

# GREENHILL MANOR RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER – Summer 2017

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### EDITORIAL

Thank you to all who made the effort to attend the Annual General Meeting at the Harrow High School. We had a good turnout. We, as a committee, had our concerns as to whether the venue would be a success, but everything went smoothly, hopefully we will be back in the Victoria Hall for our 2018 AGM.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs Hemuna Pather-Carr as our new Chairperson and Mr San Thaker as Representative of Hill Road and Crescent.

We reviewed the last year, the litter and rubbish in Old Bonnersfield Lane remains a problem, the Council do clean it up, but not often enough. Also, now the summer is here the undergrowth is rampant and

the path is disappearing under a cloak of vegetation. We continue to press the Council on improving the Lane. I fear this is a problem that will not go away.

Crossovers were also discussed; this is where the pavement has been lowered to allow a car to be driven onto the owner's property. There is an app. (Whatever that is) on this. If cars are driven over the pavement, this does in time break up the paving stones, which makes walking difficult. This is an offence and you could be liable to a fine levied by the Council.

## **! HELP !**

Our hardworking Secretary, Helen Shorter, needs to reduce her workload, and has asked us to find someone to write the Newsletters in future. As you will be aware we have three Newsletters a year. It is a job anyone who enjoys writing and is computer literate could undertake, whether you be a student still at college or whether you left study years ago. If you like to write simple articles, this could be the job for you.

It would entail you attending Committee Meetings, 6 a year, where you will be able to gather ideas for the next Newsletter. Then you go away and write your articles, pass them to Helen for approval then pass them to Noor Mohamed to produce the Newsletter.

If you would like more information please ring Helen on 020 8863 7100 or myself Margaret Bristow on 020 8863 5026

We await your call.

## **BULKY WASTE**

The Council will get rid of unwanted items such as white goods or furniture for you. They will collect up to 4 items for £30 or a mattress for just £10.

As their recent Crime Not to Care Campaign with Keep Britain Tidy highlighted, we all have a legal responsibility to make sure our waste is disposed of properly. Give yours to a cash-in-hand flytipper and you could end up with a criminal record.

To find out more, search, 'Harrow bulky waste' or go to [www.harrow.gov.uk/waste](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/waste) alternatively phone 020 8901 2600.

# FAMILY FUN DAY

## GREENHILL SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM & HARROW TOWN TEAM

Are holding an **EMERGENCY SERVICES**  
**FUN AFTERNOON.**



**A Family Day to get up close to Emergency Vehicles**

**Saturday 15th July 2017**

**1400-1700 hours.**

**St Ann's Road, Harrow.**

**Those present will include :**

**Met Police Traffic Unit**

**London Fire Brigade**

**London Ambulance Service**

**Harrow Council**

**Roads and Transport Policing Command they will be offering bike marking  
free**

**- email address required to register.**

**Watford Football Club**





## GAME, SET, AND MATCH



About half way along Bonnersfield Lane there is a passageway between the houses, with a notice board saying Harrow Tennis Club. Have you ever wondered about what goes on there?

The Tstar Academy is a private members club, offering private one-to-one tennis coaching for children and adults of all ages in the Harrow area. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate or advanced player, there is coaching to suit all abilities and fitness levels.

For children there is a range of activities including: group, one-to one coaching and one week camps held during the school holidays. Children are able to learn the tennis game in a fun environment, develop technical and tactical fundamentals and meet new friends

Personal training is also available for those aged 18 or over with sessions created and adapted to suit individual needs.

For more information see <http://www.tstaracademy.com> or telephone 07725 040043





## SCOUTS ASSOCIATION



Scouting is the UK's biggest mixed youth organisation. Every year the Scout Association help over 450,000 young people in the UK to enjoy new adventures, to experience the outdoors, interact with others, gain confidence and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Richard Branson, Barack Obama and David Beckham were Scouts when younger.

Young boys and girls in Scouting are spread across four sections:- Beavers (6-8); Cubs (8-10.5); Scouts (10.5-14); Explorers (14-18).

