

# August 2021 update

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Freedom Day eventually arrived and it has brought a wave of resumed activity in shops, restaurants (with Moji's now open) and holidays. Bad weather and the dreaded pings have to be endured, and we sympathise with those suffering from infection. Schools are out.

HWA activity has been dominated by planning threats: Location, location, location remains so favourable for us in Hadley Wood but we have to respond on a community basis to continuing and major threats.

There have been remarkable levels of response on the successful campaign opposing the Barchester care home application and SaveCockfosters has already reached 1,000 objections (more needed: deadline very soon as Wednesday 11 August). **Now extended to Wednesday 18th August.**

Now we have SAVE OUR GREEN BELT! campaign with huge effort already by our Planning Sub-Committee, with appeal donations coming in and responses going out to Enfield. We must all work together to oppose such a threat. All involved here are volunteers; please offer to become involved. We need more skills including (eg) film, and using networks to lobby.

We really hoped to hold a traditional public meeting in person at the Centre or even on our Bartrams Lane sports field looking towards the threatened meadows (the best view is from the cycle path alongside our field and the railway). It was the ping problem which might stop holiday travel and other activities which forced us onto Zoom, but that has its advantages and our meeting was fully attended - see report in this edition, along with an excellent summary of the consultation response by the Planning Sub-Committee.

Life apart from planning does continue for the Association. Covid and other rules have been reviewed as shared use of the Centre resumes with Dance already operating again and Bridge in September, joining Tennis and PreSchool. Hall hire has resumed. Income from the sports field has enabled us to restore fully locked garages. And more.

The support of members is greatly appreciated. It helps us across the range of our activities but strength in numbers is needed when we represent the community to Enfield Council and others. Please encourage non-members to join (membership form is on the website) and everyone to be involved, and appeal donations are all of special value with some very generous indeed (with Green Belt now following the Fireworks appeal). Thank you.

**Robert Wilson Chairman HWA**