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THIS NEWSLETTER CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR AREA.

IF THIS NEWSLETTER IS BEING DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME, THEN YOU LIVE IN THE OWGRA AREA.

OWGRA newsletters are published quarterly. However, we send frequent updates in an e-newsletter to those on the OWGRA e-mail list, but we can only include you if you give us your e-mail address.

WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING, LITTERING & FLY-TIPPING PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday 5 December 2017, 7.15 pm

Isleworth & Syon School for Boys, Ridgeway Road, TW7 5LJ

Hounslow Council recently introduced a new system for waste collection and recycling across the borough. How are these new measures working? Will they increase recycling and reduce the need for landfill? Littering is anti-social, costs us all a lot of money and makes our streets look a mess. What can be done about this? Fly-tipping is an increasing phenomenon both by casual miscreants and criminal operators. Has this been exacerbated by the new recycling and waste management regime? Our speakers from Hounslow Highways and the Council will update you, answer your questions and respond to your concerns.

AGENDA FOR OWGRA PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday 5 December 2017

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| 7.00 pm | Registration |
| 7.15 pm | Welcome and introductions |
| 7.20 pm | LITTERING & FLY-TIPPING (Hounslow Highways) |
| 7.35 pm | KEEPING WEMBLEY TIDY - How to engage and inspire residents (speaker: Chirag Gir) |
| 7.45 pm | Q&A |
| 8.15 pm | Break for refreshments |
| 8.35 pm | WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING (London Borough of Hounslow) |
| 8.50 pm | Q&A |
| 9.15 pm | Close of meeting |

[Keep Wembley Tidy Action Group is a voluntary and non-political organisation that aims to encourage the community, including schools, places of worship and businesses in Wembley to work together for a cleaner, greener, safer area in which to live.]

Public Meeting 10 October 2017

OWGRA held a public meeting on 10 October on the subject of 'Heathrow Expansion – For or Against?' which was attended by 80 people. A survey conducted at the end showed 71% against expansion, 20% in favour and 9% undecided. More details are available on the OWGRA website as well as a full recording. Visit www.owgra.org.uk

FOR YOUR DIARY February Public Meeting

OWGRA's first Public Meeting of 2018 will be held on Tuesday 27 February on the theme of 'Local Health Services' (details to be confirmed).

POLICING NEWS

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NW) UPDATE

Further to the information given in our last newsletter, the following streets in the OWGRA Area now have active Neighbourhood Watches or their establishment is being progressed by the police, each having its own dedicated co-ordinator. If YOUR street is not listed then why not consider becoming a co-ordinator? It does not involve a great deal of work and it can make a real difference to your local community in terms of safety and security. Neighbourhood Watches continue to increase, encouraged and assisted by our Local Safer Neighbourhood Team, especially PCSO Robert Miller in our area. The numbers of NW in the borough have grown from under 100 in the late 1990's to almost 500 today! They are a known deterrent and are an asset to local communities and the Police. Being part of a NW can also result in reduced insurance premiums in many cases. Worth asking the insurance company for!

Active NW streets

Academy Place / Aplin Way / Ashley Drive / Avenue Road / Braybourne Drive / Campion Road / College Road / Crowntree Close / Grove Road / Harvard Road / Hexham Gardens / Highfield Road / Jersey Road (between Lulworth Avenue & Penwerris Avenue) / Jersey Road (between Wood Lane & Ridgeway Road North / Lingwood Gardens / Northumberland Avenue / Otterburn Gardens / Osterley Crescent / Osterley Road / Ravenswood Road / Redesdale Gardens / Ridgeway Road North / Ridgeway Road / Rothbury Gardens / Roxborough Avenue / St. Christopher's Close / Stags Way / Syon Park Gardens / Wood Lane (north) / Wyke Close.

CRIME AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

Operation "Autumn Nights" is again underway by the Police in targeting certain local areas for an extensive focus and visible Police presence on potential burglary and crime. Now the dark evenings are upon us, it is even more important to ensure doors and windows are locked, even when leaving the house for short periods. It is known that criminals patrol the streets looking for opportunist entry, noticing resident routines and patterns of behaviour. The Police are focussing more on patrols and providing more visibility in our area. The use of tablets and mobile phones means that they do not

have to return to the office but can report and keep in contact on line. 999 remains the prime contact in case of emergency when a crime is taking place or safety of life is threatened. Use of 101 is the next method but if emergency call numbers are high, operators will be moved to answer 999 calls which results in 101 calls taking much longer to answer. Alternatively report by e-mail to SNTTX-Osterley&SpringGrove@met.pnn.police.uk where each report will be logged and investigated. WhatsApp and Twitter are also used to improve communications with the Police.

