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## ULEZ

The Residents Associations have made it clear to TfL and the Mayor of London the impact ULEZ will have on residents, businesses and the voluntary sector. The five Conservative authorities going to Judicial Review did not want to speak to Havering's Cabinet Member; they receive better Government grants than Havering. We do not support the process and the H.R.A have not signed the Section 8 Agreement to cooperate, despite being asked to do so on multiple occasions.

The Judicial Review is heard in July. If the five authorities win, the precedent has been set, meaning other outer London Authorities succeed. If, however, the ruling is against the five, they pay the Mayor's costs; Havering will not. We have made it clear from the outset Havering is financially penalised by Government and has high social care pressures. The Residents Associations are united in protecting public funds and not placing residents at risk of incurring additional costs. The Government have made it clear to the Residents Associations that they will not intervene, but we will continue to use every platform available to highlight the negative impact ULEZ will have on the borough.

YOUR LOCAL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COUNCILLORS

## Emerson Park Mobile Security

Few could fail to notice the regular patrols of the "My Local Bobby" security vehicle which, in addition to the excellent surveillance by Sergeant Tanner and his team, and PC Damien's regular daily patrols, have led to a marked reduction of serious crime in our area. Whilst their primary role is looking out for suspicious activity I did speak to one of the drivers Jason who told me that he had discovered an elderly resident wandering late at night in a lost fashion who turned out to be a local resident with dementia. A chance to warm up in the car and a quick call to the police ensured that the lost man was returned to his home safe and sound.

Cllr LAURANCE GARRARD

## Help with Bulletin distribution in Emerson Park

If you could assist delivering around 40 Bulletins each month please contact me. Also if you could drop off Bulletins to 4/5 of our deliverers. Help us to help you. If you can assist please contact me on **07973 856195** or email [info@raep.org](mailto:info@raep.org) or [bulletinra@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bulletinra@yahoo.co.uk)

Cllr LAURANCE GARRARD

## More on ULEZ

Your Residents' Association Councillors have constantly protested against the expansion of ULEZ, and participated in numerous demonstrations in London. We have lobbied MPs with little results from them. It is worth pointing out to you that although your car may be compliant, the introduction will affect you. From employing builders, gardeners, social care workers, down to friends and family visiting from outside the borough, to funerals at Upminster crematorium - if their vehicles are not compliant, they will pay the Mayor's tax-£12.50 per day. Rumour has it that eventually he will introduce a pay per mile charge on all cars.

Cllr DAVID GODWIN

## Grass verges and green spaces

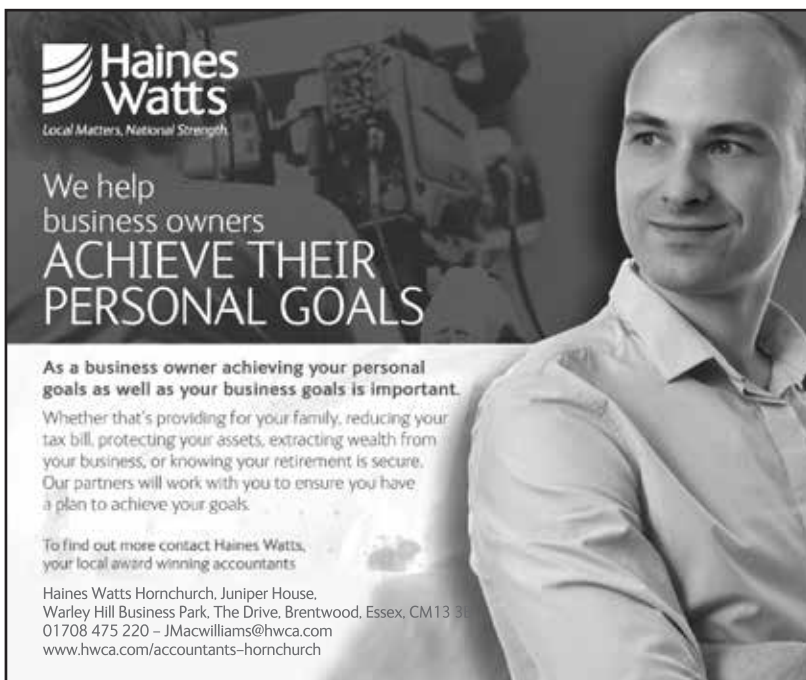
Due to the volume of heavy rain in April the Council's schedule for grass trimming of verges and green spaces was delayed. The machinery used by the Council is very heavy and will cause damage to wet grass. When the weather improved we contacted the officers at the Council on a regular basis insisting work needs to start. They forwarded their works schedule and Laurance and I monitored their progress closely and kept in touch with the officer concerned until completion.

