



Highams Residents' Association

Founded in 1955 for the residents of The Highams Estate

55th Annual General Meeting - 22nd April 2010

Notice is hereby given that the...

Fifty-Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on THURSDAY 22nd APRIL 2010 at 8pm in the Pavilion of Woodford Rugby Club, High Road, Woodford Green (pedestrian access in Nesta Road),

for the purpose of receiving the accounts and the Chairman's Annual Report, the appointment of an independent examiner of accounts and for the conduct of other such business as may be placed before the meeting. Some retiring officers and members may offer themselves for re-election. Any nominations for committee members should be sent/phoned through to the Secretary by 19th April.

On behalf of the Committee ALISON RING, Secretary,
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AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Adoption of the minutes of the 54th AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Adoption of the accounts
5. Chairman's Report
6. Election of Officers and Committee Members, including new Chairman
7. Appointment of independent examiner of accounts
8. Ratification of appointment of trustees of ransom strip
9. Reducing your carbon footprint
10. Any other business

Following the meeting light refreshments will be available.

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The next 'Date for your diary' event will be the ever popular HRA Tea Party - Sunday 27th June 2010 at the Woodford Rugby Club Pavilion. We'll send out more information nearer the time.

Chairman's Report for the 55th AGM on 22nd April 2010

It has been an outstanding year for your Association. This time last year, there was a real risk that it would disappear but I am delighted to say we are stronger than ever.

The first issue you asked us to explore was communication, specifically a website. Through the outstanding work of Hazel Gadsby, www.highamsra.org.uk was born and is now frequently used by residents to tell us what is happening. However, we would like to see more visitors to our website and use it to challenge your committee.

Traffic has also been a major topic and Charter Road looks and feels much better and maybe safer. I am not convinced that the speeding has been reduced so we must carry this forward.

The snow has damaged many roads and pavements. We need to put pressure on our Councillors to get further repairs made and where appropriate, totally re-surfaced.

You asked for more communication to your door, especially about security issues. We have sent out four newsletters and I thank those who volunteered to deliver them to your door and this will continue. I hope you have enjoyed receiving them and feel better informed.

Through Paul Dawney we are now responsible for the triangle of grass at the junctions of Charter Road and Henrys Avenue. We have planted hundreds of bulbs and it will look terrific this Spring. The Council is still responsible for the grass.

Membership has increased significantly as you will see from Henry Whaymands report. We have deliberately incurred more expense to communicate with you better and get the website up and running.

A very successful event with the police was held at the entrance to the park just before Christmas and we regularly meet with the police and neighbourhood safety team at our meetings. The security and protection of your house and family will always be a top priority which is why Neighbourhood Watch has merged into our Association.

I have had a great 12 months as your Chairman but as I am now based in Kuwait as Retail Director of a great Middle East business, I cannot continue in this position. I will leave it to the others to decide who follows and I hope they enjoy the opportunity as much as I did. I will still be back and forth but will not be able to allocate the time needed to make an effective contribution.

In summary, your Association is stronger and has a clear direction. Communication is much improved and more modern, but more remains to be done. I would like to thank your Committee for their support and look forward to the year ahead with confidence.

If you are a new resident and would like to become a part of the Committee and develop the area, please contact us via the website.