Theft from Motor Vehicles can easily be avoided by NOT LEAVING ANY-

THING OF VALUE ON DISPLAY IN THE CAR!!! Always check before leaving the vehicle as a routine. Theft of cars, especially those which are expensive, can be avoided by hiding car keys, keeping them in a metal container to avoid cloning or using an old-fashioned steering wheel clamp, an obvious deterrent! All these actions can avoid the stress and problems of experiencing theft and also help the Police in focusing on prevention of crime in the first place. Hounslow Police have one of the best crime reduction and solving rates in London boroughs but more can be done by individuals taking preventative action.

SMARTWATER

SmartWater is a method of individually and invisibly marking your valuable assets in the home eg TVs, laptops, mobiles, jewellery; it's like giving these items their own DNA which is exclusive to you. Osterley Safer Neighbourhood Team will be receiving 1,300 SmartWater kits early next year for distribution to as yet unspecified roads in the area. In the meantime, anyone wishing to purchase a kit can do so by visiting <https://www.met.police.uk/mettrace>

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST THEFT

(<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/west-london-news/shocking-figures-reveal-50-million-13777135>)

Police have issued advice on how to protect yourself against gold and jewellery theft:

- Take a photograph of your valuables - it is the only way officers can prove it belongs to you if a burglar is stopped.
- Property mark your jewellery, by using a traceable liquid such as SmartWater®, this gives police the best chance of reuniting victims with their stolen property, if recovered.
- Consider installing CCTV cameras and burglar alarms as a deterrent.
- Avoid keeping jewellery in bedrooms and bathrooms - this is often the first place a burglar will look.
- Consider keeping your jewellery safe with the National Pawnbrokers Association rather than in a safe which can be removed.
- If you do wear valuables out whilst travelling in public, cover them up so you don't draw attention to them.
- If you do decide to store your valuables in a safe, ensure it is secured to a wall or floor.
- When out, keep to well-lit areas and try not to travel alone.

LOCAL UPDATES

Jersey Gardens: Jersey Gardens has recently been awarded "Green Flag" status, following extensive restoration and improvement works in 2015 which were provided by Carillion in conjunction with Hounslow Council and The Friends of Jersey Gardens. This unique park is now looking splendid and is regularly maintained by Carillion. Jersey Gardens has an excellent children's play area, free tennis courts and is well worth a visit!

Residents' Association Forum (RAF) & the G15+ Group: You may like to know about the Residents' Association Forum which meets every quarter at the Civic Centre to discuss issues of local importance. It is held between the G15+ grouping of all the residents' associations in the Borough of Hounslow and Council representatives currently chaired by Cllr. Theo Dennison, Cabinet Member for Finance and Citizen Engagement. From time to time the meetings are also attended by Cllr. Steve Curran, Leader of the Council. The G15+ Group generally meets beforehand to formulate and agree issues to be raised with the Council. These issues are pre-advised so that discussions can be meaningful and useful with a view to resolving any outstanding matters or problems. OWGRA attends these meetings on a regular basis in order to promote the interests and concerns of local residents.

Boundary Commission: New proposals have been issued by the Boundary Commission bringing down the number of constituencies in the UK from 650 to 600. This would mean that our constituency would comprise Isleworth, Brentford and Chiswick, and would be adjacent to another called Feltham and Hounslow. It is as yet uncertain as to how this would affect the two incumbent MPs Ruth Cadbury and Seema Malhotra.

Osterley Park Fun Runs: Osterley Junior Parkrun is a 2 km run for those aged 4-14 of all standards which occurs every Sunday morning in Osterley Park. The start is adjacent to the main house and begins at 9 am. It's free to enter and the emphasis is on having fun. The run is fully marshalled with a tailwalker to ensure that anyone that needs a rest won't get left behind. All are welcome to join in and several parents accompany their kids en-route. More details available here: <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/osterley-juniors/>
Osterley Parkrun is a 5 km run for adults of all standards which occurs every Saturday morning at 9 am starting at the main house, with about 100 runners taking part every week. It's free to enter and volunteers are on hand to marshal the event. For more information see here: www.parkrun.org.uk/osterley/

CPZs: We await plans that are being worked up by the Council following consultations with residents on the proposed CPZ on the Northumberland Estate West. Proposals are also being prepared for Wood Lane (north) following consultation after the double yellow lines were drawn in error by the Nishkam contractors.