Cllr DAVID GODWIN

## Keep your Home Secure

Our local police are focusing on burglary in our area with Operation Bumblebee and have reminded local residents of a number of

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Cllr LAURANCE GARRARD

## School Streets permit renewals

Following an enquiry from a resident, Residents' Association Councillors have confirmed with Havering Council that all residents living in School Streets zones, who currently have a vehicle exemption permit, will automatically be sent a renewal reminder one month before their annual permit expires.

## Keeping our area tidy

Graffiti vandalism is a criminal offence punishable by a fine, community order or potentially custody. It costs the Council thousands of pounds a year

in removal, an extra expense Havering can ill afford. Graffiti vandalism is becoming more widespread throughout the borough, on safety notices, lamp posts, roadside utility boxes etc, although unless it's on Council property it's not their responsibility to get the graffiti removed, but it does take time and money to contact the relevant utility company. If anyone has any information that could assist on stopping this, please contact the Council or the local police.

Cllrs LAURANCE GARRARD and DAVID GODWIN

## The Data Centre

**Editorial correction** - In the June issue it was stated that Thames Chase was engaged with the Data Centre developer's ecology park proposals. This was misinformation as no such discussions have taken place. We apologise to Thames Chase Trust and partners for this incorrect reference, and for any inconvenience caused.

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## New Dropped Kerb Policy for Driveways

Havering's Cabinet have given the green light for a new policy, aimed at making the application process for dropped kerbs for driveway access, more consistent, efficient and clearer. This new policy comes in after a review of the old one, which was first introduced in 2008, and had become outdated. It often left residents confused about the application criteria. It will now be easier for residents to interpret, and it is hoped that this will reduce the number of disputes and appeals when applications are rejected. The policy will also include the latest standards and practices to prioritise public safety, plus ensure that any dropped kerbs have a minimal impact on the streets, environment and trees. More information can be found via the following link:  
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Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

## Further Update on Penalty Charge Notices when payment machines not working

Following my previous articles regarding the issuing of penalty charge notices (PCNs) in a council car park when all of the machines were inoperable, even though Havering Council had previously agreed that parking would be free in such circumstances (including on-street bays where all nearby machines were not working), in the June edition of the Bulletin. I reported that I had been contacted by a resident who had had their appeal refused on the basis that they should have used the RingGo app or moved their vehicle to an alternative area.

I am pleased to say that following my highlighting once again to the council that this should not have happened, the resident's PCN was quashed without them having to go to a further independent review. I have been promised that

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relevant staff (both internal and outside contractor) will be briefed on the rules regarding issuing of tickets and appeals.

Hopefully, this will be the last time I have to write about such issues.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

## Parking Penalty Charge Notice Appeals Process

Havering Council's Parking Manager has provided Councillors with information on the appeals process, if you believe that you have wrongly been issued with a parking ticket or traffic fine, or have mitigating circumstances etc. A summary of this is below:

Firstly, people should refer to the council's Discretionary Policy Document, which advises how and when a Penalty can be considered for cancellation (see below).

