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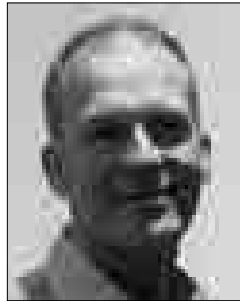


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Your Havering Resident Association Team representing Squirrels Heath



Cllr Bob Perry



Doug Rushworth



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HRA Team Serving the Community

The Squirrels Heath HRA team have been out and about in the ward engaging with local residents. It seems we underestimated people's concerns about the current administration and with the upcoming elections next year, let's take the opportunity to make a change. You will be seeing a lot of your HRA team, not just at election times. We pledge to be there for residents whenever you need us, so do get in touch.

Special thanks to our Emerson Park colleague Dave Godwin for his help. Thanks also to Councillor Graham Williamson for his assistance.

HRA TEAM



Lower Thames Crossing Community Impact Consultation

We wish to remind you that you have until the 8th of this month to give your views on Highway England's proposals.

Find out more and have your say online from 14 July to 23:59 on 8 September 2021 at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/ltcconsultation

Haynes Park

I recently raised an issue with Havering Council in response to a concern raised by a local resident regarding the general upkeep of Haynes Park. Happy to share the email below with detail of their response:

Dear Councillor Perry

Thank you for your email regarding improvement to the look and feel of Haynes Park.

In relation to the shrubs and hedgerows, the Parks Development Officer has advised that the shrubs chosen to be planted are specific varieties which need less intense management and are also more drought resistant, to negate the need to use large amounts of water. This does mean that there may not be a surge of colour all the time, however, there is colour in these beds at various times during the year.

With regard to the general maintenance of the grass areas, our Environment Maintenance staff are working hard to cut the grass as quickly as possible without compromising on the quality of the cut. There has been delays this season due to the amount of rain we have experienced. A lot of areas sat wet for a long period of time and our machines were unable to cut the grass without causing damage. The wet weather coupled with the subsequent

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heatwave, created perfect growing conditions for the grass, shrubs and weeds.

Unfortunately, the current COVID regulations have also impacted on the service and the teams are currently working with reduced staff numbers.

In relation to the graffiti on the signs, an order has been raised for this to be cleaned as soon as possible.

We do apologise for the delays in carrying out the maintenance works, but are confident that residents will see improvements within a short period of time.

Cllr BOB PERRY

Local Government

Havering Council has changed dramatically since 1978 when I was first elected as a Councillor. Until around 2002, there was a committee system on the Council which would meet every six weeks or so and decisions would be agreed at a Council meeting where all Councillors attended. Whilst we still have a number of committees ie Planning, Licensing, Highways Advisory, Scrutiny, the main

business is now decided through a 'Cabinet System' where the Leader of the Council appoints 6/7 Cabinet members with specific responsibility portfolios ie Housing, Adult Care etc.

I believe being a member of Havering Council is an honour and a privilege. It is very rewarding and fulfilling and with the huge advancements in technology, what used to take several weeks when I was first elected, can now be answered in hours. The amount of information available is incredible.

With the local elections coming up next year let's hope we can extend the success of electing Resident Association Councillors into Squirrels Heath.

Cllr RON OWER,
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Refuse Collections

Following the article in last month's Bulletin, a number of roads whose collection should have been on a Thursday, were not collected until the following Monday.

We chased the Council on this and whilst a number of residents including me went to the tip, this is far from satisfactory. Please note the following that came back from the Council. We will continue to monitor this.

Dear Cllr Ower,

Serco continue to experience driver shortages, and whilst it appears the household collections are on track for completion today, the situation can change overnight. I can say that they have been actively recruiting drivers, however it is fair to say that they are regularly being "outbid" by other non-waste companies where HGV drivers are concerned, with a similar situation happening in neighbouring boroughs and many others elsewhere. Regarding last week's collections, they were not

completed on Thursday, but the crew were issued with the work on Friday, with the expectation that they were to complete that work first thing. Last week's further delay is therefore considered to be a crew issue, rather than a whole service issue, and the appropriate investigation is being undertaken by their supervisor. Should work not be fully completed on Thursday as scheduled, the relevant crews will be instructed to clear it the next day as a priority, and a message will be placed on the website instructing residents to leave the waste out.

Cllr RON OWER

Overgrown Hedges and Trees

In the spring and summer months, Councillors are regularly contacted about overgrown bushes, hedges and trees that are obstructing pavements. Havering Council will prune any that are on public or council owned land, but many are growing from private gardens.

