

June 2020 update

HADLEY WOOD ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES LETTER

REOPENING & STAYING ALERT

During May lockdown, we managed some enjoyment of the wonderful weather with picnics on the fields, dog lovers with several new puppies, family activities, VE Day tea parties and good walking. We kept up the Thursday Claps for Carers reminding us of the public health situation, improving numbers overall but still a sombre level of infection. The pressures of closed schools and shops, home working, and limited transport continued.

Now in June we are seeing some welcome reopening nationally and locally, but still with heavy restrictions. Signs of normality are returning, although in different ways. Panini is now open again, alongside Londis, but takeaway only at the door. Statons is open, but you cannot enter. Golf Club has resumed play but only just going beyond distanced singles. The Station is becoming more open with Karen back in the ticket office (but please use machine if possible), the train schedule is being stepped up (but there are very few passengers and they wish to keep numbers low, and face coverings are required) and there has been a HW Rail User Group meeting (but on Zoom). Hadley Wood School has opened to more pupils, but still with very limited numbers.

For HWA, life has returned to the Centre and tennis courts but with new levels of risk assessment for Covid Security. Judy and her team are making tremendous efforts to allow the early years children back into the Hall, to the delight of the children and the relief of parents. Tennis is increasing allowed activities beyond families and singles, with plenty of coaching; an attractive time to join and play one of the few permitted sports. More use of the field is now permitted, always within Covid Rules.

HWA maintains its own activities including the continued Corona Support, reopening of the Centre, coping with the adverse effects of lockdown closure, membership recruitment and delivery of packs, completing the opening of our new bank account with Unity Trust (all thanks to Julie Nedza for pushing on with this). The HWA Security Committee has met and established the higher level of patrols following a successful renewal (but more members still needed!). And much more - volunteers to help our team will be very welcome.

We wish residents every good fortune as some of the lockdown is lifted and we adjust to new rules, staying alert, keeping well, being considerate and supporting our neighbours.

Robert Wilson

Chairman Hadley Wood Association