All challenges should be made by the recipient of the penalty and need to be in writing (either by online portal or post).

The process of Civil Parking Enforcement is defined by the Traffic Management Act 2004, the Civil Enforcement of Parking

Contraventions (England) General Regulations 2007 and the Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) Representations and Appeals Regulations 2007.

Should the Council refuse a challenge, then the person making the appeal is able to move their case to the independent Adjudicator at the London Tribunals Service, where an independent Adjudicator will decide upon the case - a decision which is binding on both parties.

For further information on appealing a parking ticket or traffic fine, including a link to the Council's Discretionary Policy Document, visit [www.havering.gov.uk/info/20004/parking/121/parking\\_tickets\\_and\\_traffic\\_fines/2](http://www.havering.gov.uk/info/20004/parking/121/parking_tickets_and_traffic_fines/2)

Cllr JOHN TYLER

## New Mayor's Charity

Delighted to inform you that the new Residents' Association Mayor, Councillor Stephanie Nunn, has chosen First Step as her fund raising charity this year. First Step

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Every year across Havering more than 2,500 trees start showing feathering. Feathering are the shoots that come from buds that are dormant along the trunk and branches of a tree. They can cause problems by blocking sight lines or grow over pavements and roads. The trees in question mainly include maple and lime trees. To deal with the problem

and to ensure the borough's trees are kept healthy and in a good condition, the Council's tree team and contractors will be carrying out feathering works over the next eight weeks. Growths will be removed on a street-by-street basis, focusing on the busier areas first. Once the first round of pruning has been completed, follow-up inspections will be arranged, and any trees which have re-sprouted, will have additional pruning work arranged before the trees enter the winter months.

Cllr CHRIS WILKINS

## Congratulations Stephanie and Barry

Delighted to inform you that Residents' Councillor Stephanie Nunn has been elected Mayor for the year 2023/24. Her consort is her husband Councillor Barry Mugglestone, Cabinet Member for the Environment. Stephanie and Barry were both elected to the Council for Elm Park in 2014. In 2022 they were re-elected with huge majorities. We hope you enjoy your year.

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## One Year On

It has passed quickly but it has already been a year since I was kindly elected as a Councillor in the Cranham ward. During that year the HRA administration has had much to grapple with after inheriting some major budget issues, the size of which is unprecedented. This has meant that we have not been able to transform services as quickly as we wanted, not that we won't, we have had to take a different approach. However I am pleased to say that the HRA is not shying away from challenging the status

quo and taking the hard decision, with the residents' needs at the centre of every solution. We know that the speed and plans by which Mayor Khan wants to start ULEZ are not acceptable, but only Parliament can effectively rein him in. (I acknowledge the ongoing Court case but this might only delay implementation, not force a major rethink, in my view). Your Cranham ward councillors have actively informed residents of the proposed changes to the bus services in Cranham by TFL and will continue to keep you informed. We are also keeping a very close eye on the development of the previous Pitch & Putt site in Hall Lane, which is causing much consternation with ongoing works. My inbox is full of reports of pot holes and deterioration in road surfaces and we are doing everything possible to address these problems. As I write we are urging the Council to pay more attention to cutting grass and trimming trees/vegetation which is currently growing at a rapid rate.

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## Photo ID at elections

As many people will have heard, photo ID is now required to be shown at Polling Stations when voting in local elections, parliamentary by-elections, some other elections and from October this year, General Elections.

There are over 20 different types of photo ID listed as being acceptable, including UK and some other types of passport, driving licences, Blue Badge and Freedom Passes. For a full list, visit [electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/accepted-forms-photo-id](http://electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/accepted-forms-photo-id)

If you don't think you have an accepted form of voter ID, then you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate (but you

must already be registered to vote before doing this).

You can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online via [gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate](http://gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate) or complete a paper application to apply by post. For information on acceptable forms of ID or to request an application form, e-mail [elections@havering.gov.uk](mailto:elections@havering.gov.uk) or ring Havering Election Services on **01708 432 444**.