It should be remembered that residents are responsible for ensuring foliage from their own gardens does not cause problems to pedestrians and vehicles, and the Council will contact them if a complaint is made. In extreme cases, enforcement action can be taken. For further information, visit the Council's website www.havering.gov.uk and search for 'trees and hedges'.

If you have a tree, hedge or bush that is overgrown and you are unable to prune it yourself, you can visit the Trading Standards Buy With Confidence website www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/ to find an approved trader.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Park Protection Service

The Council's Park Protection Service can be called if you see any problems in any of the Council's open spaces or parks. Please telephone **07904 805 872** email address parkspolice@havering.gov.uk.

Cllr RON OWER

Bottle Deposit Plan

Further to the articles on the high levels of rubbish the Country generates, there has been support from residents to help clear rubbish in their neighbourhoods. National media regularly reports that it is costing taxpayers over a billion pounds a year to clear litter and clean the bins. I understand that the Government will be consulting on the design of a deposit return scheme for drink containers. It works very well in Scandinavia where there have been deposit schemes for some time.

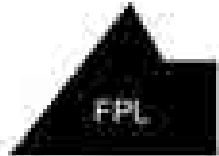
You do not have to walk far before seeing discarded plastic bottles. There are also regular reports on how plastic is now in the world's oceans. Our environment needs protecting. If the Government is serious about tackling plastic waste they need to act quickly. Do readers agree?

Cllr RON OWER

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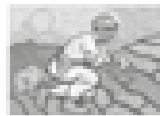
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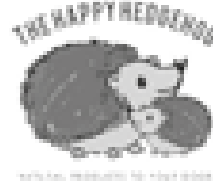
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To complete the survey, visit the Council's website www.havering.gov.uk and search for 'Your say on electric charging points.'

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Upminster Windmill, Volunteer Gardeners Needed

Friends of Upminster Windmill need more volunteers to join our friendly gardening team to help maintain the lovely garden

adjacent to the visitor centre and the newly created wildflower areas.

The gardening team meets on Tuesdays and arrangements are flexible - people attend when they can and stay for a few hours or longer. New volunteers will be given guidance - experience not essential.

All volunteers are required to join the Friends of Upminster Windmill.

For more information please telephone **01708 229028** (answerphone) or **email marion@upminsterwindmill.org**

Please help us to maintain our local heritage - thank you.

Neighbourhood Watch Advice

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Havering Council Staff Contacting Residents Regarding COVID Vaccination

Local Residents' Association Councillors have been made aware that Havering Council staff have been phoning residents who are not shown as having received both doses of the COVID vaccination, to encourage them to do so. This has led to concern among some people that these may be bogus calls, as Havering had not publicised

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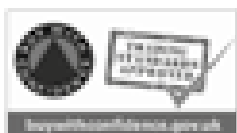
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what they were doing in advance. Havering's Director of Public Health, Mark Ansell, provided us with the following information:

Calls are being made by Council staff on behalf of local GPs. The Clinical Commissioning Group has shared names and contact details of registered patients aged 50+ who haven't previously had one or both doses of vaccine but who aren't recorded as having formally declined. No further information about medical history has been shared.

Using Council staff enables NHS colleagues to focus on vaccination itself. These calls aren't necessarily welcomed, particularly by residents who actively do not want vaccination, but we can at least ensure that this is recorded by their GP.

Whilst local Councillors appreciate this work is worthwhile, we would have expected Havering Council to publicise what they were doing before they started, so that there was less likelihood of residents misunderstanding the nature of such calls.

Damaged Pavements – Parking Exemptions

There has been a huge amount of building work taking place locally which has given rise to a number of queries. Please see the following information obtained from the Council. I hope this assists.

Dear Councillor Ower,

Thank you for your enquiry in relation to fines for builder and parking exemptions.

Parking waivers can be used by a removal company, builder or contractor to suspend a parking bay for their use. They allow all day parking in restricted areas such as: resident bays, business bays, pay and display bays on yellow lines.

To apply they will need: details of the business, such as name and address, reason for the waiver, location of the waiver – where the work is being carried out, vehicle details, such as registration

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The fine for damaged pavements is now £658.

Cllr RON OWER

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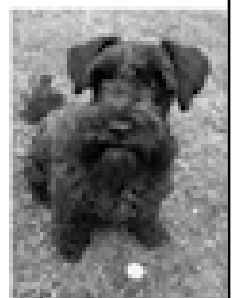
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Cllr Claire Holland, Chair of London Councils' Transport Committee, has said that "police enforcement is inadequately resourced and severely limits the ability of authorities to protect their residents from the negative safety impacts of poor speed compliance."

