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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Your Squirrels Heath HRA action team would like to take this opportunity to wish all our residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. After last year Christmas lockdown it will be great to share it with our families again. Enjoy the festive season and take care of one another. With our best wishes

Cllr BOB PERRY AND DOUG RUSHWORTH

Your HRA team supporting your local area

Your HRA team is happy to report that the lower tree growth in Fairholme Avenue; the huge pothole in Upper Brentwood Road; the rattling drain cover in Main Road; the overhanging tree growth in Farnes Drive; and the flooding issue in Castellan Avenue that we recently reported in to council officers have all been earmarked for remedial work. This is what HRA action teams can achieve when you report issues to us. We do care about our area and would ask people to keep us informed of issues in the Squirrels Heath ward. We can and always will act on your behalf, as all Councillors should do. The current Administration is failing the residents of Squirrels Heath and the borough as a whole. It is time for a change and with your help, myself and all my HRA colleagues can be that change that Havering so desperately needs. Help us make it happen.

Cllr BOB PERRY



A note from the Editor

It's now 12 months since I stepped into the editorial seat for the Bulletin; doesn't time fly. It's been a pleasure to be back and involved with the Residents' Association and to support the good work that they do for everyone in our local area. Christmas is coming and it's great at this time of year to see the wonderful lights and decorations start to appear as everyone begins to prepare for the festivities. If you are looking for that perfect gift, please support local businesses. I'm sure gift vouchers from local shops and outlets would be well received by many. Enjoy the celebrations, spending time with family and friends and be kind to one another. Merry Christmas everyone.

PAULINE MASTROIANNI,



Havering Residents Association "Change is Coming"

The Squirrels Heath Residents' Association are proud to be members of Havering Residents Association - working together on behalf of local people across Havering.

Garland Way Housing Development

In October Havering Planning Committee held its monthly meeting where one of the items on the agenda was the sale of 3 plots by Havering College facing Garland Way which, after discussion, was approved.

David Godwin, along with Councillor Bob Perry from the Havering Residents Association were given three minutes each to air their opinions and that of local residents on this proposed sale. Subsequently, following the points raised by them, the Committee requested a vote for deferral which was sadly thrown out by the Romford Conservative Councillors and one Labour Councillor. The proposal then went for the vote of the Committee for approval and again, the three Romford Conservative Councillors voted for it together with their Labour ally from Harold Hill.

In the same way as with the recent care home development on the same site, a Labour Councillor sided with the Romford

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Conservative Councillors to decide the outcome of a proposal in our area.

Below are the main points raised by David who, as a local resident, can see the bigger picture and the effect this development will have on those living in the area and parents doing school runs via the lane between Campion and Nelmes schools.

- *Garland Way is the only road in and off the Duck Pond estate which comprises of over 200 homes.*
- *Mums, dads, carers use this road as they park on Tyle Green and use the alleyway that connects Tyle Green to Wingletye Lane to take their children to and from Nelmes Primary School and Wingletye nursery.*
- *Campion students' cycle and walk using this as a means of getting to their school on Wingletye Lane.*
- *Garland Way has a blind spot when entering or leaving this estate. If this is approved, deliveries of building materials will be very hazardous to anyone using Garland Way. The*

only solution would be to take delivery of materials using the internal college grounds.

- *The proposed three dwellings are out of keeping with the remaining area.*

All the people that David spoke to that live on the Duck Pond estate were unaware of this proposal and meeting. As the development is on the only road on and off this estate, surely the residents of the Duck Pond estate should have been notified so they could convey their opinion?

Clearly whilst the local Emerson Park Residents' Team works hard to convey your feelings to the Council, it is a sad day when Councillors from outside the Emerson Park ward are allowed to vote on issues within it, without showing due diligence or any understanding of the local area and the effect on the community just to tow the party line at the expense of us, the tax paying residents.

