

January / February 2018 update

Letter from the Chairman

HWA AGM AND NEW YEAR ACTION

Our 2017 AGM at the end of November was well attended with the Chairman's report including improved finances followed by lively questions. Councillors Anne-Marie Pearce and Jason Charalambous completed the evening with their report and explanations of Enfield planning and other concerns.

The new trustee board (Rupert Mackay, Liz Snape and Robert Wilson) are steadily working through the action items noted at AGM.

The Minutes have been produced promptly with great help from Gill Henley, and are now posted on the website. The Accounts have been finalised and approved, also now on the website. The new accounts management is being put in place with Louise Houston in the office working closely with our Treasurer David Harbott, after consultation with our Independent Examiner Sanjiv Seth.

We are laying the foundations for a membership drive in 2018. Louise is putting the current membership lists in order and reconciling subscription payments. We are preparing an updated data protection policy, again with help from Gill Henley, and a new membership form to collect and use contact information properly. Progress on the Neighbourhood Plan, and preparation for the 50th anniversary (June) of the Centre over the coming months, will help to show the values for membership.

As a start to a new set of Rules to address car park issues, we have made a clear Rule: "No Commuter Parking" This applies whether or not the driver is a member of HWA. This supplements the general notice at the entrance: "Private Car Park. Authorised Users Only". This Rule removes any doubt whether all day parking is allowed. It is not.

Planning issues including flood risks and large blocks of flats are a very current concern, together with looming additional pressures from the new London Plan. We are discussing ways in which HWA can best help support and extend the efforts of the Neighbourhood Planning Forum, Conservation Area Group and individuals.

We are making progress as we enter 2018, but there is still much to do with the support of the community.

The Trustees of the Hadley Wood Association

NOTICE TO HWA CAR PARK USERS

The car park is private and for authorised use only, as stated in the sign at the entrance. The Trustees have made a Rule that No Commuter Parking is authorised. This applies whether or not the driver is a member.

Use of the car park is entirely at the risk of users, as stated in the sign at the entrance. Recent icy conditions have been a plain risk. HWA cannot practically try to keep the car park and access road gritted and free of ice risk. Drivers must accept full responsibility for their own use of the car park, and take all care to avoid damage to other vehicles or injury to people.