We will keep you updated if we hear of any further news on this subject.

Motorised Scooters and the Law

Local Councillors are regularly questioned about the current trend for using motorised scooters, and whether the local authority has any powers if they are used illegally. We asked Havering Council's Neighbourhoods Department for their advice, a summary of which is given below:

"The use of e-scooters in public open space is illegal and enforceable by the Police. Incidents of anti-social behaviour should be reported to the Police

via 101 (or 999 in an emergency).

The Highway Code states that they must not ride on a pavement intended just for pedestrians. The offence of riding on a pavement is punishable by a fixed penalty notice of £30. However, such a penalty is only enforceable by the Police and not by Council officers.

A personally owned e-scooter in the UK can be legally ridden on private land only, with the landowner's permission. Due to e-scooters being classified as "powered transporters", they are covered by the same legislation as motor vehicles and therefore would need to be insured, registered with the DVLA and taxed.

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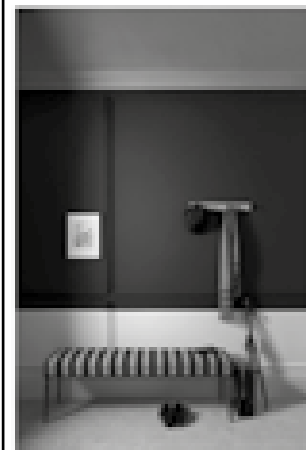
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CLr LINDA HAWTHORN

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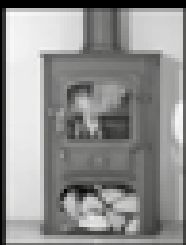
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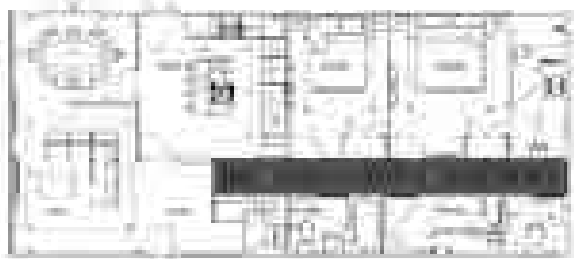


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8 Biggest Scams and Frauds

We regularly warn readers to be careful when answering the phone. Scam calls and frauds

are increasing. Unfortunately the ones most likely to fall victim to fraud are those who live alone with no-one to look out for them, or who have dementia. See link below of 8 biggest scams and frauds targeting seniors.

<https://thevideoink.com/biggest-scams-frauds-targeting-seniors/>

Which Swim School?

In Havering we have more choice of swim schools than most areas of the UK with over 20 private swim schools at the last count - we are spoilt for choice. Choosing the right school for you is so important - ensuring your child's learning experience from the first lesson is the right one for them is a must as swimming is an essential life skill.

Council run facilities and school pools all strictly adhere to HSE rules and if the swim school you choose operates from one of these facilities the swim provider will have to adhere to the Pool Safety Operating Procedure. This includes emergency action plans and safe working. A full list of

approved UK swim schools can be found <https://www.swimming.org/swimengland/affiliated-swim-school-directory>

Word of mouth is often a good source too.

Cridders Swim School is based in Upminster and has been established for 20 years.

<https://www.criddersswim.co.uk/> If you are looking for swimming lessons for your child book your lessons today and begin your journey of aquatic fun.

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Macmillan Cancer Support

The charity will be holding the "world's biggest coffee morning" on Friday, 24th September. This is a huge opportunity for Macmillan to raise funds. If you would like to take part, their website has a wide range of information with a fund raising kit etc.

Macmillan "do whatever it takes for people living with cancer". They do tremendous work, please support them. <https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk>

Havering Singing for The Brain 2020 (HS4B)

HS4B have launched a new weekly musical and social group for people living with dementia and their carers from Monday, 26 July, 2.00 - 4.00pm at the Cranham Community Centre, 115A Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR.

The HS4B team are looking forward to welcoming new members to enjoy live music, singing and dancing or just a friendly chat. The groups are very enjoyable and also give an opportunity to share experiences and seek advice about the dementia journey.

Each session costs £5.00pp including refreshments. The first session is free for new members. Working carers attending with their patient are not charged. Attendees are required to have had both COVID vaccinations and asked to provide evidence on their first visit. The little blue card will suffice.

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We recommend you reserve your tickets in case the Government imposes any additional rules which require us to limit audience numbers.