DAVID GODWIN, LAURANCE GARRARD, Cllr BOB PERRY and DOUG RUSHWORTH
Emerson Park and Squirrels Heath RA Teams

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Council Finances – 2022/23 Budget Proposals

The Council's Cabinet meeting in October, debated the Council's Medium Term Financial strategy, as well as the proposed Council budget 2022/2023. It was reported that the Council was facing budget pressures for Periods 4 and 5 (July/August 2021), which is showing a potential overspend of £14m. The overspend is due to increased demographic pressures on Adults' and Childrens' Services and the impact of the COVID pandemic on areas such as Leisure and Transport. The Council have advised that they hope to reduce the overspend by taking a number of steps by the end of the financial year. If this doesn't occur, there will be a significant impact on general reserves. Proposed savings identified include:

- Staffing reductions - £7m, this will reduce the staffing headcount by approximately 400.
- New Models of services delivery - £4m.
- Prevention - reviewing opportunities with partners, such as the Health Service and NHS investment - £1.5m.
- Better use of data through Business Intelligence - £1m.
- Reviewing Regeneration proposals - £0.5m.

Residents' Councillors recognise the challenges the Conservative Administration have had in managing this year's finances, but we are disappointed that the points we raised during last year's budget setting process, were not considered. It was pointed out that the budget was over ambitious and there were a number of risks, which would put pressure on Havering's finances and, sadly, the impact it will have on our services. Residents' Councillors will be working on an alternative budget and we will also continue to press the Administration to reduce

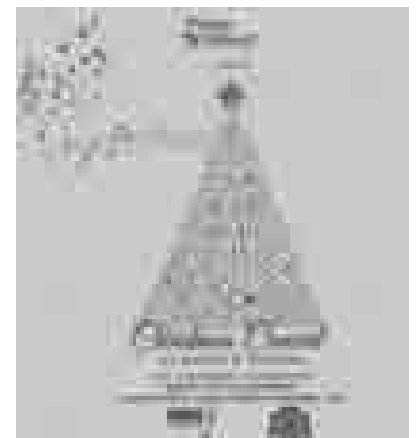
the number of their Members, and Coalition Members who receive Special Responsibility Allowances, thus reducing budget costs. The budget consultation commenced on 1st November and will run until 4th January 2022. Can we please encourage you to respond to the budget consultation, so your views are heard when the Council sets the 2022/2023 budget. An online survey can be found on the Havering Council website. The questionnaire will take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. For any questions regarding this questionnaire, or to request a hard copy, please email richard.tyler@onesource.co.uk.

Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

Christmas at Queen's Theatre with Pinney Talfourd

Pinney Talfourd has announced

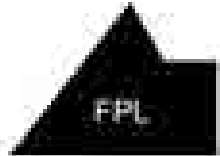
the return of their annual charity Christmas Concert. Paul Rhodes and the talented Dawn Chorus will be performing a range of classic Christmas songs to bring in the festive cheer. Refreshments will be available afterwards courtesy of Pinney Talfourd. This event is in aid of the Queen's Theatre charitable trust and Havering Association for People with Disabilities (H.A.D). Monday, 13th December, 11am - 1pm (doors open 10:30am) at Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch. Please book via Queen's Theatre Box Office: 01708 443333.



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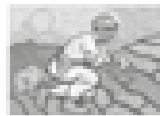
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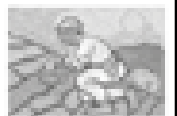
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Upminster Christmas Tree Festival

Remember last year, Upminster had a Rainbow Christmas Tree Trail? This year we are holding the festival back in the church for the 11th time. Upminster Methodist Church, Hall Lane, RM14 1AE will be holding its annual Christmas Tree Festival between the 4th and 12th December. Local schools and organisations from the church and community have been invited to decorate trees for this event. The Residents' Association are participating and sponsoring a tree.

The opening times are Saturdays 10-5pm, Sundays 2-5pm and weekdays from 2-6pm. The festival opens on Saturday, 4th December



and there will be refreshments available all day. Entrance is free: donations this year are for St Francis Hospice. We do hope you will visit.

