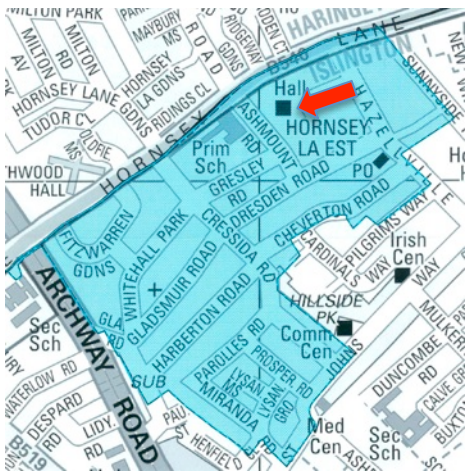


COUNCILLOR AND POLICE FORUM



Interested in finding out what's happening about crime in the area? Want to find out more about the radical New Policing Model that is coming into force? Keen to ask Councillors about local issues from dog fouling to the future of the Ashmount School site?

WHPARA has invited Councillors Marian Spall (Labour) and Greg Foxsmith (Lib Dem), along with PC Mick Murray from the Safer Neighbourhood Team, to bring us all up to date with local developments and to answer your questions. It's free and everyone with an interest in the area is welcome.

Hornsey Lane Estate Community Centre (off Ashmount Road).

Tuesday 23rd October 2012, 7.30 - 9.00pm. Refreshments from 7pm.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NOTICE BOARD

Since the last newsletter we have acquired more information about installing a community notice board. The intention is to provide a well-managed, attractive and accessible physical space that can display information from and about local organisations and their activities. We know that websites carry a wealth of such information but not everyone has access to computers, or is comfortable with them. Plus there is something to be said for a focal point of interest, and having a notice board might mean an end to sticking notices on trees. Pictured is one provided by Islington costing £1,200; we would have to find the money ourselves if we want one. So, do we? Let us know your views – email us at info@whpara.org.uk.

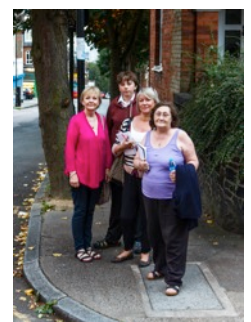


WHPARA MEETS COUNCIL LEADER



Dorothy Leng, WHPARA's Chair, met with Councillor Catherine West (pictured left), Leader of Islington Council and WHPARA resident and member, in July this year and it proved to be a very fruitful meeting. A new initiative introduced by the Labour administration is the creation of Ward Improvement Plans that are being drawn up for every ward. We've asked to see the Hillrise Ward Plan and are pressing for a Local Forum to be set up for our ward so that WHPARA can meet with councillors and other local organisations on a regular basis.

The concerns and issues raised were addressed more fully in the ensuing WHPARA Walkabout with Cllr. Marian Spall. Several committee members and a WHPARA member walked around the area with Cllr. Spall spotlighting a range of issues, which she is now pursuing on our behalf. These include the possible removal of the superfluous 20mph signs; the dumping of rubbish; dog mess; loose paving stones and





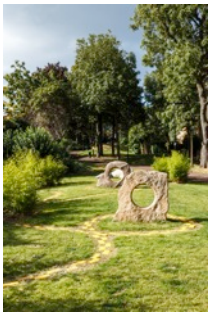
the state of the roads; clarification over conservation guidelines and implementation and progress on local planning objections. We will report back on these issues via our website and in future newsletters, but do come along on the 23rd to ask her and her colleague more about these and other matters. Councillor Spall has

already chased up our queries about the notice board and has confirmed that Harberton, Gladsmuir and Cressida Roads and Whitehall Park will be resurfaced in October (details on our website).

NEW POLICING MODEL

Local policing is set to change with the introduction of the New Policing Model in 2013. It is driven by “the need to make local policing more effective and efficient at a time of significant financial challenge”. The main change is the redeployment of existing police resources into “front-line” work, resulting in 2,000 officers being redeployed into Safer Neighbourhood Teams across London. The external consultation stage begins in October, led by the Mayor’s Office. Look at the website for more information.

HILLSIDE PARK



Have you seen the recent improvements in Hillside Park? Do have a look if you haven’t already; it has become an attractive green space which in our view is a Council success. Follow the yellow brick road around the standing stones and bamboo groves!

And birdsong in Whitehall Park...WHPARA Committee member Tony Wylam has written a piece on his nature observations from his garden in Whitehall Park, which reminds us of the variety of wildlife to be enjoyed on a peaceful summer’s day. We are all hoping he will give us more insights into our non-human WHPARA residents over the coming seasons. See the website for details, and feel free to send us your own observations too.

BRIDGE

No, not that one, the card game! A fourth is required to join a local group who are keen to meet up for a few rubbers. If you’re up for it drop us a line at info@whpara.org.uk.



‘HE WAS JUST GREAT IN EVERY RESPECT’

Not a quote from *Fifty Shades Of Grey* but a testimonial about a local plumber. To find out more go to the ‘Local Traders’ page on our website. We love getting recommendations so if you’ve used someone and are happy with the service, do let us know.

EVENTS

Highgate Book Fair – Saturday 13th October in HLSI, Pond Square, from 10am - 3pm.

WHPARA Councillor and Police Forum, Tuesday 23rd October, 7.00 - 9.00pm, Hornsey Lane Estate Community Centre (see map on page 1).

Gypsy Baroque, a concert by Layill Barr in support of the Cold Weather Shelter, St. Andrews Church, Friday 30th November 2012.

If you have an event of local interest coming up send us details and we’ll put it on the website.

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