles down 13.1%

Theft from persons, example mobile phones up 14.2%

Violence with injury up 18.6%

Domestic abuse up 7.5%

Unfortunately, Greenhill, has the worst record, with the highest number of violent crimes against another person and 187 other notable offences, it is not good news. But bearing in mind that covers the town centre and bus station, perhaps, we should not feel too bad but it is vital that we remain vigilant with our belongings when in public places.

PLANNING

Everywhere we look there are buildings reaching for the sky, or covering our gardens with concrete

If you receive notice from the Council that one of your neighbours has applied for building consent, it is vital that you consider the consequences if consent is given, it is no good complaining later that your garden is in the shade all day, or you have to have your light on all day, now is the time to let your feelings be known. If you are not happy, speak to your neighbour, discuss it, whatever you do, do not fall out with them.

LEAFY GREEN HARROW

Our leafy green borough is disappearing before our eyes. The development of the McCarthy Stone Home in Northwick Park Road is under way, plus the old Gayton Road Library, car park and Sonia Court, site all flattened, to make way for more flats reaching for the sky

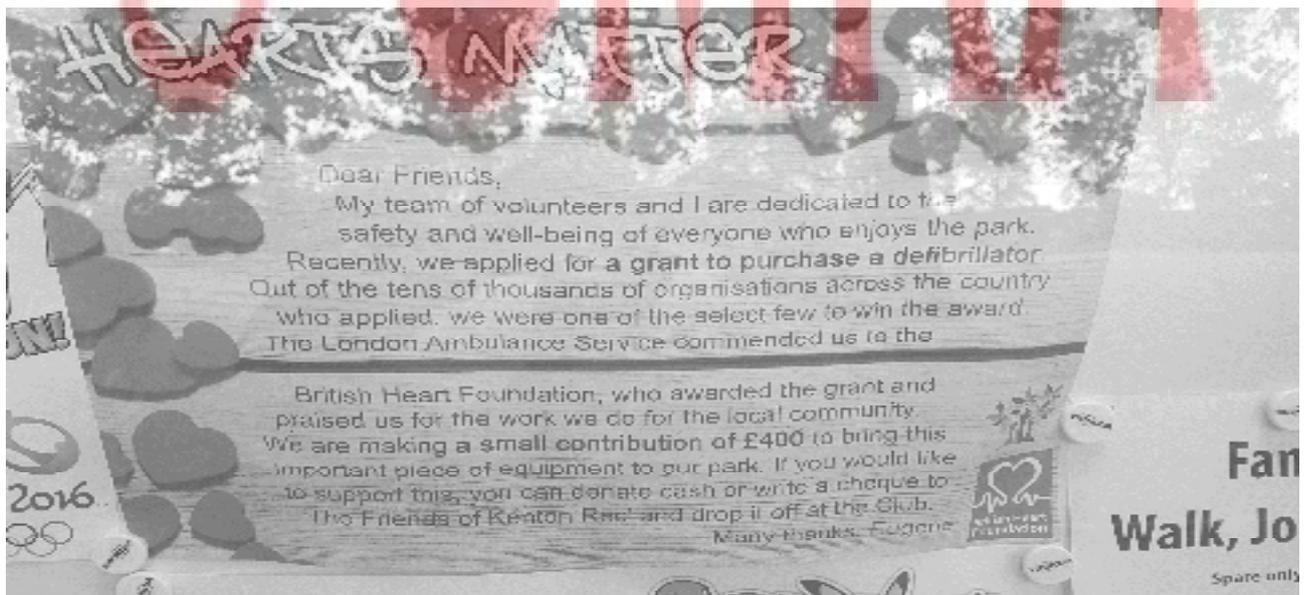
The Civic Centre is set to move to Wealdstone, and the site developed with more flats and dwellings. The car park in the crook of Greenhill Road and Greenhill Way has a developer submitting plans for a four or five storey block of flats.

Are we to become a town of flat dwellers?

We must do all we can to protect our surroundings from over development, where will all these people shop, go to the doctors, to the dentist, will our buses and trains be able to cope with the additional passengers not to mention the roads already clogged with traffic for most of the day.

KENTON RECREATION PARK

We all visit the above park for recreational activities such as walking, playing and passing time. It serves us all. Below is a photo which speaks for itself.



The Old Bowls Café is run by Mr Eugene Callinan who is Park Warden & Manager. His contact details: eugene@kentonrec.com



IT PAYS TO STOP AND THINK
FIND OUT HOW



If you receive a request to hand over (or do something with) personal or financial information, you need to take a moment to reflect and step back from the situation. Yes, even if they say they're the bank, police or another trusted organisation, you still need to take the time to stop and think about what's really going on.

Because deep down, you probably already know these basic rules on how to beat financial fraud – you just need to take a deep breath and stay calm enough to remember them.

- 1. Never disclose security details, such as your PIN or full banking password*
- 2. Don't assume an email or phone call is authentic*
- 3. Don't be rushed – a genuine organisation won't mind waiting*
- 4. Listen to your instincts – you know if something doesn't feel right*
- 5. Stay in control – don't panic or make a decision you'll regret*

Take Five, a new national campaign led by Financial Fraud Action UK, is here to help you take action against the financial fraud that affects millions of people in the UK each year. If you think there has been fraud on your card or bank account – or if you suspect anyone has attempted to obtain your financial details - report it immediately to your bank or other financial services provider and then contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or at www.actionfraud.police.uk.

For more information www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk

Your Greenhill councillors to deal with local matters

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Your member of Parliament

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Your current committee

Chairman	Margaret Bristow, 118 Crofts Road
Vice Chairman	<i>Position vacant</i>
Secretary	Helen Shorter, 55 Grange Road
Treasurer	Eddie Griffiths, 11 Northwick Park Road
Planning Adviser	<i>Position vacant</i>
Road Representatives	
Bonnorsfield Lane, Close & Croft Villas	Noor Mohamed, 71 Bonnorsfield 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 } Northwick Gwen Batham } Park Road

Vice Chairman and Planning Advisor are needed. Please think about it or if there is anyone else you could suggest. There are six committee meetings a year, which usually only last from 7.30pm to 8.30 or so. It is an opportunity to see how the committee works and, if the Chairperson is absent, to run the meeting.

Useful Telephone Numbers

All MAJOR emergencies: Fire, Police or Ambulance	999
Harrow Council	
Civic Centre	(020) 8901 2600
Abandoned Cars	(020) 8424 1548
Removal of bulky items	(020) 8424 1770
Metropolitan Police – Urgent	999
Metropolitan Police - Harrow Police Station and request Harrow Police Station Anti-Terrorist Hot Line	(020) 8423 1212 0800 789 321
Crimestoppers (confidential)	0800 555 111
Greenhill Safer Neighbourhood Unit Or MOBILE	(020) 8721 2780 0782 565 7975
To report an electricity power cut	0800 783 8838
National Gas Emergency Service	0800 111 999
Water leak (Affinity Water)	0800 376 5325
Telephone Preference Service - to stop unwanted calls	0845 070 0707
Mail Preference Service	(020) 7291 3310
Harrow Energy Efficiency Advice helpline and Energy Saving Guidance	0800 838 650
Brent and Harrow Trading Standards Service Shoppers rights	(020) 8937 5555