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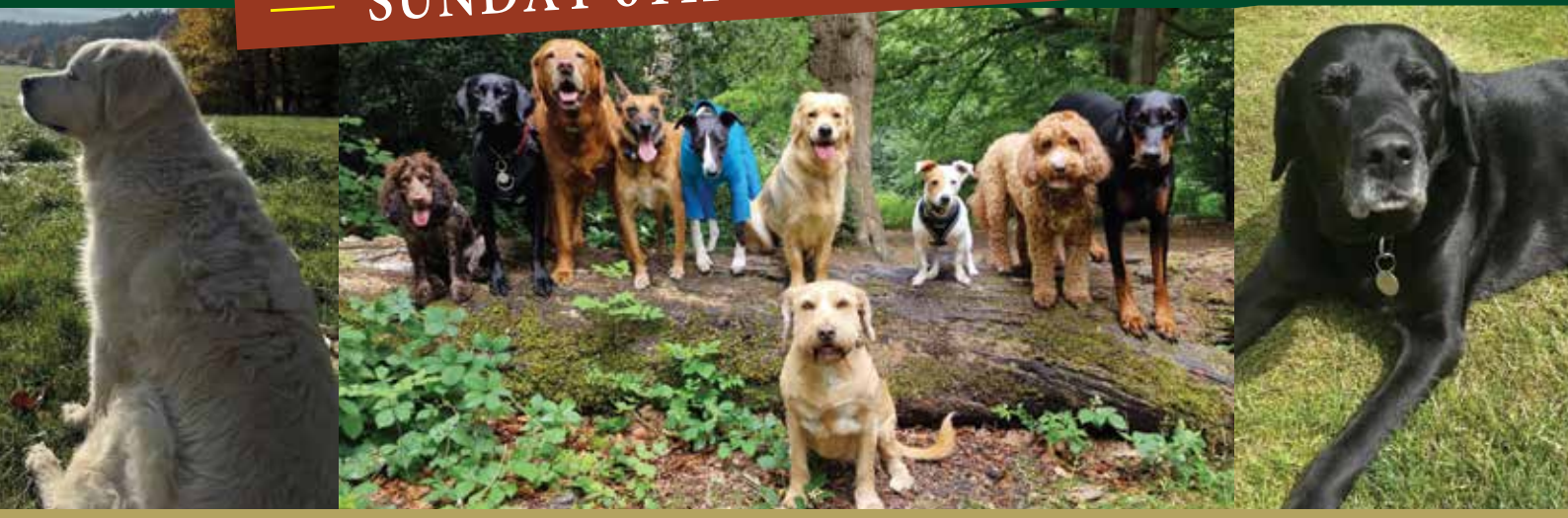
HADLEY WOOD ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS August 2026

THE DOG SHOW

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026



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- see below

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Finish 5:30pm

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JUDGING & PRIZES IN ASSOCIATION WITH creature comforts

DROUGHT & PLENTY

HADLEY WOOD ASSOCIATION

Dear Residents

In a summer of holiday sunshine and hose pipe bans, there is plenty going on in and around Hadley Wood. This edition reflects just some of our varied community activities. Contributions are always welcome.

We can first highlight Music and Monken Hadley. After the success of the concerts by Jack's Lake supported by MH Common Trust, we are advertising an organ recital at Monken Hadley Church. We are keen to foster strong links for HWA with our close neighbours.

Our big HWA event news: DOG SHOW REARRANGED SOON: **SUNDAY 6 September**. Arrangements as before. See Save the Date page for Fireworks and other events.

St Paul's make special efforts with young adult activities across London and we have a lovely report of a sports day. We are hoping this will be held next year in our Bartrams Lane Field, which is marked out by Mount House School for their summer sports and there for anyone to use. The Tennis courts have come to life with the coaches running their popular summer camp.

HW Rail User Group and Hadley Wood Security continue to look after us. Planning goes on. Neighbourhood Planning Forum Committee are kept busy. They are discussing revised locations with the Eruv Architect (the Council timetable for comments remains suspended). Their latest HWN report expresses caution about whether our Green Belt has been saved. The news about the new draft London Plan is not encouraging. But now we have Enfield Council on our side...