To give you a flavour of the activities available to Scouting Members, I highlight activities enjoyed by members of the Group I am associated with at Rayners Lane.

### BEAVERS:

Over the last 18 months:-

Seven Beavers achieved the Chief Scouts Bronze Award which is the highest award in Beavers,

We hosted the District Sports Day and ended up winning the event.

They have been on a camp where they had fun tracking, making bug hotels, racing, pioneering. Sleepovers have been held at our Scout Hall. At their meetings they play games, do arts and crafts, study for badges, and learn about making movies, computing and cooking. They go on hikes and visits to places of interest.

In December they raised funds Carol Singing at Rayners Lane Station and at Marks & Spencer, Pinner.

### CUBS/SCOUTS/EXPLORERS

Members are able to work for their Chief Scouts Awards, Duke of Edinburgh Award and Queen's Scout Award and are encouraged to work for Scouting Badges.

Our youngsters have the opportunity to compete in District Competitions such as swimming and orienteering. Activities including camping, quad bikes, laser tag, bungee trampolines, tomahawk

throwing, climbing, abseiling, crate stacking, high ropes, zip wires, archery, rifle shooting, indoor caving and pedal karts,

As a group we organise an annual fund raising event for a charity. Last year we held a Fun Run in West Harrow Park raising £3800 for Scouts against Malaria.

We have an annual BBQ for the children and their parents. Our Family Camps are very popular when parents (and siblings) can join their children camping for a few nights or just visit for the day and they are given the opportunity to try out some of the activities.

There are several Scout Groups in the Harrow and Kenton area and their details can be found at [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk).

### **Our nearest development**



This is New Lyons Square development in the corner of Lyon Road and St. Johns Road in Harrow Town Centre, totally 7 Blocks. Parking spaces will only be available for those who buy 3 Bedroom Flats. There are more high-rise buildings being erected on College Road as well.

Have you noticed if your garden is become more wet/flooded? With the large increase in new developments in Harrow it is having an impact on many of our gardens. If you have been affected please let your road rep know and they will direct you to a contact at Harrow council.

## Beware of these scams

### **Phishing**

This is the most widespread internet and email scam today. It is the modern day "sting" con game. "Phishing" is where digital thieves lure you into divulging your password info through convincing emails and web pages. These phishing emails and web pages resemble legitimate credit authorities like Citibank, eBay, or PayPal. They frighten or entice you into visiting a phony web page and entering your ID and password.

Commonly, the guise is an urgent need to "confirm your identity". They will even offer you a story of how your account has been attacked by hackers to lure you into entering your confidential information.

The email message will require you to click on a link. But instead of leading you to the real login https: site, the link will secretly redirect you to a fake website. You then innocently enter your ID and password. This information is intercepted by the scammers, who later access your account and fleece you for several hundred dollars.

This phishing con, like all cons, depends on people believing the legitimacy of their emails and web pages. Because it was born out of hacking techniques, "fishing" is stylistically spelled "phishing" by hackers.

Tip: the beginning of the link address should have https://. Phishing fakes will just have http:// (no "s"). If still in doubt, make a phone call to the financial institution to verify if the email is legit. In the meantime, if an email seems suspicious to you, do not trust it.

### **Nigerian Scam**

**Most of you have received an email from a member of a Nigerian family with wealth.** It is a desperate cry for help in getting a very large sum of money out of the country. A common variation is a woman in Africa who claimed that her husband had died, and that she wanted to leave millions of dollars of his estate to a good church.

In every variation, the scammer is promising obscenely large payments for small unskilled tasks. This scam, like most scams, is too good to be true. Yet people still fall for this money transfer con game.

They will use your emotions and willingness to help against you. They will promise you a large cut of their business or family fortune. All you are asked to do is cover the endless “legal” and other “fees” that must be paid to the people that can release the scammer’s money.

The more you are willing to pay, the more they will try to suck out of your wallet. You will never see any of the promised money, because there isn’t any. And the worst thing is, this scam is not even new; its variant dates back to 1920s when it was known as 'The Spanish Prisoner' con.

