

September / October 2019 update

Hadley Wood Association Trustees letter

We start our new HWA Year 2019/20 (1 October) in good spirits ready to build further on our 2018/19 efforts. We look forward to a full attendance of members at our AGM on Wednesday 13th November. We shall report on steady finances, improvements in membership and our successful promotion of the Hadley Wood community on security and planning. We shall seek support for our plans on Centre Upgrade (Vision 2020) and our finances (time to increase our subscriptions after 15 years?). We aim to include short presentations from HW Security (MLB) and our shared users. And enjoy our bar facilities to socialise!

Over the last two months, summer has allowed some relaxation but our activities have continued. These included our submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission to preserve our Cockfosters Ward; many individuals and local organisations responded to the call. We should know the outcome in October and hope the exceptional number of objections will have the desired result. We also supported the Monken Hadley Common governance proposals.

The most impressive results have been in Crime Prevention, coordinating (through Dawn Wellings) the remarkable efforts of HW Watch, HW Security (with MLB) and our very special local police. We are so pleased that the new and persistent efforts to recruit for HWS have allowed the patrols to extend to the whole of Hadley Wood. We still need to increase the HWS membership to spread the cost fairly and improve our overall protection. At a time of seemingly daily aggressive crime, we are so fortunate to have such a robust community security presence.

Fireworks, our main annual community event and vital fundraiser, is being arranged again by Maria Evans, Guy Cecil and team. Many thanks to them.

We look forward to seeing many of you on Sunday 3 November.

Robert Wilson