



For your diary:

Thursday 1st March - Annual General Meeting
Thursday 3rd May - Local government elections
Thursday 4th October - Autumn Open Meeting

Contacting Hinchley Wood Residents Association



*Your residents association
councillors for Hinchley
Wood and Weston Green
Ward (L to R) :*

Tannia Shipley

Nigel Haig-Brown

Janet Turner

HWRA works with Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents' Association to ensure that the interests of residents of the Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward are fully represented on Elmbridge Borough Council.

Our councillors are available to deal with any comments or concerns about council services or other local issues.

For matters relating to Hinchley Wood, please contact Janet or Nigel:

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All residents are invited to attend the 2018 Annual General Meeting to be held on:

**Thursday 1st March at 8 p.m. in St. Christopher's Church
Hall, Claygate Lane.**

Agenda

1. Receive the minutes of previous AGM
2. Consider Accounts of the Association for the previous Financial Year
3. Reappoint the Honorary Auditor
4. Receive reports from the Chairman & Councillors of the Association
5. Elect the Officers – Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
6. Elmbridge Borough Council Elections – selection of a candidate for the Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward at the election to be held on Thursday 3rd May.

Please see inside pages for more information about vacancies and nominations under items 5 and 6 above. It would be helpful if nominations could be notified to the secretary at least one week before the meeting, by email to secretary@hinchleywood.org.uk.

CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR OF HWRA

For personal reasons our current Chair, Frank Dabell, has notified the Executive Committee of his intention to stand down as of the AGM. The Executive Committee would like to thank Frank for his tireless work as Chair for the past four years - and before that as one of our councillors.

We therefore need to find a new Chair for the Association. This is a key position for HWRA to continue its successful work on behalf of the community, as it has done since its foundation in 1932. The role is not unduly onerous, and benefits from the strong support of our Executive Committee and our dedicated team of road representatives. We would also like to fill the role of Vice Chair at the same time. If you would be interested in finding out more about either role then please contact Nigel Haig-Brown (a past chairman) on 020 8398 4060 or by email at nigel.haig-brown@hinchleywood.org.uk.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATE FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS

In 2016, all-out elections were held for Elmbridge Borough Council under new ward boundaries. All three positions in the new Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward were successfully held by residents candidates, sponsored jointly by HWRA and Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents' Association (TD&WGRA). As part of the process of returning to election by thirds, the seat currently held by Nigel Haig-Brown falls to be contested this year. Nigel has indicated that he would be willing to stand again, and has received the endorsement of TD&WGRA for this. But it remains open for others to put their names forward for consideration by the AGM if they wish to do so.

LITTER PICKING



Come rain or shine, the HWRA litter picking team goes out one Saturday in every month to tidy up around the village. If you would like to join them in this valuable work on behalf of the community, please contact Roy Turner on 020 8398 1565 or email roy60janet@gmail.com.

CRIME

There has been a worrying increase in local crime recently, with total recorded crime in the Dittons and Hinchley Wood up by 32% from January to November 2017 compared with the same period in 2016. Across the Borough there was a marked increase in the number of burglaries in the second half of 2017.

There have been disturbing incidents of thefts of and from vehicles parked on driveways. In some cases vehicles have been left unlocked, and we urge all residents to lock their vehicles at all times, even if left only for a short time. In other cases, electronic devices appear to have been used to gain access, and the police are urging residents to take additional precautions to guard against this kind of attack.

The switching off of street lighting in the small hours is felt by many to have contributed to the rise in this type of crime. Residents may wish to consider installing security lighting to mitigate the effects.

On a happier note, the police have reported a number of significant arrests and recoveries of stolen property.

HEATHROW EXPANSION CONSULTATION

Heathrow has launched a public consultation on the emerging proposals to enable the expansion of the airport, as well as the principles of the airspace design that will be required.

This consultation - separate to the Government's Airports National Policy Statement consultation - will run for 10 weeks until 28 March 2018. Many if not all households in the area will have received a leaflet giving details, including times and locations of consultation events. These can also be found by visiting www.heathrowconsultation.com.

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