A fully attended Ward Forum at HWA on 29 July welcomed our Councillors Alex Georgiou and (newly elected) Alara Ayyildiz. With Cllr Alex now Leader of a Conservative (minority) administration, he explained how he is doing as much as he can to preserve Green Belt including Crews Hill and Chase Park, and withdrawing Enfield from the New Town programme. The two Cllrs fielded a range of questions from bins (weekly collections being restored), yellow lines on on Waggon Road (await consultation whether to remove or make permanent) and farmland fire risk concerns. You are encouraged to communicate directly with our
Councillors: Cllr.Allesandro.Georgiou@enfield.gov.uk and Cllr.Alara.Ayyildiz@enfield.gov.uk .

Amongst our own HWA Committee, Esther Kurland gives her celebration of the long life of her father Aubrey Rose, known to many as a kind and characterful resident and President of Barnet Society for many years.

Dawn Wellings, who does so much for the Association, has had very good responses to her WhatsApp invitation to come and be involved with us. More please! We look forward to enlarging our Committee.

Robert Wilson
on behalf of Trustees & Committee

Update on Enfield Local Plan to 2041

The independent examiner has published his draft report on Enfield's new Local Plan, which contains its proposals and policies on housing etc.

Key findings on the Green Belt are that:

- **The Duchy of Lancaster-owned fields off Crescent West are to remain Green Belt.** They are **not** allocated for housing, as the exceptional circumstances for release from the Green Belt are not demonstrated.
- The large logistics centre on The Ridgeway, near the M25 junction at the top of Stagg Hill, is also deleted.
- The release from the Green Belt of land in Crews Hill and Chase Park, for development of 9,000+ new homes, is allowed (separately, the government wants to increase that to 20,000+ new homes as part of its '*New Towns*' programme).

The Council will, in the autumn, hold a public consultation – comments are limited to whether the Inspector's mandatory '*main modifications*' make the Plan not sound or legally compliant. We can't think of arguments that the Duchy of Lancaster could use to say that deletion of their site in Hadley Wood, which is immaterial in the context of the overall Plan, would have that effect. After the examiner issues his final report, Enfield's councillors will vote on whether to accept it or reject the findings and start the process from scratch (that only happens very rarely, and we understand that the report will - reluctantly - be endorsed as the lesser of two evils).

This is very good news for Hadley Wood. We are grateful for your submissions and generous donations. Your contributions allowed us to instruct legal counsel, which made a meaningful difference.

Planning rule changes present ongoing risks. The government intends to update the National Planning Policy Framework again, so that planning applications for new homes within 800 metres of a well-connected train station default to approval, even if in Green Belt. Additionally, the Secretary of State for Housing can now '*call in*' applications for 150+ home developments, allowing them to make the decision if the local authority intends to refuse.

These changes may encourage the Duchy, which very much operates as a for profit commercial company, to submit a speculative planning application, in the hope of the Labour government granting permission. Although Cllr Alessandro Georgiou, as the (Conservatives') new Leader of the Council, has consistently opposed building on current Green Belt land, the Labour government and Mayor of London have ways to bypass the Council.

Rest assured the Committee will continue to monitor for any applications and respond as appropriate, so that the Green Belt land can be protected and preserved for future generations.

A new Draft London Plan 2026 was published for public consultation by the Mayor in July. It is aligned to Government policy, so it reflects ongoing threats to build on London's Green Belt by allowing development in proximity to "well-connected" stations. Hadley Wood station is listed as a well-connected station so there continues to be a significant risk of future development at the Duchy site. The HWNPF will be making formal representations on the London Plan. The current **Enfield** Conservative Administration led by our Ward Councillor Alex Georgiou has made a commitment to preserve this specific site, but there is still a risk as the Housing Minister can "call in" any application for more than 150 housing units (and thus make the decision himself).

Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum & Planning Sub-Committee
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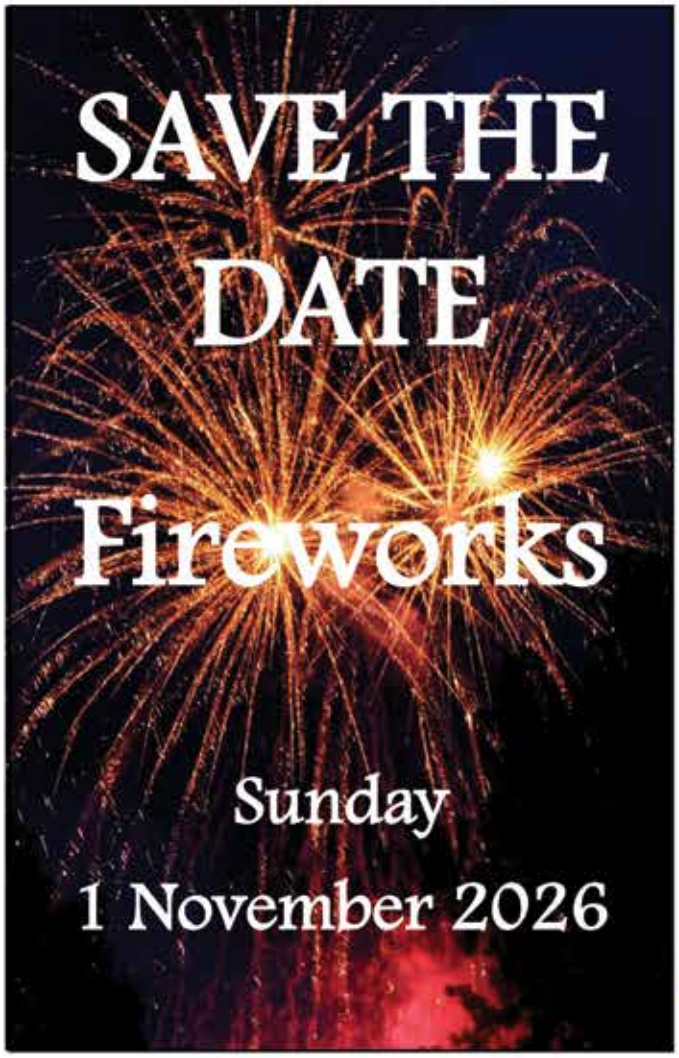

Hadley Wood Association

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17 August 2026
14 September 2026
19 October 2026
16 November 2026
12 December 2026

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for the October issue we need contribution and adverts by mid September

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Kingdom Connections: Growing in Faith and Friendship at St Paul's Hadley Wood

Kingdom Connections is a community of young adults that was formed out of St Paul's Hadley Wood, under the discipleship, support, and oversight of Sam Ashton at St Paul's Church, Hadley Wood.

"I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." 1 Corinthians 3:6

Kingdom Connections started as a small group of Christian friends who wanted to meet, have fellowship and "do life" together after church. We soon recognised there was a real need for young adults to form genuine friendships. Many young people across different churches were longing for peer-led community, especially where there were significant age gaps within their churches. At the same time, we also wanted to create a space where those who do not know Jesus could openly have conversations about life and faith.

Through short, simple events held every six weeks, this community gives opportunities for honest conversations and meaningful connection. Alongside games nights, park runs, Easter and Christmas events, evenings include personal testimonies, discussions about life, faith and Jesus, as well as a short Bible teaching, normally led by one of the Kingdom Connections team members and speakers.

Since then, Kingdom Connections has continued to grow as a welcoming community for both those who are curious about the Christian faith and those who already follow Jesus and want to deepen their relationship with Him.

Through this community, many meaningful friendships have been formed, and countless young adults have had the opportunity to hear more about God, discover His love, and learn how deeply He desires to draw near to each one of us. It has become a place where people can ask questions, grow in faith, and find genuine belonging alongside others on the same journey.

Our latest event was our Sports Day, held on 27th June 2026 in partnership with the charity Souls and Soles with Zack the founder sharing a word on what it means to live life following Jesus. We were delighted to welcome 70+ young adults from across London for a day packed with laughter and genuine connections. The day featured a variety of activities, including the 100m and 200m sprints, rounders, capture the flag, egg-and-spoon races, and many other fun team challenges. While the competition was exciting, the real highlight was seeing new friendships formed, conversations sparked, and people cheering one another on.

The day was a powerful reminder that so many young adults are longing for genuine community, meaningful fellowship, and a place where they belong. Events like these create opportunities not only for fun and connection, but also for encouragement, support, and lasting relationships. We are excited to continue building spaces where people can come together, grow in friendship, and experience the joy of authentic community.
At the heart of Kingdom Connections is a desire not to replace the local church, but to support and strengthen it. Kingdom Connections has become a community in itself, while also acting as a first stepping stone into local church life and deeper Christian discipleship. Through friendship, hospitality and consistent Christian community, we have seen young adults begin attending local churches regularly and continue growing in their faith, while others have accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour including at one of our recent summer barbecues.