"Feel Good in the Forest" at Thames Chase Forest Centre

A new programme of forest activities has been launched at Thames Chase Forest Centre to help people connect with nature and feel happier and healthier. "Feel Good in the Forest" is Forestry England's new social prescribing project. The project provides opportunities for individuals and community groups to improve their physical and mental health. Rachael Purchase, Forestry England, says "taking part in forest activities encourages people to become more active, increases confidence, helps maintain a healthy weight and can alleviate symptoms of long-term health conditions. We're running weekly walks at Thames Chase Forest Centre and

with sufficient interest we'll be expanding the activities to include yoga, seated exercise, cycling and more. We're also working with local community groups, charities and health services to deliver group sessions in the forest."

All the activities are free to participants and as well as enjoying some physical activity, there's always a friendly chat and a cuppa included!

To find out more about how you can get involved in Feel Good in the Forest or to refer someone else to the project, visit www.forestryengland.uk/feel-good or contact Rachael.purchase@forestryengland.uk

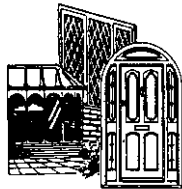


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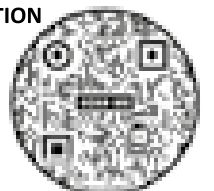
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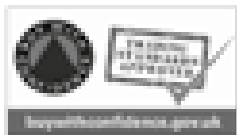
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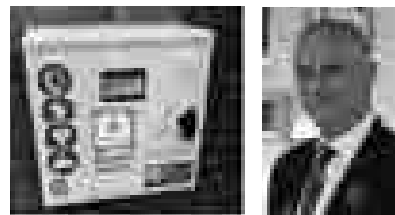
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CORINNE BARRETT



Share the Light

Christmas greetings from the Christian churches in Upminster, Cranham and North Ockendon. In these darker, colder and more uncertain days, there is one message that can bring more comfort, joy, peace and hope than any other. We invite you to explore the real Christmas story of who Jesus is, and what He offers to you and your family. Details of our Christmas services via: ctucno.org.

PAUL THOMPSON, Leader of King's Church, Upminster

Our Local History

We love to reflect on our local history from time to time. Please feel free to share with us your memories. The Bulletin was first produced in the 1950s and it's nice to see any old copies. If you have any going back to the 50s or 60s we would like to see them. We can copy and return.

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Potholes

Thanks for your messages on "Potholes" in our area. We have been reporting these to the Council and chasing them up. Please inform us of any potholes you are aware of.

Reminder – Havering is a Smoke Control Area

According to government data, in recent years pollution from log burners has increased dramatically, and they are now the biggest source of the tiny pollution particles that are most damaging to health.

We would like to remind residents that the whole of Havering is a Smoke Control Area. This means that any household using solid fuels must ensure that they use an authorised smokeless fuel and/or exempt appliance. It is not permitted to burn wood and coal in an open fireplace. A new law in England also restricts the sale of house coal and wet wood:

- Selling bagged traditional house coal and wet wood in small units (less than 2m cube) is now unlawful.
- Wet wood in larger volumes must be sold with advice on how to dry it.
- Makers of solid fuels need to show they have a very low sulphur content and only emit a small amount of smoke.

Smoke Control Areas only restrict domestic burning and do not cover bonfires or the burning of waste. However, Havering Council state that "If you burn rubbish that causes a nuisance, we may issue an 'abatement notice' and ask you to pay a fine."

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Hornchurch Football Club

Please note the upcoming home fixtures at the Stadium, Bridge Avenue:

Saturday, 4th December,
Kingstonian. Kick off 3pm.

Saturday, 18th December,
Horsham. Kick off 3pm

Saturday, 1st January,
Bowers & Pitsea. Kick off 3pm.

It's a great friendly club, go along and support The Urchins your local team. The club also has an excellent website <https://www.hornchurchfc.com/>

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MyMINIMIX is the London based Eastern European Convenience Store chain newly arrived in Corbets Tey Road Upminster. Customers are able to enjoy a first-class cup of coffee and delicious café-style food as a takeaway before or after they shop. Imagine finishing the daily shop by taking away a quality cup of coffee and, perhaps, a hot dog, a pastry or even a meal, all from under one roof.

