

GREENHILL MANOR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER – Spring 2017

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HELP NEEDED

Your Residents' Association needs a new Chairperson, a Planning Advisor and a Road Representative. Volunteers over 18 years of age are invited to come forward and to contact one of the committee

There are six committee meetings a year, which usually only last about an hour from 7.30pm. The Annual General Meeting, open to all residents, is in May – 9th May 2017.

A Chairperson is needed to run the meetings.

A Road Representative, needed for Hill Road and Crescent, would come to the meetings, pass on any concerns and, once a year, go round to collect membership fees.

The Planning Advisor checks the council's list of planning applications and notifies the Road Rep and the Secretary of any within the immediate area. The aim is to ensure that residents know about applications which may affect them since the council only notifies the next door neighbours. The Advisor needs to be computer literate.

The committee are also invited to attend various consultations, for example on developments in the town, so that local residents have a voice on what is going on.

With Harrow turning into a town of rented flats, the Association is an opportunity to preserve a community. These roads have a separate identity on the edge of the town centre. There is scope to do more to get neighbours talking to and helping

one another. There could be an enlarged newsletter, street party, coffee mornings etc. With fresh energy more could be done but, at the minimum, the duties of these posts are not time consuming.

If you have always thought GMRA would carry on, now is the time when it will not unless people put themselves forward. It just takes a little time – not superhuman skills! I hope you have all enjoyed the newsletter over recent years. We are very grateful to everyone who has renewed their membership by paying £1. The time has now come, where, if you do not do more, the Association will cease to exist and its assets will be spent.

Unless 3 people come forward with the definite intention of joining the committee, the Association will be dissolved at the AGM. If you are interested telephone Margaret Bristow on 020 8863 5026 or speak to your Road Rep.

Our nearest development

What used to be the Comfort Inn at the junction of Manor Road and Northwick Park Road is the new Randolph House, a McCarthy and Stone Assisted Living Development. The name is intriguing since Winston Churchill went to Harrow School but his father and his son, both called Randolph, went to Eton.

The 48 apartments will be available to buy off-plan this spring according to the developer's website, with the first people moving in in the summer. The one and two bedroom flats are designed for people over the age of 70. There will be a 'Club Lounge' with Wi-Fi, lift access to all floors, a car park and a Guest Suite for overnight visitors.

Despite the intended age of 70+, one of the main attractions advertised is the nearby 'beautiful Harrow Hill golf course' and several large golf courses in the area. Intriguingly 'The area *below* the train station is known as Harrow-on-the Hill, a stunning conservation quarter thanks to its historical buildings.'

HEDGES.