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## Monty Python's Spamalot

The Brookside Theatre at 21a Eastern Road, Romford has a wide variety of shows.

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## The Old White Horse

The Pub in Ockendon Road closed several months ago and is up for sale with a sign pointing out "development opportunity". This of course would be subject to planning permission by Havering Council. We keep a close eye on the Council's weekly planning application lists. They can also be viewed on our website [www.ucra.co.uk](http://www.ucra.co.uk). We will keep you advised of any planning applications. Are we correct in stating that there has been a Pub on this site for over a hundred years?

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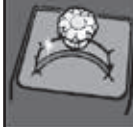
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Great news from First Step following their Golf Day held on 26th May. With sunny weather, a great day of competitions and an auction and raffle in the evening, the charity was delighted to report that funds in excess of £23,000 had been raised. This money will go towards the great work of First Step to support families of babies and young children with special needs and disabilities. Huge thanks to all who supported this event.

## Adventure Island

Hornchurch District Scouts (charity no. 303699) are selling Adventure Island wristbands at a discounted price of £16.50 each. Also available, Southend Sea-life

Adventure tickets adult/child £7.50 each and Adventure Golf tickets £6 for 18 holes.

Wristbands purchased this year have an expiry date of 31st December 2024 and are available to purchase all year round for any day the park is open. To purchase call Debbie on **07805612706**, Louisa on **07498575296** or collect from Pink Parachute, 6 North Street RM11 1DX during opening hours. Debit/credit cards accepted as payment with card payment only, at Pink Parachute

## Dead Serious by Stewart Perkins

An Upminster resident has recently had a book published, currently available on Amazon, but soon to be available at Waterstones. Born in the East End of London in the 1950s the author lived and attended school in Dagenham. Later, working as a draughtsman he moved home with his wife and family to Havering. The sports and fun loving family man has now turned his hand to writing. A skill developed since retirement. All

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aspects of life form the basis of his novels. The recently published, 'Dead Serious - Life is just a series of short stories', contains 122 short stories grouped in 12 novelle. The book's unique structure with a series of tick boxes allows readers to either follow the tales in order, or choose single tales from different novelle. Areas where the reader can add notes provide a second interaction. The second novel, 'Dead Serious Too - Life is a mix of smiles and tears', is currently with the publishers' production team.

## Beware of suspicious callers

A resident has highlighted a recent incident in Cranham where a male in a top bearing the logo of a well-known charity was seen collecting money door-to-door. The resident was suspicious and contacted the charity concerned, who confirmed that their volunteers did not undertake this practice. The incident has been reported to the police.

We would once again highlight that everyone should be wary

of unexpected callers. The Metropolitan Police gives the following information on bogus callers -

There are a number of things you can do to prevent distraction burglary. Always remember "if in doubt, keep them out" -

- use your door viewer to see who's there
  - if you open the door put the chain on first
  - always ask for ID and check it with the company before letting somebody into your home
  - use the phone number advertised in the phone book or online, as the number on their identity card could be fake. For a utility company, call the customer service department. Close the door while you do this
  - remember that genuine callers won't mind checks. If you feel at all unsure, schedule a time for the caller to come back when a friend or relative is there
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## Havering Museum

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## Upminster Windmill opens to the public

Our first public opening weekend 27th/28th May was a great success. The sun shone and enough wind for the sails to turn. Our visitors saw the mill at its best. The on-line booking system ensured that visitors were able to access the mill throughout the day without queues and the enthusiasm of our newly recruited guides created a positive experience for all.

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The success was tinged with sadness - our Chairman Dennis Coombs, had died a few days before the open weekend. We all owe Dennis a great deal - his leadership had steered us through the restoration project and all the challenges that came our way, thank you Dennis, we could not have done it without you!

