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LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

May 19

National Autism Strategy

The government wants to hear from autistic people, their families and their carers about their experiences of care and support. This consultation closes on 16 May 2019.

Please follow link below to access the website and make your comments known.:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-the-national-autism-strategy-think-autism-call-for-evidence>

Havering will also be consulting on their local Autism strategy soon and we will advise you of this in due course.

Gooshays Gardens Planning Application



Following notification that the Council intends to sell the large green in Gooshays Garden and allowing outline planning permission to build 64 homes, we initially sent in a letter of objection to the Council as we have had enough new building developments in both Harold Hill and Harold Wood and anymore will have a negative impact on the infrastructure. We also urge residents to write in and register their objections as well. Details of our letter can be found on our website:

<https://www.hwhpra.org.uk/2019/03/25/planning-application-to-build-64-homes-in-gooshays-gardens/>

- along with a link to the Council planning website where further details of the planning application can be found.

CLLRS EAGLING, GOODE AND WISE

Council Land Disposals - Gooshays Gardens and Hall Lane, Pitch & Putt

Residents have asked us why the council are making land disposals to allow small housing



developments when this may upset local communities. We believe this is as a result of trying to save our green belt from being built on as the Mayor of London in his housing strategy wants all London boroughs to build 65,000 homes a year over the next 10 years which approximately equates to 2,000 homes per local authority. The housing strategy can be found online at:

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2018_lhs_london_housing_strategy.pdf

One particular statement in the strategy refers to the following:-

3.21 - To support more new homes on small sites, the Mayor has set out policies in his draft London Plan to give a clear presumption in favour of appropriate residential development on small sites, including specific borough-level targets for this type of development. This new approach will enable more homes to be built in areas within walking distance of town centres and public transport and accepts that there is a need for the character of some neighbourhoods to evolve to accommodate additional housing.

This housing strategy by the Mayor puts pressure on the council and should it not meet its targets then planning matters could be taken out of the council hands and be over-ruled by the Mayor. Then we could see housing being built on some of the green belt land that we have left. Perhaps the issue here is not Havering but the London Mayors housing strategy that the London Boroughs have to follow!

Help to Claim- Universal Credit



Please find below information about the new Help to Claim service which will help individuals make a Universal Credit claim. Through Help to Claim Citizens Advice Havering can provide people with advice on how to apply for Universal Credit and support them through the application process.

The trained advisers can help an individual to:

- Set-up their Universal Credit account
- Complete their claim to-dos
- Verify their identity

- Make sure they are providing the right evidence to the Jobcentre
- Understand what Universal Credit will mean for them

If they are not sure what help they need they can just get in touch and the Help to Claim team will work out what support they need.

Locally the service is available at Citizens Advice Havering in Romford Central Library Monday to Friday 9am-2pm.

In addition to this support is available through our free phone line and web chat from 8am - 6pm Monday to Friday.

- England: 0800 144 8 444
- Wales: 08000 241 220 - Welsh speaking advisers are also available on this number
- Web chat: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/helpclaim

If you have any questions or would like to arrange a meeting to discuss this further please let us know by emailing HelptoClaim@haverincab.org.uk.



HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

By joining us and The Street Watch Organisation. We need volunteers to walk their own road, neighbouring roads and our two local parks (Harold Wood and Painesbrook).

If you are retired or have some spare time for an hour a day, hour a week or an hour a month or even less please come and join us. Also, if you are a dog owner who uses our parks, Harold Wood or Painesbrook, your help is urgently needed.

Please get in touch so we can arrange a meeting with the police and the Street Watch Organisation so we can let you know more. We have over 6,000 homes in our ward so please don't leave it up to others. Every little helps. Talk to your neighbours and get involved. We await hearing from you all. Contact Cllr Eagling who is handling this project @eaglibri@talktalk.net.

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Havering's Strategic Parking Plan is coming

Havering Council is proposing to introduce a borough wide parking strategy to protect residential parking areas and to control commuter parking by creating more CPZ residents parking bays and restricting any vehicle parking without a permit in residential roads. They also propose to install additional Pay and Display parking controls around a radius of 1 km of all main railway and underground train stations. Crossrail is coming and therefore the council are considering the introduction of a proactive parking scheme for the benefit of residents, and to protect resident parking.

