



**For your diary:**

**Thursday 4th October** - Autumn Open Meeting (8 p.m., St. Christopher's Church Hall) - see front page

**Sunday 4th August 2019** - Prudential Ride London-Surrey cycle event - widespread road closures around Hinchley Wood.  
*Love it or loathe it, this is set to be an annual event until at least 2020. Surrey County Council have promised to consult on the arrangements from 2021 onwards, and we will keep you posted on this.*

### 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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### AUTUMN OPEN MEETING

All residents are warmly invited to attend our autumn open meeting, which will be held at **8 p.m. on Thursday 4th October** in St. Christopher's Church Hall, Claygate Lane.

The meeting will feature a presentation by Tracey Blandford, the Community Fundraising Officer of Rentstart ([www.elmbridgerentstart.org.uk](http://www.elmbridgerentstart.org.uk)), about the charity's work across the borough and local initiatives that can help them achieve their goals. Elmbridge Rentstart helps local people who are homeless or sofa-surfing. Each year they house and support around 130 people and help them move on with their lives, so this promises to be an interesting opportunity to hear directly about this vital work in the community.

### Subscriptions:

*It's the time of year when we make another appeal for your continued support through your subscription of £3 per household (£2 for a sole resident).*

*Please be sure to fill in your name and house number on the subscription envelope before it is collected by, or returned to, your road representative.*

*If possible, please also add your e-mail address if you are not already a member of our emailing list . It will only be used for urgent updates from HWRA, and will not be passed on to third parties.*

*If you are in a road without a representative, or are unsure, please take your subscription to the subscriptions secretary, Roy Turner, at 2 Montgomery Avenue.*

## TRAVELLERS AND FLY TIPPING

Residents will have noticed an increase in unauthorised traveller encampments in the areas around Hinchley Wood, resulting in damage to and disorder in public and private spaces.

To help deal with the problem, Elmbridge Borough Council has obtained a protective injunction banning the setting up of unauthorised encampments and fly-tipping on all identified public land. The three-month injunction, granted at the High Court on Thursday 16 August, covers more than 150 of the borough's parks, open spaces and car parks. This has been granted as an interim injunction with a view to returning to the High Court in November to seek a longer term solution.

More details can be found on the Council website at <http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/news/high-court-grants-injunction/>

The effectiveness of this measure has already been demonstrated by the way a traveller incursion involving some twenty cars and caravans on Weston Green on 16th August was moved on within hours of its occurring.

Even with these measures, however, it would be wrong to think that a permanent solution to the problem is in sight, particularly as police powers to move travellers on are limited by the absence of a designated transit site in Surrey.

## NEW ACORN TICKET FOR BUS SERVICES IN NORTH SURREY

From 1st September, a new multi-operator bus ticket called Acorn has been introduced, giving unlimited travel for a day or week on most services in Elmbridge, Runnymede and Spelthorne and the eastern part of Woking.

When Abellio ceased to be the operator of most services in north Surrey, several different operators took over and tickets were not transferable. The new Acorn ticket can be used across services of multiple operators, making travelling with more than one operator easy and offering better value.

It will be sold by 13 different operators covering 33 local bus services. Tickets can be bought on the first bus used, with a day ticket costing £7 and a weekly ticket £30 (children travel at half fare).

A leaflet giving full details, including a map of the services covered, can be downloaded from the Hinchley Wood website: [www.hinchleywood.org.uk](http://www.hinchleywood.org.uk).

## BURGLARIES

There have recently been several burglaries of houses in Hinchley Wood. In some cases it appears that the intruders were looking for keys to the owners' cars. In other cases, objects may be left outside houses to confirm, if not removed, that the premises are unoccupied, or unexplained callers at the door may be 'casing' the area with a view to burglary. Residents are urged to report suspicious activity to the police on 101 (or 999 if a crime appears to be in progress).

## SHRUBS

Residents are again reminded to show consideration for pushchair users and older or partially-sighted people using the footpaths, by keeping shrubs trimmed back to the boundaries of their properties.

## STATION PLANTER

We are pleased to report that a new planter has been installed behind the cycle racks at the station at the initiative of HWRA, with the support of the Bee Friendly Trust ([www.beefriendlytrust.org](http://www.beefriendlytrust.org)).



## 24-HOUR ALCOHOL SALES AT SHELL STATION

The application for permission to sell alcohol 24 hours a day at the redeveloped Shell station, and for a late-night refreshment licence between the hours of 2300 and 0500, was granted by the Licensing Committee of Elmbridge Council, despite many representations against it from residents. Unfortunately current legislation makes it very difficult to resist applications: the only grounds for refusal are the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance or the protection of children from harm (all narrowly defined). We would ask residents to report any issues arising from alcohol sales to HWRA through [chairman@hinchleywood.org.uk](mailto:chairman@hinchleywood.org.uk). If sufficient evidence were forthcoming, a review could be triggered, though we must accept that the threshold for this is set quite high.

## 'YOUR VOICE MATTERS' PUBLIC MEETINGS

Elmbridge Borough Council are holding a series of open meetings at which residents will be able to question the Council's leadership about current issues. Forthcoming events are:

- **Monday 1 October** – Hersham Centre for the Community
- **Monday 15 October** – Weybridge Centre for the Community
- **Tuesday 30 October** – Walton Centre for the Community
- **Thursday 1 November** – Claygate Centre for the Community
- **Tuesday 6 November** – Molesey Centre for the Community
- **Monday 26 November** – Cobham Village Hall

(7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in all cases). To book a place, visit [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search 'Elmbridge'

## INTERACTIVE PARKING MAPS

Surrey County Council have published interactive maps showing current parking zones and restrictions in the county. Visit [www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/restrictions-and-controls/interactive-map-of-parking-controls-in-surrey](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/restrictions-and-controls/interactive-map-of-parking-controls-in-surrey)

## ALLOTMENTS

There are a few vacant allotments on the Telegraph Hill site (between Hillcrest Gardens and Manor Road South). Anyone interested should contact Sue Haig-Brown ([shb@i4t.net](mailto:shb@i4t.net)).