Our next open weekend 29th/30th

July - for details and tickets - please see our website: [www.upminsterwindmill.org](http://www.upminsterwindmill.org)

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## Fund Raising Event

We have received the following thank you from Shirley Ward who organises Shirley's Tours and raises money for local charities each year.

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## Summer is in full swing here at Thames Chase

We are looking forward to hosting 'Feel Good In The Forest' on Saturday, July 22nd. A free day for the community hosted in partnership with Forestry England. The day will consist of a series of free taster sessions that are available on site from 10am-3pm. The sessions include: Free family yoga, adult yoga, wildlife walks, cycle hire, meditation, artist sketch walks. There will also be fun children's activities and refreshments available. Tickets will be released via Eventbrite and are free to book.

Continuing the theme of the great outdoors, we are also hosting a Nocturnal Walk.

Join Thames Chase staff and a Forestry England Ranger and discover the wonderful world of bats, owls and moths, just some of the fantastic nocturnal creatures we hope to see or hear on our upcoming Nocturnal Walk. Join us on a stroll around the Thames

Chase Forest Centre starting at 8pm and finishing at 10pm, on Friday 28th July. Although bat sightings aren't guaranteed, we've not yet led a walk and not seen bats. Make sure to be prepared with long sleeves and trousers, in case of night flying insects. Sign up on Eventbrite or call the Forest Centre today, **01708 642970**, tickets are £3.50 per person, suitable for children aged 7 years and over.

## TfL proposal to withdraw Day Travelcards

In May, Transport for London (TfL) announced that they were consulting with stakeholders regarding a proposal to withdraw Day Travelcards. Day Travelcards give unlimited travel on TfL services, subject to certain restrictions. Included in the proposals would be the withdrawal of Group Day Travelcards, Weekend Travelcards, the London Family Travelcard and discounted Day Travelcards bought using National Railcards.

Whilst this was not a public

consultation (it closed on 06 June), at the time of writing further information could be found via [www.haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/hub-page/planning-for-the-future-policy-hub](http://www.haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/hub-page/planning-for-the-future-policy-hub).

## Matilda – Summer drama workshop with OD Theatre School

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Brain Tumour Charity - The Judy D'cruz Fund. As I write the Judy D'cruz fund stands at £85,427.18. Sadly in January this year Judy lost her battle with this brutal disease but we continue to raise funds in her name so that "terminal" becomes "treatable". Please come along and join us for what will hopefully be a lovely family day in the sunshine.

## Freecycling

It appears more and more properties are taking part in "freecycling" - the recycling of unwanted items. Many local properties are having extended work with extensions being built and residents having a general clear out of lofts, garden sheds etc. Local charity shops are happy to

take items of clothing, but there is a treasure trove of unwanted items following building work. It's not unusual for wardrobes, kitchen equipment and other items to be left outside properties with a sign "please feel free to take". A number of residents have saved a fortune by collecting unwanted items. I recently saw a trailer taking a substantial amount of timber left outside a house. Across the UK freecycling has gathered speed and this area is no exception. Often vans are touring the streets looking in skips etc. A note of caution, please ensure if you are leaving items outside you are happy that they can be taken.

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Entry is free but a donation is welcomed, to help maintain the upkeep of the museum and its many exhibits. Plenty of free parking is also available (entrance next to Upminster Golf Club). The remaining dates for 2023 are - 1 & 15 July, 5 & 19 August, 2 & 16 September & 7 October.

For further details visit [www.upminstertithebarn.co.uk/](http://www.upminstertithebarn.co.uk/).

## Art Exhibition

Janet and Terry Doyle will be exhibiting at Upminster Library from Monday 5th to Saturday 17th July. All paintings are for sale. Please come along and take a look. Enquiries to Terry on **07880 770324**.