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Looking after outdoor pets this winter

Is this winter going to be the coldest on record? The forecasts are divided. What is certain is our outdoor living pets need our help during the winter. Rabbits and guinea pigs are often kept in hutches above ground, and they lack the ability to burrow to keep warm. It is up to owners to ensure our pets do not suffer in the colder weather. We can help by keeping rabbits and guinea pigs secure, out

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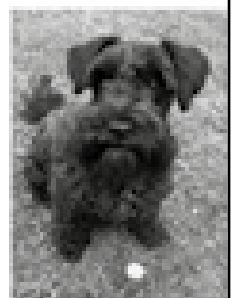


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of draughts and with a plentiful supply of dry hay or straw for them to make an artificial burrow in. If possible, move hutches into an outbuilding or cover the front to reduce windchill. Keep a careful eye on water bottles which may freeze and ensure there is always food available. If you have concerns regarding your pets living outdoors this winter please telephone **Lawton and Stoakes 01708 384444**.

Staying safe

As we head into autumn and the nights draw in, one unfortunate consequence is that darker streets provide cover for thieves and increase our vulnerability to street robbery. That's why Havering Council and local Police have once again joined forces to launch the Autumn Nights campaign. The campaign offers residents advice on how to stay safe both at home and when out-and-about.

Key messages for residents include:

- Remember to lock your doors and windows at night and when leaving your home unattended

– even if you're only popping out for a short time.

- Ensure your home is well-lit. A house in darkness is easy for a burglar to identify as a target.
- Check and set your house alarms if you have one.
- If you feel less confident as it becomes dark early, plan your trips and consider asking a friend/companion to accompany you.
- If you are walking home alone at night – be aware of your surroundings. Make sure to tell friends or family where you are.

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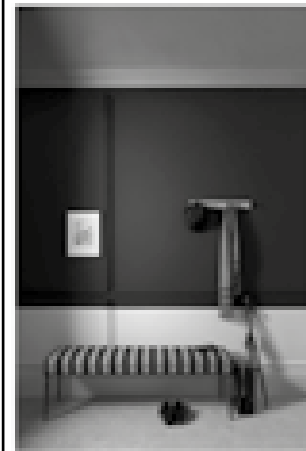
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Network Rail trackside vegetation and tree removal

In mid-October, some local residents who back onto railway lines received a letter from Network Rail stating that they will be undertaking trackside vegetation and tree removal in the Upminster area over the winter period. Resident Association Councillors contacted Network Rail to find out more about the proposals and were told that they were still finalising the details for their local vegetation management

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programme, but that they would conduct an ecological survey to ensure that they didn't damage or endanger sensitive species or habitats. They also said that they would not remove any trees unnecessarily, only those which could cause a safety issue for the railway.

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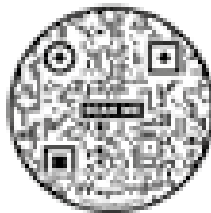
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Before undertaking work, Network Rail has said that they will arrange a community meeting to discuss any concerns or questions residents and Councillors may have. At the time of writing, the date for this event had not been announced. As soon as we are informed, we will highlight it on our website ucra.co.uk and, if there is enough notice given, in The Bulletin.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Pinney Talfourd free seminars

A reminder of the return of Pinney Talfourd's popular seminars on Wills and Lasting Powers of Attorney. The next seminars will be taking place on the following dates:

- Friday, 28th January and Saturday, 29th January 2022
- Friday, 11th February and Saturday, 12th February 2022

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For more details visit their website here <https://www.pinneytalfourd.co.uk/news/free-wills-lpa-january-february-upminster>

To book a free place, email Marketing Manager **Jo Smith** - joanna.smith@pinneytalfourd.co.uk or call her on **01708 229444**.

Struggling with debt?

In these uncertain times, many are finding it hard to make ends meet. This can be for multiple reasons, but imagine living in constant fear, perhaps of a knock on the door, the phone ringing, going out in the street, or the flap of the letterbox bringing more demands and threats. The result is that people in debt can face losing their homes, breakdowns in relationships, and parents going without food themselves to feed their children.

