

FORWARD WITH RESOLUTIONS FOR 2024



Dear Residents

We are coming to the end of 2023 with local successes. We are looking forward to positive developments in 2024 at HWA (events, building works and more). There are sad circumstances and troubling events in the wider world but here in Hadley Wood under our own responsibilities we can foster charity and kindness with our community spirit, to which many contribute.



We can start with recent 2023 successes: Fireworks and Neighbourhood Plan (HWNP). Spectacular fireworks on a clear evening, funfair and food stalls, mulled wine (Tennis new recipe) and happy crowds, a sell out. Thanks to all who helped; special thanks to organisers Dawn Wellings, Ali Moon and Laura Gassner, and our sponsors Statons.

Our HW Neighbourhood Plan was brought to a successful conclusion in November with overwhelming referendum support, confirmed by Enfield Council and now in force. This strengthens our local and very necessary voice with the Council as well as improving some policies. Let's hope it helps Save our Greenbelt. Huge thanks to the determined efforts over many years by the HWNP Forum Committee.

The Association has appointed a Membership & Events Manager (MEM) as a part time employee. Anna Welsford brings us her great experience with Old Owens, ready to take forward our membership relations and develop events (large and small, community activity and fundraising, and fun). We are transitioning our member database to Anna, with huge thanks to Julie Nedza who has kept us going (as a volunteer) for several years. We shall soon notify new contact details, but please now use our office contact hadley.woodassoc@btconnect.com for all communications (discontinuing Julie's Membership Secretary hwassocmembership@gmail.com).

Last year we appointed a General Manager, Noah Shahar whose contribution we remember with thanks. Over the last months we have been advertising to replace her in that role, with several interviews of candidates with a range of abilities. When we met Anna, we identified a shared interest in prioritising membership and events, hence her appointment with that focus. We shall revisit the full General Manager role in the New Year.

We have two seasonal events to arrange and promote. Christmas on the Parade is on Saturday 16 December, organised by our local businesses (led by Helen Touli) and with keen HWA support.

On New Years Day we are planning a special Warm Hub (after the Tug of War) with the HWA Centre open through to lunchtime - volunteers please.

The Association's Annual General Meeting was held on 21 November (see article). The high level of interest affirmed support for your residents' association. HWA is established as an incorporated charitable organisation run by Trustees with support from our Committee and others involved in our activities, and accountable to our members. Our objects are to promote the benefits of life in Hadley Wood for its inhabitants, coordinate local organisations, protect our environment and manage the Centre and Grounds.

Many residents are already members. More please! (Application Form on website.) Be involved. Contact us at HWA.

We can end this Letter celebrating another tremendous community success where the Association has a coordination focus through the HWA Security Committee. We have a unique cooperation of our Hadley Wood Watch (present all across Hadley Wood), the largest community security organisation (Hadley Wood Security, now 500 members but more needed) with outstanding patrol service from MLB who have employed our marvellous policeman Carl Bliss who maintains our close links with the Met. HWS is celebrating its first 20 years. HWA is delighted to have a long term relationship with HWS hosting their Security Cabin by the Centre at the heart of our village.

Robert Wilson for Trustees

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