To stay connected and hear about upcoming events, follow us on **Instagram** @kingdomconnections
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Aubrey Rose - 1 November 1926 – 26 June 2026

If dad was writing this it would be beautiful. Perceptive, inspiring, comforting and witty. But he is not writing this, he is no longer with us. And that is just so sad. We will miss him. Oh so much. Because dad was a rather special person. A true gentleman with an emphasis on 'gentle'. He never put people down, criticised or judged. He was extremely perceptive and observant. He had his views on all sorts of things, but he expressed them with grace, kindness and restraint. He always saw the best.

He adored writing and was so proud of his books. Of all the accolades he earned (OBE, CBE, Honorary Doctorate etc) maybe his most proud achievement was being a member of the Society of Authors. But for me his real legacy is the people whose lives he touched for the better. He helped so many people over his 99 years and eight months (must get it right, he was very particular on this). People were his oxygen. Even in his last days he loved having a bit of a sing song with the room full of people he loved and who loved him. People have been sending stories of how they met in in a park, a café, a shop – wherever and had wonderful conversations that they remember to this day, sometimes that they said changed them and their lives.

How did he help people? Well first he listened, really listened to what they said. Then he thought about what he heard. And he cared - his interest, empathy and wish to help was totally genuine. I don't think it mattered to him if the help he gave was though legal cases, within the environment of one of the many institutions and organisations he was involved with or through a chance meeting. And he really helped. He inspired, calmed, encouraged and offered practical advice and assistance. But often the simple fact that someone was listening and took them seriously was help in itself.

Let's go back to those books. They have also been a help to many. Letters To My Wife is the one that stays with me. It is so beautiful, written with such courage. A letter written every day for 30 days after she died. I can't really believe the strength he showed in doing this, but as words were his comfort, maybe it helped him grieve. You may have read his published writings, but back at his house there are shelves, cupboards, rooms full of words. A whole wardrobe packed with his diaries, which he wrote assiduously for most of his life, even up till the last few days. Sheila, his much loved wife of many years adored holidays and they travelled widely. She took notice of the restaurants and menus, he wrote journals about each and every trip, focusing on the people he met, the places he saw.

He was a lawyer. A very good lawyer. A rather maverick lawyer who practiced his bowling technique down his office corridor. His partners probably despaired of him as he didn't really keep to the legal way, but took on all sorts of cases because the people involved interested him. But it worked. He didn't go into the law in what would now be seen as the proper way. He had been called up to the army just after the Second World War, he promptly broke his leg doing the long jump in an army sports day and ended up assigned clerical work. When removed his mother helped him set up in part of a room in Carnaby Street to learn how to be a lawyer. It worked, he qualified and was soon involved with the varied community in the area. This included helping set up the street as a fashion hot spot, and also meeting Jeff Cummingbart, a West Indian cricketing enthusiast. They worked together and Geoff introduced dad to the Caribbean community and he started helping and representing them as they faced discrimination and worse . This start to his legal career married with his own strongly held views on humanity, including a core belief, taught to him by his mother, that nobody is better or worse than anyone else. And so his legal work turned to improve what was then called 'race relations', now described as diversity and inclusion I guess. For dad such labels did not matter. It was about treating everyone as you would wish to be treated. He fought for fairness, he helped set up the commission for racial equality and was one of its first commissioners. His fight for group harmony also led him to being very involved in the Board of Deputies where he became chairman of the defence committee and senior vice president.

I could write on and on - there is so much to say about this amazing man. But he knew that brevity was a skill in writing, something I probably don't have, but I will just mention one more part of this complex, vital man. He was spiritual, he had been brought up as an orthodox Jew in London's East End, going to chader every day, and being an extremely intelligent person, learned so much about his own religion, which he always loved. But he was also extremely interested in other religions and enjoyed all forms of worship. He would often go to church services, Hindu observances, mosques and many more other ways of connected with the spirit he truly believed in. He became involved in spiritual healing and life after death following the death of David, his first born, aged 21. His beliefs gave him comfort in his last days, although he said little about it. And so he is no longer with us physically. But he will stay in our hearts and memories. His legacy of grace, love and kindness will now be our responsibility to take forward.

Esther Kurland

From One Car to Three

The Hadley Wood Security Story

Our Story

More than 20 years ago, a small group of determined residents came together with a simple ambition: to make Hadley Wood a safer place to live.