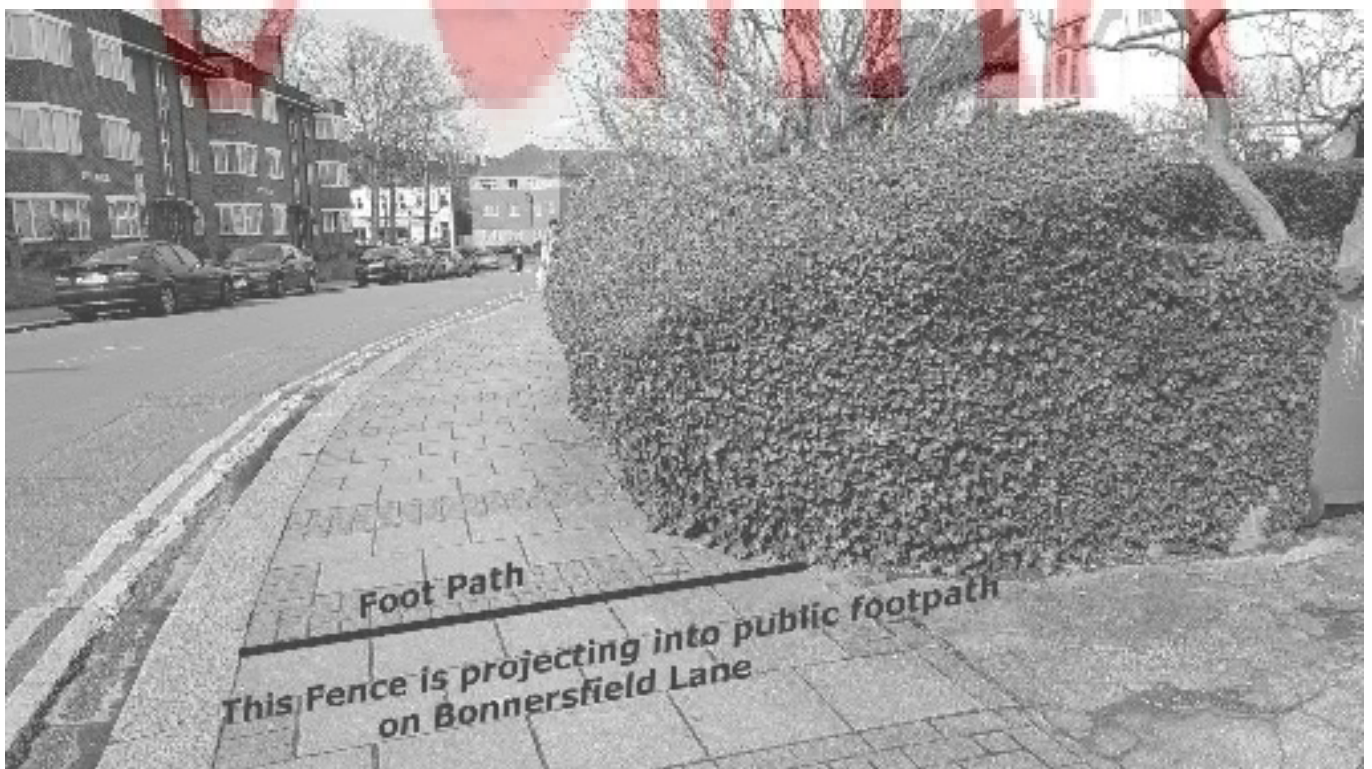
Whilst there is nothing better than a well-trimmed hedge around your property, it can sometimes get out of hand and cause a hazard to the disabled, visually impaired or young children, or other pedestrians who may risk damage to their faces or clothing from thorns or branches. If the pavement is narrow and the hedge is causing an obstruction they may be forced into the road which is particularly dangerous for wheelchair users or those pushing a pram.

It is your responsibility, as house owner or occupier, to keep your hedge under control and ensure it is not encroaching onto the pavement, blocking sight lines for traffic or obstructing street lights.

Most people do keep their hedges within the bounds of their property but a few do seem to have lost control. If you require further information on this subject you will find it on a leaflet entitled 'Hedges and Highways' it is a Community and Services publication available online from the Harrow Council. Or you can phone them on 020 8901 2600

Whatever, you do, please do not consider getting rid of your hedge, it is a vital part of keeping our streets green, and preserving our identity as a green borough. It is a shelter for wildlife, preserves your privacy and keeps out dust and traffic noise.

This fence looks maintained, but the part overgrowing into the path has not been cut



Harrow Health Walks

[extract from their website]

Around 250 people each month are already walking their way to health in Harrow - join them for a leisurely and social walk around Harrow's wonderful green spaces.

Walking for Health is a great way to meet new like minded people and explore your local area without having to worry about getting lost or having to plan your route!



Harrow Health Walks is ideal for people new to exercise or those who would like to do a little more exercise; particularly those asked to exercise by their GP. We also welcome more experienced walkers or those looking to improve on their current fitness levels- these people can follow the walk leaders around the more challenging routes! Some of the longer walks do not

appear here as they are out of the scope for Walking for Health - please visit our website as listed below for more details.

Our FREE weekly walks are led by at least two WfH qualified Walk Leaders. With no need to book in advance you can just turn up on the day, you can attend as many walks as you want and all you need are some comfy shoes- they don't have to be walking boots.

There are 18 walks altogether. Find details on the website or telephone 020 8420 9526. Our local councillor, Sue Anderson, used to lead the Belmont Rattler walk.

Your Greenhill councillors to deal with local matters

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Your member of Parliament

Gareth Thomas was re-elected MP for Harrow West at the last election.