Box Office: Tel **07708 214742** or email tickets@wesley-players.co.uk. Tickets may be available on the door.

Adults £7, Children £3.50 and Concessions £5.50. Senior Citizens admitted free on Friday, 24th September 2021.

The Wesley Methodist Church, Hall Lane, Upminster, RM14 1AE.

We are recruiting If you fancy treading the boards, we will be auditioning for our Panto after this production. There'll be small, medium or large parts available as well as stage crew. If you're interested contact Vicky at Wesley.players@yahoo.co.uk

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Havering Astronomical Society

Talks are continuing online this month with plans to resume in-person meetings in the near future.

Wednesday, 15 September, 7.15 for 7.30pm:

Paul Money 'Why are there no Green Stars?'

Wednesday, 6 October, 7.15 for 7.30pm:

Dr Sanjay Limaye, Senior Scientist at University of Wisconsin, will give a talk on his research into the planet Venus, including the search for life.

To join these meetings or for more details about the society please visit our website www.havastro.co.uk or email secretary@havastro.co.uk or call **Liz** on **07706885948**

Young Astronomers - Thursday, 30th September 7-8pm.

We are excited to begin meeting in person at Thames Chase Forest Centre, Upminster. There will be a talk and observing with telescopes and binoculars, weather permitting. If you or someone you know is aged 8-16 and would like to join please email young.astronomers@havastro.co.uk

Upminster and District Probus

We are very happy to have resumed our meetings of the Upminster and District Probus Club which are held at The Cranleigh Restaurant in Hornchurch. We have enjoyed a meal of minestrone soup, followed by poached salmon, new potatoes and peas, finishing with fresh strawberries and cream. We were entertained by Steve Redfern speaking about football referee stories. At our September 29th meeting, we will enjoy a melon gondola starter, followed by roast pork, roast potatoes, sprouts, carrots and apple sauce, finishing with a strawberry gateau, then tea or coffee. Are you retired? Would you like to join us?

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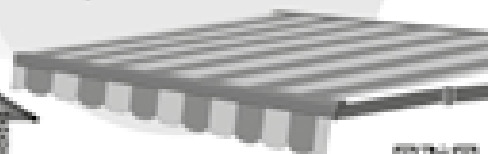
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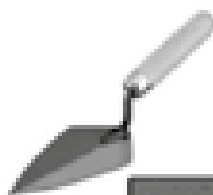
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Cllr RON OWER

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On 2nd September 2021, Thames Chase will launch their 5th annual art exhibition celebrating 30 years of Thames Chase Community Artists. Following the launch of the first virtual exhibition last year during lockdown, Thames Chase will now be hosting a hybrid event with both live and virtual elements for visitors to explore and enjoy, alongside an exciting programme of cultural events. The show will feature a wide range of artworks inspired by what can be seen and found throughout the Thames Chase Community Forest. The exhibition will run from September 2nd - 12th and will run alongside a programme of musical performances and artist demonstrations for all the community to enjoy.

EWT Havering Walks – Autumn Diary

Walks take about two hours and optionally continue after lunch. We may have to limit numbers, so please contact **Tony Loveless** in advance via **07413 649006** or grandadtone@gmail.com if you plan to come. Wear suitable clothing and footwear and bring a packed lunch if needed.

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To view the summary, visit www.gov.uk and enter 'Elections Bill 2021: Summary factsheet' in the search box.

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Cllr JOHN TYLER

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Your Safer Neighbourhood Team

Your dedicated ward Officers in the team are:

APS Sheppard	4219EA
PC Chris Brown	4185EA
PC Hannah Thornton	3227EA
PCSO Tolu Ajagbe	7156EA

You can contact Squirrels Heath Safer Neighbourhood Policing

Team via email **Squirrelsheath.SNT@Met.Police.UK** or by phone **07876396930**

Officers in the team work shifts, when they are not on duty there is a 24 hour answering service. Please leave a message and an Officer will return your call when next on duty. Please note this is not an emergency number. In cases of emergency please call 999. For anything else please dial 101. Some crimes can be reported online. For more information please visit the Metropolitan Police website **www.met.police.uk**

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Details from coffee@chapel.email - we'd love to hear from you!

Potholes

We are still chasing the Council on a number of potholes in our area. If you are aware of any needing attention drop us a line at bulletinra@yahoo.co.uk

Havering Antique Collectors Club - New Members Welcome

Enrolment evening with speaker - Friday, 17th September, 7.30 for 8.00pm. Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood.

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