



AGM + FIREWORKS + GREEN BELT

**Two major events are coming up
FIREWORKS on Sunday 7th November;
AGM on Tuesday 9th November 7.30pm.**

We have emerged from another Covid-dominated HWA Year 2020/21 with the Association demonstrating its value to members, and to the community as a whole which has been making its voice heard in the Green Belt campaign.

We face 2021/22 in good shape to meet our many challenges but we need more active support.

We are going ahead this year with our traditional FIREWORKS event which is so popular. Last year we had to cancel; the marvellous response to our Appeal made a vital contribution to replace our event income (a critical part of our finances) but we want the enjoyment of the display, the funfair, food and people. Committee member Kim Ioannides is playing a leading role in difficult circumstances to make sure we have a successful event. She has managed to hold prices from 2019 and this year we are providing a discount benefit to our members. Please note we need more Marshalls. See adverts. Please buy tickets and come!

We are also restoring our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in person at the Centre - please see our formal Notice. We have to reserve the possibility of renewed Covid restrictions or scares dictating a switch to Zoom. Please keep an eye out for HWAMAIL and watch the website. The formal business includes election of Trustees (Directors), typically with one retiring in rotation and up for re-election. At the time of writing, the three current Trustees are willing to carry on for another year, but we very strongly invite others to come forward and take up the baton. Our excellent Committee (not formally elected at the AGM) are also willing to continue, but we are very keen for others to become involved in Committee or other roles.

We invite any local organisation to join the Clubs and shared users providing short reports to circulate at the AGM. A special mention for the Bridge Clubs, now amalgamating having survived on-line through lockdown and resuming meeting at the Centre.

The AGM in part will be our third community meeting on the Save our Green Belt! Campaign. We shall report on the consultation responses by the Planning Sub Committee and 1,000 individuals, the appeal and next steps, with the opportunity to express your views in person (after two well attended Zoom meetings). The community has loudly provided a remarkable depth of response to the Local Plan threat to our Hadley Wood and we shall do our best to make sure this voice is effective. Some special people have put in great efforts on our behalf. See articles.

In both of these events, and generally for all activities at the Centre, we now look to everyone to take individual responsibility and consider Covid precautions for themselves and respecting others, including mask wearing. The HWA requires all users to follow the rules and we support these.

Amongst several areas where we need specialist help from members is Communication and in particular refreshing our website. Offers to guide us in the right direction, or even do what is needed, will be very welcome.

We are also looking for more involvement with events. Fireworks has quite an established team, but we are planning a major Jubilee event for next year and looking to establish that new team. The Jubilee can also be a spur to planting volunteers - we have real opportunities for trees around our Grounds, and now our newly accessible Station Garden (thanks Alison Moon, see article on page 7).

There is plenty going on and we look forward to reporting at the AGM and hearing from members.

Robert Wilson, Chairman on behalf of Trustees. Hadley Wood Association.