## **Lottery Win Scams**

Most of us dream of hitting it big, quitting our jobs and retiring while still young enough to enjoy the fine things in life. Chances are you will receive at least one intriguing email from someone saying that you did indeed win a huge amount of money. The visions of a dream home, fabulous vacation, or other expensive goodies you could now afford with ease, could make you forget that you have never ever entered this lottery in the first place.

This scam will usually come in the form of a conventional email message. It will inform you that you won millions of pounds and congratulate you repeatedly. The catch: before you can collect your “winnings”, you must pay the “processing” fee of several thousands of pounds.

Stop! The moment the bad guys cash your money order, you lose. Once you realize you have been suckered into paying £3000 to a con man, they are long gone with your money. Do not fall for this lottery scam

## **Pre-approved Load or Credit Card**

If you are thinking about applying for a “pre-approved” loan or a credit card that charges an up-front fee, ask yourself: “why would a bank do that?” These scams are obvious to people who take time to scrutinize the offer.

Remember: reputable credit card companies do charge an annual fee but it is applied to the balance of the card, never at the sign-up. Furthermore, if you legitimately clear your credit balance each month, a legitimate bank will often wave the annual fee.

As for these incredible, pre-approved loans for a half-a-million pounds homes, use your common sense. These people do not know you or your credit situation, yet they are willing to offer massive credit limits.

Sadly, a percentage of all the recipients of their “amazing” offer will take the bait and pay the up-front fee. If only one in every thousand people fall for this scam, the scammers still win several hundred pounds. Alas, far too many victims, pressured by financial problems, willingly step into this con man's trap.

### **Sale of Goods Advert**

This one involves an item you might have listed for sale such as a car, truck or some other expensive item. The scammer finds your ad and sends you an email offering to pay much more than your asking price. The reason for overpayment is supposedly related to the international fees to ship the car overseas. In return, you are to send him the car and the cash for the difference. The money order you receive looks real so you deposit it into your account. In a couple of days (or the time it takes to clear) your bank informs you the money order was a fake and demands you pay that amount back immediately.

In most documented versions of this money order scam, the money order was indeed an authentic document, but it was never authorized by the bank it was stolen from. In the case of cashier's checks, it is usually a convincing forgery. You have now lost the car, the cash you sent with the car, and you owe a hefty sum of money to your bank to cover for the bad money order or the fake cashier's check.

***DO NOT CLICK ON ANY EMAILS THAT LOOK SUSPICIOUS  
OR TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE***

**It pays to STOP and THINK**

## **Your Greenhill councillors to deal with local matters**

Susan Anderson - EMAIL [sue.anderson@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:sue.anderson@harrow.gov.uk)  
Mobile number: 07875094900

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Mobile number: 07922227147

Ghazanfar Ali – EMAIL [Ghazanfar.Ali@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:Ghazanfar.Ali@harrow.gov.uk)  
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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 have been Harrow West MP since 1997.

The constituency office is:  
132 Blenheim Road,  
West Harrow,  
HA2 7AA  
Tel: 020 8861 6300.

Surgeries are usually held on Fridays on a weekly basis.

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## Your current committee

Chairman	Hemuna Pather-Carr, 41 Northwick Park Road
Vice Chairman	Margaret Bristow
Secretary	Helen Shorter, 55 Grange Road
Treasurer	Eddie Griffiths, 11 Northwick Park Road
<b>Road Representatives</b>	
Bonnorsfield Lane, Close & Croft Villas	<b><i>Position Vacant</i></b>
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	San Thaker, 35 Francis Road
Manor Road	Mike Moran, 43 Manor Road
Northwick Park Road	Sylvia Farooqi } Northwick Gwen Batham } Park Road

The Residents' Association Planning Advisor will continue to check the Council's website regularly for planning applications in our area. The relevant Road Rep will be notified so that they can make sure all residents likely to be affected know about the application.

## Useful Telephone Numbers

All <b>MAJOR</b> 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
<b>Metropolitan Police – Urgent</b>	<b>999</b>
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