Led by Simon Lester and Stuart Singer, residents gathered in the Hadley Wood Association Hall to discuss the growing need for a dedicated private security patrol, prompted by aggravated burglaries in the area. Among those present was Cressida Dick, then a Commander in the Metropolitan Police, who offered her personal support — a vote of confidence that gave the founders the conviction to move forward.

HWS launched with one patrol vehicle covering Beech Hill, Camlet Way and all offshoot roads. As the scheme proved its worth, membership grew. By 2018, residents on the Duchy Estate sought inclusion as crime displaced from patrolled roads into unprotected areas.

HWS introduced a second vehicle — initially 12 hours a day across Lancaster Avenue and Waggon Road and all roads inbetween — which soon became a full-time 24/7 service. Thereafter came the ring of steel: over 140 CCTV and ANPR cameras.

From 2018 to 2025, crime in Hadley Wood fell by 67%.

For three years, a third patrol vehicle was the highest priority. Through focused membership growth, the recruitment of a highly experienced Scheme Manager and careful stewardship of funds, that ambition is now a reality.

HWS is run by volunteer residents — a Taskforce and new Advisory Board — dedicated to continually improving the scheme.

Our Progress

2003 — One patrol car launched

2018 — Second patrol car introduced

Autumn 2026 — Third car — operating dark hours

This is a landmark moment — one that could never have been achieved without community cohesion. Every new member has helped make this possible, demonstrating what can be achieved when neighbours work together with a shared purpose.

From one patrol vehicle over two decades ago to three vehicles from Autumn 2026, HWS continues to evolve while remaining true to its founding principle: keeping Hadley Wood one of the safest and most desirable places to live.

There Has Never Been a Better Time to Join

Around 80% of incidents in Hadley Wood occur at properties not part of the scheme. Criminals are opportunists — they go where the risk is lowest. Every household that joins protects itself and strengthens the whole community. We continue to push crime out of the area and into neighbouring wards.

As we welcome our third vehicle this Autumn, we invite all residents not yet members to become part of the next chapter.

A pivotal moment — made possible by residents working together.

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Thank you to every member, past and present, whose support has helped us reach this milestone. Together, we continue to make Hadley Wood stronger and safer for everyone.

Station Cuttings: Progress and Success

Congratulations to a good friend of Hadley Wood!

Those readers who remember our **2018 Treegate Campaign** to hold Network Rail to account for chopping down our lineside trees may recall that **Jon Stokes** of **The Tree Council** gave us tremendous support in our ultimately successful David-and-Goliath struggle. Jon, now their Director of Trees, Science & Research, was awarded an **MBE** in the King's Birthday Honours List 2026 for services to tree conservation. The amazing regeneration of trees and vegetation between Platform 4 and the cycle path is testament to the work Jon led here.

Progress for rail users...

We're inching towards **longer opening hours for the station toilet** thanks to the potential collaboration between GTR and **Hadley Wood Security.** We've just heard that HWRUG's proposal now has the support of GTR's Customer Service Director and we'll persist until this valuable facility is made considerably more available to rail users.

And progress for bus users!

There were two very welcome developments for the **399 bus** in July. The old boneshaker has been replaced by **a shiny new bus** and a team of drivers led by Kofi (at the wheel), who is not only very experienced but also knows his Hadley Wood clientele very well. And at long last the 399 live running information is included in the **TfL Go app. Please consider using the bus instead of the car when going to High Barnet** and help mitigate its risky status as the least used bus in London. Our community needs it to continue!

Alert for August Bank Holiday train travellers

Yet again, we'll be affected by essential engineering work on the East Coast Main Line over a bank holiday. From about 2200 on Saturday 29th evening, all day Sunday 30th and until about 0800 on Bank Holiday Monday morning 31st, no trains will run between Potters Bar/Hertford North and Letchworth Garden City/ Peterborough and **a revised train service will run between Potters Bar and both Moorgate and London Kings Cross. Plan your journey in advance using the National Rail Enquiries Journey Planner.**

Hadley Wood Rail User Group

Francesca Caine

Chair, Hadley Wood Rail User Group

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ORGAN RECITAL

Jonathan Gregory

Saturday 12th September 2026

Monken Hadley Church
Barnet EN5 5PZ

6.30pm Welcome Drinks
7.00pm Recital

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- Mendelssohn – Sonata in A
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