People need support to get back on their feet so they can start to rebuild their lives.

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CAP (Christians Against Poverty) which I have supported for many years. Upminster and Cranham have a CAP centre that has been established for the last 10 years and has helped 52 people become debt free, find jobs and once again contribute to and be valued by our community.

This service is available to residents in Hornchurch and Romford as well. If you know someone who needs help, or you need help yourself, please contact **Miles Picknell** by emailing milespicknell@capuk.org, or for those who want to find out more before making a call, visit www.capuk.org or call **08003280006**. The service is completely free and is confidential, or perhaps you could think about donating to such a worthy cause?

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Feeding the ducks

There are a number of lakes and ponds in our area. It's great to see the variety of wildlife, especially ducks and swans. We have been

asked to remind you that whilst the ducks will eat bread, they need a varied diet to be healthy and bread does not have much nutritional value. It fills the duck's stomach so it doesn't forage for the food it should naturally eat, which can lead to malnutrition. Bread can also attract rodents. The Canal & River Trust has an excellent website www.canalrivertrust.org.uk with some really useful information. They recommend the sweetcorn, lettuce, frozen peas, oats, seeds and rice. A healthy duck is a happy duck.

Aladdin - Queen's Theatre Panto

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Brought to you from the team behind Robin Hood. With original tunes played live for all ages and plenty of panto antics, this is a laugh-out-loud Christmas treat not to be missed.

The theatre is offering several access performances; a Dementia Friendly performance on Thursday, 16th December at 1.30pm, an Audio described performance on Thursday, 30th December at 2pm and a Relaxed (SEN/Autism Friendly) performance on Saturday, 1st January at 6.30pm.

Tickets are £12.50 - £34 (plus 65p QRenew Fee per ticket) with discounts for groups and schools. To book, call the Box Office on **01708 443333**, visit the theatre in person, or go online at queens-theatre.co.uk

Book Review: They Both Die At the End - Adam Silvera

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This is a teen, LGBTQ+ novel that was published in 2017 and has recently gone viral on TikTok and elsewhere. It takes you on an emotional rollercoaster: one minute you're laughing, the next you're crying. As a result, I became immediately attached to the characters and cared for their future.

The end of this book had me bawling, but in other reviews readers have been disappointed that they weren't more upset! This highlights how a person's individual taste determines

whether they like a book. A warning: death is mentioned throughout and suicide fleetingly. However, overall it is full of hope, positivity and great moralistic messages.

It is written almost solely in first person with narration shared between multiple related characters. These autobiographical perspectives make you feel empathetic to the characters' challenges.

This is one of the most incredible page-turners I've ever read and am hoping that it is turned into a series or film soon!! I highly recommend it to any teenager that loves emotional and heartfelt books.

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Foodbank Bulletin

It's that time of year to think of those less fortunate. The Foodbank is under severe strain with increased requests for assistance. If you can donate via one of the supermarkets, that's great, but not everything clients need is donated in sufficient quantity so it is helpful for them to have monetary donations as well so they can stock up on items donated less often. And they have to meet the costs associated with running a warehouse; it all adds up. You could send a cheque, payable to Kingdom Storehouse Ltd, to the Harold Hill Food Bank, Unit 1, Guardian Business Centre, Faringdon Avenue, Romford, RM3 8FD, or you could go online to <https://haroldhill.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

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Havering Hearties

The Havering Hearties are a local cardiac support group for heart patients and their family members. Meetings consist of quizzes, a variety of speakers and twice yearly buffets. Come and join us, no membership fees - a monthly raffle raises funds and we ask members to bring along unused items for the raffle. They meet every second

Thursday of the month at the Rafa Club, 18 Carlton Road, Romford RM2 5AA at 7.30pm (free car park at the rear). Contact **Colin Everett** (Chairman) on **07969 934895** or **Jackie Richmond** (secretary) on **07724 642423** or jacqueline.richmond47@hotmail.com.

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Havering U3A meets at 2.30pm second Wednesday of the month at St. Michael's Church Hall, Main Road, Gidea Park.

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Entrance is free to members and £2 for non-members. You can find out more about our society by visiting our website www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk.

