

July / August 2018 update

LETTER FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE HADLEY WOOD ASSOCIATION

PUBLIC MEETING AND COMMUNITY INTERESTS

On 7 June, we hosted a major public meeting at the Centre with **Network Rail and The Tree Council**. The Hall was full of residents and invited guests including our MP and Councillors, senior Enfield Council Officers and representatives of GTR and rail stakeholders. The meeting was a key part of our successful **Treegate Campaign** as we received Network Rail's apology for their extreme devegetation along our wide and (previously) wooded trackside and their public commitment to reduced tree management hereafter and to replanting and a regeneration trial as recommended by The Tree Council. See report below and website. This four month campaign has been run by **the Association jointly with Francesca Caine, Chair, Hadley Wood Rail User Group**, giving us the benefit of the RUG organisation and contacts, and her personal tenacity. Network Rail have acknowledged the strength and positive attitude of our campaign. As we move on to the implementation stage of agreed further works, Francesca is stepping back (but not out) with our heartfelt thanks as the Association continues to manage this issue. Treegate has demonstrated the need for our community to be ready and organised to protect its environment, and the importance and ability of the Association (with a substantial and committed team) to provide effective action. **The Association** has many other calls for our attention. We now have a **Committee** and many welcome volunteers come forward when needed. However we need more people involved if we are to take opportunities for **community action** as well as managing our current activities. Any of the Trustees are happy to discuss such involvement. Current subjects include **Crime**. We are fortunate to have active organisers for a spreading Neighbourhood Watch network led by **Simone Strauss** and **Richard Walker**. The Association gives support where needed. We have responded positively to a request to provide an office base for the Cockfosters police team at the Centre, where we already have Hadley Wood Security. Please let us know if you have views on this or other community matters where the Association can help.

EVENTS - **Fireworks Sunday 4 November** (celebrating 50th anniversary of our Centre)
 AGM Wednesday 14 November (with plans for a stronger Association)

The Trustees of the HWA.