Gareth Thomas lives locally, went to school in Harrow and has been Harrow West MP since 1997.

The constituency office is 132 Blenheim Road, West Harrow, HA2 7AA

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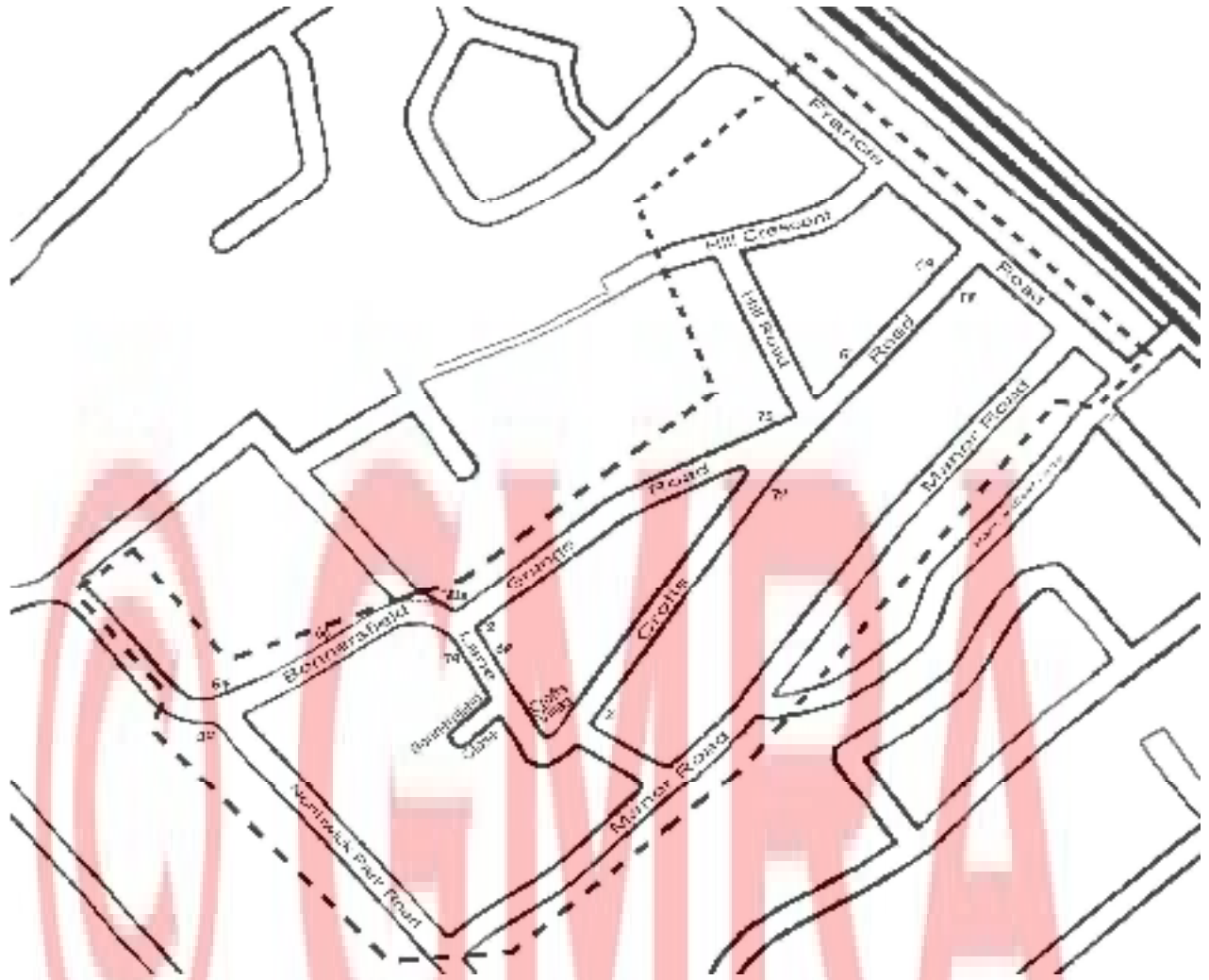
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Your current committee

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

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.

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