## Disability Rights UK website

Disability Rights UK, an organisation led by, run by, and working for disabled people, have launched a new website, which is

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*Tuesday, 25th* home to **Braintree** - kick off 3pm.  
*Friday, 28th July* away to **Redbridge** - kick off 7.45pm.  
*Saturday, 5th August* away to **East Thurrock** - kick off 3pm.

Further details can be found on the club's excellent website. [www.hornchurchfc.com](http://www.hornchurchfc.com)

The club are celebrating 100 years, when the Upminster Wanderers was formed. To mark the occasion, for this season only the home kit will be reverting to the original colours of blue and white. Having got used to seeing supporters in red and white, it will be interesting to see the blue and white for a season. Sponsors are local BF Mulley & Son of St Mary's Lane and High Street, Hornchurch.

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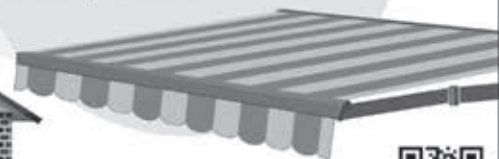
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**OUT AND ABOUT - CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Essex Wildlife Trust, Havering - Monthly Walk**

Saturday, 5th August - Canvey Wick RSPB, 276 Northwick Road, Canvey Island SS8 0PT- a walk around the site - it's an important side for insects so let's see what we can find.

Walks are free to attend. Meet at the car park at 10am. Each walk will take approx two hours so please wear suitable clothing and footwear. Registered dogs are welcome on a short lead. Any questions, please contact **07802212151** email [ts15457@netscape.net](mailto:ts15457@netscape.net)

**Upminster Old Chapel - then, now and in the future + AGM**

Wednesday 12th July - Shopping in Upminster through the ages. Local historian Tony Benton will explore the changing face of central Upminster over the years. Email: [friendsoldchapel@mary.havering.sch.uk](mailto:friendsoldchapel@mary.havering.sch.uk)

Roope Hall, Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster. Doors open at 10am - talk starts at 10.30am, £2 supplement for members, £4 admission for non-members. Tea & coffee at end of meeting. Tel: **01708 224830** or Mob: **07870 558408**.

**Havering Astronomical Society**

Wednesday, 19th July, 7.15 for 7.30pm. Dr Louise Devoy, Senior Curator at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, will present a talk

entitled: **'Urania's spiders: the hidden web of women's involvement in astronomy across the centuries'**

**Young Astronomers** (aged 8-16) - Thursday, 27th July 7- 8pm. There is a mix of space news, talks and observing when possible.

All of the above meetings held at Thames Chase, Pike Lane, Upminster. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining us there are more details on the website [www.havastro.co.uk](http://www.havastro.co.uk) or email [enquiries@havastro.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@havastro.co.uk) or email [young.astronomers@havastro.co.uk](mailto:young.astronomers@havastro.co.uk)

**Craft sale - Trinity Church**

Coffee morning and craft sale on Saturday, 8th July from 10 to 12noon at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster. All proceeds to Harold Hill Foodbank.

**The Arts Society, Havering**

**The Arts Society, Havering Study Day - The Art of Needlework**, with Susan Kay-Williams and Exploring Tapestry: Embroidery and colour in Textiles - stories of Red, Purple, Blue and Gold.

Tuesday, 25th July at the New Windmill, Upminster. Doors open 10am for 10.30 start - finishing at 3pm.

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**Yoga and meditation at Hornchurch Library**

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## Cop Corner - crime prevention advice

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Please ensure you lock your motor vehicle and physically check this is locked before you enter your home.

- Do not leave any valuables inside your motor vehicle.
- A steering wheel lock is a good deterrent for any car thieves.
- If you have a keyless ignition, please keep the fob key(s) inside a Faraday bag and keep these inside a metal tin. This helps to block out the infra-red signal the thieves need to steal your motor vehicle.
- If possible, Install a post/bollard on your front drive. We call this Target Hardening. Make it harder for suspect(s) to steal your motor vehicle.

