



# HHGERA

## NEWS

The Newsletter of the Hanger Hill  
Garden Estate Residents Association

The Residents Association exists to ensure your views on the Estate are heard and works to promote a strong community. The officers are all volunteers. If you would like to help, email us via [mail@hhgera.com](mailto:mail@hhgera.com). Enjoy this Spring 2024 issue!

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## Key points from Annual General Meeting

### Houses service charge will be £70 for 2024 and 2025

Minutes of the AGM held in March can be found on our website, via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/HHGERA24>. The service charge has had a small increase to take into account rising costs due to inflation.

During the AGM, the committee was elected, with a change in chair this year. Kate Crossland is the new chair, and can be contacted via [chair@hhgera.com](mailto:chair@hhgera.com).

Residents raised issues affected them, with noisy disruption on Garage Road being a key concern. Our local police team will continue to patrol this area, and the Flats Board (who manage Garage Road) are looking into ways things can be improved. We meet regularly with our local Police team.

Dog fouling seems to be increasing, and our local Councillors have arranged for official Council stickers to remind people this is an offence.



### Centenary, pond and gardens projects plans

Our Estate was built nearly 100 years ago! We're working on a few ideas to celebrate. We'd like to improve the area opposite Holy Family School and are looking for volunteers to help. Get in touch at [mail@hhgera.com](mailto:mail@hhgera.com).

The pond on Monks Drive has looked wonderful this spring with trees in blossom, even though it's still leaking and the boundary posts and fences need repair. We've been liaising with the Flats Board who are working through some of the tricky issues and costs involved. We've agreed to put some money towards the project and will bring you updates when we have them.

**SERVICE ROADS:** Please leave clear for Council bin collections. Rubbish left on service roads that is not in a wheelie bin won't be taken away by Ealing Council. Houses residents can apply for a skip permit via [www.hhgera.com/service-roads](http://www.hhgera.com/service-roads).



## PLAYSTREETS: MONKS DRIVE SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2 – 4pm

Come along to our next 'playstreet' where we close a section of Monks Drive so children can play freely. Come along, have fun, and meet your neighbours! All welcome.

## GARDENS NEWS- HEDGE ADVICE

The Rose Garden (at the top of Princes Gardens) has had new hedging to replace the areas of dead Privet. The new plants seem to be doing well after a wet winter and spring. We know hedges across the Estate- including in front gardens- are vulnerable to honey fungus infection. **We recommend both Portuguese Laurel and Griselinia Littoralis as hedging plants that are more resistant.**

Many new bulbs have been planted, as well as two new trees – a Cherry in Tudor Gardens and a Liquidambar (Sweet Gum) in the Princes Gardens/Vale Lane triangle garden.

The Estate's trees are a key focus for this year, as they require maintenance to ensure they are healthy and an appropriate size and distance from homes. For example, some self-seeded Ash saplings must be removed as they have dieback disease.

As part of the Estate centenary celebrations residents could consider planting Cherry trees. There were once Cherries (or more properly, Purple Plum) in almost every front garden. The original trees are reaching the end of their lives and each year a few more disappear. To make a start, two new Cherry trees will be planted in the garden on the corner of Queens and Monks Drive – a garden that is looked after by two volunteers. We thank John Stone (our Gardens lead) and the volunteers who help keep the gardens and services roads clean, safe and beautiful.

## WhatsApp group

We have a WhatsApp group where neighbours can share news, concerns and updates on all matters relating to our neighbourhood. It's mainly focussed on the houses on the Estate but all are welcome to join. **Please scan the QR code below** if you would like to be in the group.



## Find out more

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