Havering Astronomical Society

Wednesday, 15th December, 7.15 for 7.30pm - Test your knowledge

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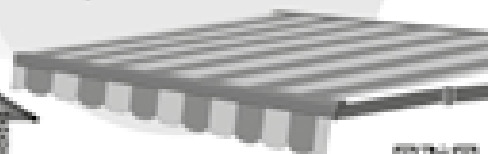
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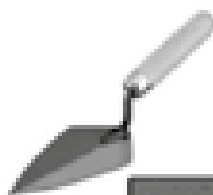


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Future events at Trinity Church

The Kingsley Choral Group at Trinity Church Upminster will be performing its Christmas concert on 17th December at 7.30pm. This marks the retirement of Tom Johnson, who founded the choir in 1965. Over 27 years, concerts at Trinity have raised £34,000 for the church and various charities. Tickets cost £7.50 and include seasonal refreshments. There will be a raffle, proceeds to Trinity and First Step. On 11th December, there is a coffee morning and mini Christmas sale at Trinity Church, Upminster from 10am to 12 noon. Proceeds to Hope4Havering.

Upminster and District Probus Club

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Cllr BOB PERRY

Free Saturday parking in council car parks for five weeks

Havering Council have announced that to support the borough's residents and businesses, there will be free parking in council car parks on five consecutive Saturdays in the lead-up to Christmas. The

free parking will start on 27th November and end on 1st January 2022.

Hornchurch & Upminster Rotary Club

Please note the club will be visiting the following roads between 5 - 7.30pm on Wednesday, 8th December.

Starting at Hillview Avenue, Staverton Avenue, Fanshawe Crescent, Wykeham Avenue, Walden Way, Hazel Rise, Hazelmere Gardens, Cavenham Gardens, Maybush Road, Great Gardens Road and Cranham Road. Please give generously.

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Report crime by calling 101 or in an emergency call 999. Remember, you can also report crime online on our website: <https://www.met.police.uk/>

Message to Dog Owners

Following numerous reports

please could we ask dog owners to clean up after their pets. We know this is a minority and in general most local owners are responsible, but please consider our area and keep it clean. Please dispose of bags into bins and don't just throw through them on the roads or drains. We have asked the Council to improve warning signage as many of the replaced lamp posts have not been marked with a warning sticker - please help us to keep Squirrels Heath tidy and clean.



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Weekly Planning List on our websites

Just a reminder that every week Havering Council publishes a list of planning applications received within the previous seven days. Since it was highlighted to local Councillors earlier in the year that the Council often only sends notice of applications to a very limited number of nearby premises, we have been publishing a link to the list on both of our websites each week - ucra.co.uk and raep.org.

Reporting scam texts

We have previously warned of scam e-mails. To help prevent these, any suspect e-mails can be

forwarded to the National Cyber Security Centre via report@phishing.gov.uk.

However, we have recently been told about a similar way of reporting scam texts, which are becoming more frequent. If you think that a text message is bogus, you can forward it free of charge to your phone provider on 7726. They will then be able to investigate the origin of the text and take action, if found to be malicious.

For further information on various scams and fraud visit the ActionFraud website actionfraud.police.uk.

Happy Hedgehog recycling guide

The Happy Hedgehog Family

Ltd, a local company who supply ethical cleaning products, have produced a free One-Stop Recycling Guide. Below, they explain how they came to produce the guide:

At the Happy Hedgehog Family, it is our dream to be as waste-free as possible. We found it confusing knowing what and where to recycle items as the weekly orange sack accepts a limited range of items. So, we undertook some research and put together a one-stop guide for our community.

With the help of some local eco groups, we discovered many wonderful initiatives and people passionate about reducing our impact to the environment. The guide has ideas of where to recycle or send items for a second life; everything from wax crayons to toothpaste tubes. It is

constantly reviewed as items get added or removed.

Please do tell us if you know of any additions or amendments to the list, which can be viewed on our website www.happyhedgehogfamily.co.uk. You can also email us at mail@happyhedgehogfamily.co.uk or call **07396 654 017**.

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