UPDATES ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS

Bolder Academy and Nishkam School	All new schools are required by the Department for Education to conduct what is called a 'Section 10 Consultation' through which local communities have the opportunity to raise any concerns and issues they may have. Of especial interest will be the respective school travel plans. OWGRA are seeking meetings with Bolder and Nishkam at the earliest opportunity to discuss these matters.
Grasshoppers Rugby Club	Work continues on the site with the laying of the pitches and the initial construction of the buildings. We can report that the ancient wall on the Syon Lane boundary of the site up to the roundabout by Jersey Road has been extensively repaired and made safe along its entire length.
New Horizons Court	Plans have been submitted to Hounslow Council for the conversion of the former SKY offices at New Horizons Court, on the Great West Road, into 271 new flats. As it stands planning permission is not required as permitted development rights allow the conversion of office or light industrial premises to residential use. It is understood that Hounslow Council is not in favour of this and similar developments as it diminishes the amount of office space in the area contrary to the Council's commercial ambitions.

LOCAL PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

Great West Corridor You should have had a leaflet from the Council through your letter box a few weeks ago regarding the Local Plan Review, which includes a consultation, running until 10 December, on ambitious plans to redevelop the Golden Mile (now called the Great West Corridor). Documents are available on the LBH website.

Local Heritage Listing Apart from the national scheme of listed buildings, details of which can be found on the OWGRA website, Hounslow has its own Local List of buildings and sites which are recognised for their contribution to the local character and distinctiveness. This local list can be found on the LBH website. Hounslow is currently in the process of updating the local list. Requests for nominations will go out in the new year, and the final selection will be made by a panel including representatives of relevant local groups.

HOW TO REPORT PROBLEMS IN OUR AREA

If you spot that something is not right eg overfull litter bins, fly-tipping, illegal parking, then don't ignore it, REPORT IT! If you don't report, don't assume someone else will. If we are all proactive in reporting problems then we will see improvements in our environment. Here is how you can contact the relevant authorities to report problems.

ITEM	EMAIL OR WEBSITE	PHONE NUMBER
ASB	Alert your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator & email info@owgra.org.uk	101
Crime	Alert your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator & e-mail info@owgra.org.uk	101 (non-urgent) or 999 (emergency)
Dog fouling	www.hounslowhighways.org/38-interactive-enquiries-map.html	020 8583 2000
Fly-tipping on private land	pollution@hounslow.gov.uk	020 8583 2000
Fly-tipping on public land	www.hounslowhighways.org/38-interactive-enquiries-map.html	020 8583 2000
Graffiti	www.hounslowhighways.org/38-interactive-enquiries-map.html	020 8583 2000
Litter and full litter bins	www.hounslowhighways.org/38-interactive-enquiries-map.html	020 8583 2000
Noise (Fri & Sat night, 10pm-4am)		020 8583 2222
Overhanging vegetation on pavement	www.hounslowhighways.org/38-interactive-enquiries-map.html	020 8583 2000
Overhanging vegetation on Great West Road	tfl.gov.uk/help-and-contact/contact-us-about-streets-and-other-road-issues	
Parking violations		020 8583 5451/2
Planning infringements, eg suspected illegal HMOs, beds in sheds, eyesores	planningenforcement@hounslow.gov.uk	
Pot holes, ponding, uneven pavements	www.hounslowhighways.org/38-interactive-enquiries-map.html	020 8583 2000
Problems in parks, including fly-tips there	hounslow.info@carillionservices.co.uk	0845 456 2796
Refuse and recycling collection information (including missed bin collections)	www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20002/recycling_and_rubbish	
Street lights (faulty)	www.hounslowhighways.org/38-interactive-enquiries-map.html	020 8583 2000
Street signs (obscured)	www.hounslowhighways.org/38-interactive-enquiries-map.html	020 8583 2000
Suspected untaxed/untested vehicles	www.gov.uk/report-untaxed-vehicle	
Tesco shopping trolleys (discarded)	Download and use the app from www.trolleywise.co.uk ; or Twitter @trolleywise	0800 505555 (option 6, then 4, then 2)
Traffic lights (faulty)	http://www.hounslowhighways.org/38-interactive-enquiries-map.html	020 8583 2000

OWGRA membership

OWGRA is entirely run by volunteers and relies totally on subscriptions and donations to fund our public meetings, newsletters and other activities. If you are not already a member please do join us so that we can continue to serve the residents of Osterley. It only costs £5 per person per annum. A Membership Form can be downloaded from our website on www.owgra.org.uk or contact us at the address on page 1. Do keep an eye on the website as we are adding information there regularly. If you have any comments on the website or would like to help with it then do please get in touch.

Keep in touch

If you would like to be kept up-to-date on what is happening in our area then sign up to our e-newsletter, which is sent every few weeks, by e-mailing info@owgra.org.uk

We also have an informative website, so check that out on www.owgra.org.uk