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## Councillor Linda Hawthorn



Our long standing Upminster Residents' Councillor Linda Hawthorn passed away in May. Our fathers lived in the same road in Bow and I believe went to the same school, but I first met Linda when I was living in Cranham in the 1970s. Linda was active for the Residents' Association in Upminster and first stood for us in 1990 when she was still working for the Department of Work and Pensions. I was her election agent in 1990 and for the following 8 elections. Thus she served on

Havering Council as one of its longest serving Councillors at over 33 years and threw herself wholeheartedly into Council work serving on a wide range of committees.

She was passionate about our local heritage and was very active in a wide range of local organisations including Friends of Upminster Park, Clockhouse Gardens, Parklands at the end of Corbets Tey Rd and The Old Chapel in St Mary's Lane. As a Trustee of the Upminster Windmill she was delighted when the windmill received a grant and assistance from the Council to refurbish the windmill into a fully working mill. She was looking forward to the official opening later this year. She was also a member of the committee that formed the Havering Museum in Romford.

She really enjoyed her work in the local area and would have received thousands of calls and followed up complaints on behalf of residents. Without any doubt every home in our area and the whole of Havering has benefited from her time on Havering Council.

For many years Linda was an active member of the Council's planning committees, particularly keen on defending our local Green Belt. She also took an active

interest in Upminster town centre and following a public meeting we held at a time when there was a wide range of empty shops in the town she took an active part in encouraging the take up of shops and units. The town centre is in a far better position now due to the efforts of Linda along with her colleagues Chris and Oscar pushing for assistance from the Council. We have received many kind messages from residents as the sad news of Linda's passing has spread. We have lost a good friend and a huge servant to our community. Thank you Linda - it was great working with you.

RON OWER

## Contacting Your Councillors

Contact details for your Residents' Association Councillors Laurance Garrard and David Godwin can be found on page 2.

## Social Media

During the last few years our presence on social media has grown and we have a strong following on Facebook under our group page. Please look us up and join us as we are able to publish instant news and views affecting the area. Search for "Residents' Association of Emerson Park".



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## Ardleigh House

**Day Trip to Broadstairs – Sunday, 13th August.** Our annual trip to the seaside. Broadstairs has lovely sands set in a horseshoe shaped Viking bay. This was home to Charles Dickens and you can visit his home as it over looks Viking Bay. In Broadstairs it's "Folk Week" so there will be extra attractions, bands performing etc. Price £28pp.

**Day Trip to Bury St. Edmunds – Wednesday, 20th September.** We have chosen this trip because there is so much to do. There is the Cathedral, the very picturesque Abbey Gardens, the Moyses's Hall Museum, all in the town centre plus the town shops, restaurants & cafés. An open top bus service gives you the opportunity of a guided tour round the town and local area. Price £28pp.

**"Call the Midwife Tour" Wednesday, 18 October 2023.** If you're a fan of the BBC series then you will not want to miss this trip. Filmed extensively in the Chatham Dockyard in Kent, we will be met by a guide, in a midwife's uniform and taken behind the scenes to view the familiar streets and buildings. Newly opened in April 2023 is an exhibition of props, costumes and artifacts used in the series including Trixie's wedding dress. Also included is Fred Buckle's sweet shop, Violets haberdashery shop and Dr. Turner's waiting room. After the tour you will have free time

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## Reporting crime

Whilst 999 is for emergencies, the other number for reporting non urgent crimes 101 can often be rather busy. An alternative method is to report online at [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk). Details of local crimes and feedback from our local Police Officer, Damien, can be found on Twitter [@MPSEmersonPark](https://twitter.com/MPSEmersonPark).

## Coffee in the Garden

The smell of those wonderful home-made cakes, freshly ground coffee and the sounds of the community chatter drifting through the air each Thursday morning 10.30 to 12.30 in The Garden, Brooklands Gardens. All welcome, come one and all, bring a friend or even a cake if

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