



# THE BULLETIN

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## LOOKING AFTER OUR COMMUNITY

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We will be unable to deliver the Bulletin to our local residents for a few months due to COVID 19. If you can forward this on to anyone who is self-isolating or within your network as we want to provide the latest news to them in any way we can. If they want us to email them direct then please either pass on their email address or get them to email us. Thank You

### NEWSFLASH 1

The Council have announced that they will reintroduce permit fees and parking charges from the 13<sup>th</sup> July following the easing of lockdown restrictions. Other London Councils have already done this. However **with the support of your local Councillors**, the Council are helping businesses and Residents to adjust to the reintroduction by:

- Extending **FREE** parking on-street to 1 HOUR (**Great news for our Harold Wood and Harold Hill Residents and Businesses!**)
- Making parking on Sundays **FREE** across Havering
- Giving a **20% DISCOUNT** in Car Parks when paying by phone or app (n.b There is a new parking app called Ring Go for this)
- Supporting NHS and care workers with **FREE** parking permits.

### NEWSFLASH 2

Residents may have heard through Social Media and the local Press that the Government was looking to house Asylum Seekers at Palms Hotel along the A127. This decision was taken without any consultation with the Local Authority, Councillors or the MPs for the area and residents had contacted us about their concerns. The decision would have impacted on local GP and mental Health services and the location was considered not suitable being alongside a busy dual carriageway. Residents had told us of their concerns around security issues and other matters. Following this news story, **your local councillors contacted** the MP and the Leader of the Council for some further clarification on this matter and to be brought up to speed on this. Within 24 hours of making contact the Government had decided to cancel any contract to use Palms Hotel and therefore Asylum Seekers will not be housed there.

#### Harold Hill Foodbank Donation



The Residents' Association were delighted to present the Harold Hill foodbank with another cheque for £500 bringing our total to £1200 in recent months. We have also donated over £300 to the Havering Heroes fund which will help organisations similar to the foodbank during this period.

Cllrs Eagling, Goode and Wise

#### Safety first

After listening to our residents we campaigned over the last two years to have the safety barriers outside Harold Wood Station replaced and we are pleased to say, if you haven't noticed, that this has now been done.



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#### Havering Council Race Relations Independent Review

We welcome the Council's commitment to hold an independent review of race relations within Havering. The review which will be borough wide and include the Council's policies and processes to ensure there is no bias and discrimination in our community and we fully support this. No-one should be

discriminated against whether it is on Race, Disability, Gender, Sexuality, Religion .etc as we are all equal. Whilst we are waiting for further details on the scope of the review we are aware that there has been discussions locally around changing street names within the borough. Whilst we understand the concerns raised by some members of the community and the history behind the historical names, we do believe that any changes recommended by this review must be put out to consultation with local residents within that street. Changing a street name brings with it a lot of practical issues and inconvenience and cost to local residents and things such as Postal addresses, Sat Navs, Driving Licences, Bank Statements and GP/Dentist/Hospital registration will all need to be changed.

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**Greetings from the Men’s Lunch Team at St. Peter’s Church, Harold Wood.**

On the news recently, I saw an interview with the Very Rev’d. Dr. David Ison, the Dean of St. Paul’s Cathedral, London. He was talking about the new memorial (at the moment in virtual form) to remember all those who have tragically died during this current pandemic. Dean David was a youth member at St. Peter’s back in the late 60s early 70s, and seeing him reminded me of his kind invitation to Men’s Lunch to visit St. Paul’s on a private tour in May 2015. He was also our special guest speaker in June of that year, so we thought you might like to listen again to his talk by clicking on this link: -

[https://www.stpetersharoldwood.org/Groups/193615/St\\_Peters\\_Church/Ministry\\_Group\\_Bookings/Mens\\_Ministry/Mens\\_Lunch/Mens\\_Lunch.aspx?show\\_media=149699&show\\_file=161073](https://www.stpetersharoldwood.org/Groups/193615/St_Peters_Church/Ministry_Group_Bookings/Mens_Ministry/Mens_Lunch/Mens_Lunch.aspx?show_media=149699&show_file=161073)

As we write this our buildings remain closed, but St. Peter’s staff members are very much available if you need to contact them - 01708 342080 or email: [welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org](mailto:welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org).

Don’t forget, St. Peter’s has a YouTube channel where we are offering a Sunday service and a few other things – do have a visit here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfENka2vNLiI30IjaGYPXg>

We will try and update everyone with our future plans as and when we can.

Keep safe & well.

*Julian Harris, Chris Knowles and all the Men’s Lunch Team.*

**Residents’ request**

After receiving complaints regarding parking problems at the Ridgeway junction with Gubbins Lane we were asked if double yellow lines could be installed so we put this request forward to the Highways Department and are very pleased to say that these lines have now been installed and they will be monitored over the next 6 months by the Officers.

**A Reminder Please**

Keep our Parks Litter Free  
When visiting our lovely local parks could we ask you to place your litter In the appropriate bins and if they are full please take your litter home with you

**Parking Signs Updated**



Following our campaign with the Council to keep Sunday parking free on Sundays in Harold Wood, we have finally managed to get the Council to change the signage in Harold Wood and these show charging being for the period Mon to Sat only.

