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Gallows Corner Responses to Questions

Following the announcement that the Gallows Corner works were going to continue to Spring 2026, we wrote to the Council, TfL and Mayor of London asking several questions that we have received. The responses from the council and the Mayor/TfL are shown on our website -

<https://www.hwhpra.org.uk/2025/12/17/gallows-corner-council-and-mayor-of-london-responses/>

Proposals for Accident Reduction Programme

Following concerns raised by Harold Wood Councillors, we are pleased that the council will be consulting on proposals for a Squirrels Heath Road Accident Reduction Programme. The funding for the feasibility study has been secured via a successful application made to Transport for London's (TfL) Local Implementation Plan (LIP). The funding for the implementation will be submitted to TfL this financial year and the Council expect to implement the scheme in the next financial year. The Council have carried out a feasibility study, and its analysis and summary of collisions are as follows:

Over the five-year period to 31st December 2024 that fourteen personal injury accidents (PIAs) were recorded along Squirrels Heath Road. Of these fourteen PIAs, one was fatal, four were serious; three involved pedestrians, three occurred in wet conditions and four occurred during the hours of darkness.

The proposals include the following.

- 20mph speed limit along whole length of Squirrels Heath Road to minimise the collisions in the area.
- Speed cushions at regular intervals along Squirrels Heath Road to bring speeds down to an acceptable level in light of the proposed speed limit.
- A new zebra crossing along Squirrels Heath Road by Douglas Avenue to assist pedestrians, particularly school children to cross the carriageway at this location.

- A new zebra crossing along Squirrels Heath Road between Cotswold Road and Recreation Avenue to assist pedestrians, particularly school children to cross the carriageway at this location.
- Upgrading existing 30 mph to 20mph vehicle activated sign along Squirrels Heath Road by Beltinge Road
- A new 20mph vehicle activated sign along Squirrels Heath Road between Cotswold Road and Recreation Avenue to warn drivers about the 20mph speed limit.
- 20mph speed limit signs at relevant locations, particularly at the 20mph speed limit boundaries to warn drivers about the 20mph speed limit.
- 20mph speed roundels at regular intervals to warn drivers about the 20mph speed limit.

We believe this will help reduce accidents in the area though we do encourage residents to respond to the formal consultation when this is published.

In any event and should the Council go ahead with the plans then we will request that no work is started until after the Gallows Corner works are completed and preferably for the work to be done when it is school holiday time to ease traffic congestion.

St. Peter's, Harold Wood: Men's Lunch

This is our first opportunity to say a belated: 'Happy New Year' from us all at St. Peter's Church and the Men's Lunch Team.

Our February lunch event is:

TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY 2026, from 11:30am,

in St. Peter's Church Centre, Harold Wood.

It will be a great pleasure to hear from one of our own members: NICHOLAS QUEST.

Nicholas is a regular member of both Men's Lunch & St. Peter's. He will be giving us a special presentation on Psalm 139 entitled: 'Human Darkness

to the Light of The Lord', which forms part of his NVQ+ studies. Do come and join us for a super lunch and to support Nicholas.

As always, to reserve your lunch place, check if you're on the list or if needed, to cancel, we kindly ask you to telephone St. Peter's Welcome Desk on 01708 342080, or email: welcome.desk@stpetersharoldwood.org.

We look forward to welcoming you.

JULIAN HARRIS, CHRIS KNOWLES, AND THE MEN'S LUNCH TEAM.

Election Year 2026

Local Elections are on 7th May 2026 and we will do our best to visit you all but, in the meantime, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. You will receive an Election leaflet nearer the time.

Winner

We would like to congratulate Craig and Emma Cassidy for their raffle win at the 8th Squirrels Heath Scouts Xmas event. The Harold Wood Hill Park Residents Association donated a cash prize.



Havering Antiques Club



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Friday February 20th - Paul Atterbury from BBC Antiques Roadshow - Art of the Train - Rail, Steam & Speed - Guests £8.

Free Parking

We could lose our 30-minute free parking as Havering Residents' Association plan to remove it but we will vote against this. This is not good for local businesses or for local

residents who just wish to pop into the shops for small items. Definitely not good business sense.

Light before Xmas Event

We would like to Congratulate and thank the Harold Wood Foundation who organised The Light Before Christmas event which took place in the Station Car Park in November and was attended by many local residents. We look forward to this event again in 2026

Fly-tips removed

Following notification from a local resident over the Xmas period, I was advised of these fly tips. I was pleased to say these were reported and removed timely by the council. We would urge residents to take items such as these to the Gerpins Lane refuse tip or use the councils bulky waste collection service <https://www.havering.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling/bulky-collections>



If you end up fly-tipping and get caught then you could be liable for a large fine.

CLLR DARREN WISE

Mattresses Removed

A local resident contacted me to report that two large mattresses had been dumped in the road at the bottom



of Rosslyn Avenue. I immediately contacted the Council and I am pleased to say that within an hour they had been removed.

CLLR. BRIAN EAGLING

Kings Park CPZ scheme

We are aware of concerns raised by residents on Kings Park with regards to the implementation of the CPZ scheme introduced in December. Harold

Wood ward councillors have agreed with Officers and have asked them to review the area to see if any additional bays can be accommodated to provide further parking. Permit costs to park in residential bays in Kings Park are the same cost throughout Havering as for any other CPZs within the borough.

Kings Park - St Clements Ave

This bent post which was reported by us nearly 4 months ago to the council has only finally been repaired. Small jobs such as this should be done quicker by the Council but as we are finding that due to financial pressures the Council tend to leave some tasks as long as they can before doing work. It is not acceptable.



CLLR DARREN WISE

A Close with No Name

Back in November, during our regular walkabouts around the ward, we noticed a road sign and post had been knocked down. We immediately notified the Council, who very quickly sent their maintenance team to investigate. The area was marked out and a new signage and posts were ordered. All damage has been removed but still no road sign has been replaced. We have chased the Council, to replace the road sign ASAP hopefully, very soon.



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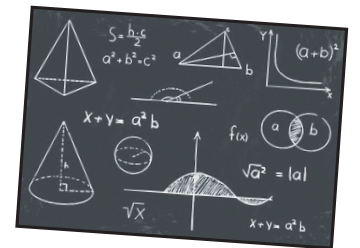
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The Old School Days

"I started at Enfield Tech. in April 1941 and the sudden exposure to secondary education proved to be quite a culture shock. I had never heard of algebra or trigonometry, and I had nobody to ask. Dad was

away and none of my relatives knew of it. The Germans saved me. At the end of April, the raids started and the school was burnt to the ground. I couldn't understand why the Head and his wife were crying as they surveyed the wreckage of their life's work. All I knew was, I was off school again! A new Technical College had been built in 1939 but hadn't been used as it was difficult to 'black out'. It was unlike the Edwardian brick workhouse structures we were used to, it was Bauhaus Modern and faced entirely with glass. We moved in as the daylight raids resumed and spent more time down the shelters that summer and autumn than in the building. By the light of a hurricane lamp we cribbed furiously and by the time the night raids returned, I'd got the gist of pure mathematics. In fact I enjoyed it and still do.

The syllabus was engineering orientated. I enjoyed maths, technical drawing and science but practical metalwork and pattern making, a part of the casting process using woodwork, left me cold. The non-technical subjects, English and History were an afterthought. I would have enjoyed doing a language, but we were destined for the workshop."



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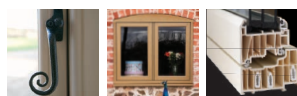
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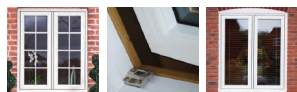


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