This scheme will be in the form of either:

-  Residential parking zone (RPZ) - An area restricted for the use of residents and their visitors, businesses. P & D and shared use bays (includes CPZ and PPA)
-  Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) - Lines and signs installed to identify parking. These are used in areas with mixed use parking
-  Permit Parking Area (PPA) - Signs installed to mark zone entry repeater signs installed, more flexibility for residents
-  Business parking will be considered with the view to introduce business parking bays and P & D location for their customers.



All residents and businesses will have the option of purchasing a parking permit for their own requirements, but stricter criteria will be applied to restrict the sale of permits for large commercial vehicles.

Benefits of controlled Parking

This parking strategy is being considered for the whole borough, and whilst Harold Wood, already has a number of residential parking bays available to residents, together with a number of roads that have the 1 hour restricted parking control, there are still a number of residential areas that suffer from either commuter parking or inconsiderate motorists who park their cars on kerbs and/or pavements, over driveways or grass verges.

As more and more roads are adopting parking controlled bays, the roads where there are no parking restrictions, will become congested with commuter parking.

Full consultation will take place to allow all residents to have their say, and ask questions on the proposed designs of the Parking zones that will affect their area. The consultation process will start from June/July of this year and the Council's process of review is intended to be finalized by October 2020.

After full consultation and council's review, the installations for the areas where this scheme has been approved, It will start from Winter 2020/21

Your councillors will keep you informed in due course of the consultation results and any suggested timetable.

Common Practice

Coming over all nostalgic, I recall an old resident telling me of the tradition whereby if a person could build a house on common land in one night, the land then belonged to them as a freehold. In fact if one could have a fire burning in the hearth by the following morning, the squatter could then extend the land around by the distance they could throw an axe from the four corners of the house. It seems to be based on a Welsh tradition known as Ty Unnos or one-night house and pops up in other areas of the British Isles.

He thought the isolated 2-roomed Ely Cottage that stood just in Nags Head Lane at the top of Shepherds Hill was an example. Checking with the archivist at central Library, there is no record of such an arrangement in the borough. It seems to have no status in English common law, although there is some tradition of legal discussion about the point at which land occupied by squatters without title may be regarded as a legitimate possession.

There is now a smart bungalow on the site where the derelict cottage stood a decade ago. In my quest for articles about Harold Wood I meant to call on the occupants to see if they had any memories of such a story. Going past today I spotted someone in the garden and in true journalistic style I button-holed him. He knew nothing of the tale, but

explained the old place had been his aunt's, who quit when the foundations gave up. It was built in 1916 and was part of Ivy Lodge Farm, which lies behind the site. A 1920 map shows it there near the junction which then was a cross roads with Hall Lane directly opposite Nags Head Lane. At least the story has survived even if the house and the law have not.

DENNIS GOODWIN

What a Performance!

All Saints Players present "Kindly Keep It Covered" a comedy by Dave Freeman at All Saints Church Hall, Ardleigh Green Road, RM11 2LG on Thursday, Friday, Saturday 9/10/11 May 2019 at 8pm with a matinee performance on the Saturday at 2.30pm.

Details from 01708 607 855 or boxoffice@allsaintsplayers.org.uk

Petanque Court Opening



We were delighted to attend the Grand opening of Havering's very first Petanque Court at Harold Wood Park on Saturday 13th April. This wonderful new facility was officially opened by the Mayor of Havering and it was good to see many residents and our local Police Team

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in attendance. Our special thanks go out to the Friends of Harold Wood Park committee members for all their time and efforts in making this new venture possible. Petanque, is a game that can be enjoyed and played by all of the family, so we certainly hope to see many families and friends taking part in this wonderful new activity in the Harold Wood Park. Two sets of Boules were kindly donated by Harold Wood Funeral Services.

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Please visit our Just Giving page to show your support for our unit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/hornchurchseacadets>

We are always on the look out for new cadets or adult volunteers; further information can be found at www.sea-cadets.org

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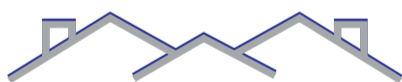
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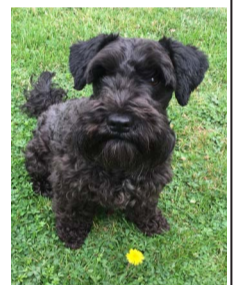
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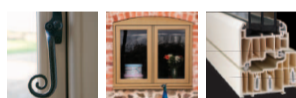
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