Cllrs Eagling, Goode and Wise

**Pleased to Help**

After receiving a complaint from a Harold Hill Resident regarding the alleyway at the side of the old Homes in Havering offices in Chippenham Road regarding anti-social behaviour, I contacted the appropriate Council Department and they have now carried out the following:

- 1). The gates have been padlocked
- 2). The area has been cleared of rubbish
- 3). Community Wardens to make regular checks.
- 4). Signage will be put up that due to A.S.B. The gate will remain closed until further notice.

Cllr. Brian Eagling

**Handy Person Required**

The Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre require a handy person to carry out some small maintenance jobs on a regular basis. For more details regarding this position contact Les Payne on 01708 709787 or Ron Lockhart 01708 523513 or email on [lez21@btinternet.com](mailto:lez21@btinternet.com). This is a paid position

**Scam Beware**

**TV Licencing Renewals**

Please be advised that if you receive an email notifying you that your TV licence renewal payment couldn’t be processed. **PLEASE IGNORE IT.** The email will encourage you to click on a link or provide your Bank A/C details.

**Please do not do either as this is a scam.**

**Important Information**

When using your freedom pass please note that you cannot travel before 9.00am. If you require any more information you can contact TFL by email or check at your local station.

**Garden Shed**

If you require a new garden shed why don’t you try Rainham Sheds and if you require the old one to be taken down and removed or if you require a new concrete base contact Tony, Shed Support on 07484204941. I have just had work done by him and can recommend him.  
Cllr. Brian Eagling

**Central Walkways on the A12 Colchester road**

We often receive complaints regarding the amount of rubbish that has been dumped within the central reservation on the A12. This creates a problem for the council as the central reservation is the responsibility of TFL and more often than not the A12 has to be closed in order to conduct a clean up and remove the rubbish. Recently we were notified that rubbish had still not been cleared from a specific part that lead through to a Bus stop, so we contacted the Council and they agreed to get the StreetCare team to carry out a litter pick and clear what rubbish they could whilst keeping safe from the heavy traffic on the dual carriageway.

Cllrs Eagling, Goode and Wise

**Helpful Tips**

If you require central heating/boiler repair call Brad on 07767353641. I can personally recommend him as he has just finished some work for me.

Cllr. Brian Eagling



Lighting up Kings Park

Following our public meeting with Kings Park Residents earlier this year, one of the items that was raised was in relation to the poor lighting on the estate which contributed to anti-social behaviour problems. Following that meeting we escalated this to the Council and we are delighted to advise that there were a number of roads that had street lights replaced and new energy efficient LED lanterns were installed.

Cllrs Eagling, Goode and Wise

Weekly Refuge and Fortnightly Green Bin collections

Local residents are still notifying us of delays to their scheduled collection dates.

We have been in constant communication with the Council reporting delays to the collections. Council officers, have explained to us that they are experiencing a number of delays, which are being caused by an increase in the household and green waste now being left for collection. This has resulted in a number of delays, mainly because the vehicles that are being used for the collections are having to make several trips, as the vehicles are becoming too full, much earlier than expected. In all cases where collections have been missed the Serco team are returning the following day to collect the waste, but this does caused a knock on effect to that days schedule. Hopefully, this situation will only be short term.

Cllrs, Eagling, Goode and Wise

HAROLD WOOD EVENING WI

Hi...just a note to say we are still here during lockdown and still welcoming new members if only virtually until we can meet again in person.

We are still having our regular book and craft club meetings as well as a Sunday Fun day on Zoom.

So.....we thought to introduce Harold Wood WI a bit more we would host a virtual meeting on Zoom on Wednesday August 12th at 7pm. This will be a closed meeting so if you would like to be involved please send us a message by email to [haroldwoodeveningwi@outlook.com](mailto:haroldwoodeveningwi@outlook.com) or give Jo a call on 07875 670419

Don't be worried if you have not used Zoom before....we have step by step instructions..

Hope to see you on Wednesday August 12th at 7pm.

Well Done Maggie



Thank you for making washable and reusable masks and coverings to protect against the Coronavirus for our Community residents free of charge. Her aim is to make and donate 2,000 items and at present she has reached a total of 1,582. If you wish to take up Maggie’s offer you can contact her on email [magsam43@hotmail.com](mailto:magsam43@hotmail.com). Thanks once again to Maggie for this wonderful effort.

Cllr. Brian Eagling

New Railings at Cockabourne Court

Further to my report from the March Bulletin. I was pleased to receive confirmation that the original design and layout for the new railings has now been revisited and the council have agreed to install the new railings further inside the boundary line. This will now enable any motorist exiting Archibald Road to have a more clearer vision to any oncoming traffic, when turning into Squirrels Heath Road. Wooden stumps will now also be installed along the boundary line and will act as bollards to prevent any vehicles from parking there.

Work recommenced on the 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Cllr Martin Goode

Painesbrook Park Grass Cutting Conservation Area

A Councillor from a neighbouring ward recently put a local ecologist in touch with me and they were complaining that the Council contractors have been cutting the grass in certain areas within Painesbrook park in what is deemed to be a Conservation area. I immediately got in touch with Parks Officers whom have told the contractor not to cut the grass in the conservation area and they will also print maps off for them in order to prevent this from happening again.

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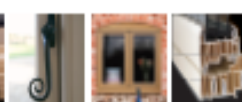
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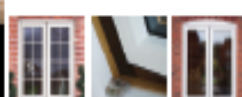
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