



Highams Residents' Association

Founded in 1955 for the residents of The Highams Estate

NEWSLETTER - Dec 2009 No. 3

A growing business at the Henrys and Charter junction

On Saturday 28 November a strange group of men were spotted taking a selection of shovels and garden forks to the junction of Charter Road and Henrys Avenue. Wheelie bins were also in tow!



Paul Dawney from Henrys Avenue has agreed to take on the maintenance of the green space at that junction and in partnership with a few neighbours co-ordinated the planting of around 2500 bulbs, a mix of crocus and daffodils. Most of these were given to the group as part of the Green Spaces initiative being run by Waltham Forest Council. The Council through their supplier, Kier, will continue to be responsible for cutting the grass.



We will see the fruits of their work in the spring and there will be another Saturday morning experience around the middle of February, weather permitting, to tidy the edges up and plant a few bushes to disguise the sub-station.

Several people who passed by said they did not know about it but would have loved to help. Well, we know who you are and we will be in contact with you in the New Year for the next part.

In the meantime, thank you to Paul, Kelly, Peter, Ian and his son and of course Henry for their great efforts. Also to John Griggs for supplying the tea... **as we all know, most men work better with a cup of tea in their hand!**

Peter Larkin, HRA Chairman.



Special Guest Profile:

Name: Father Christmas **Age:** unknown
Status: Gift giver and monitor of children's behaviour
Partner: Mrs Christmas
Address: North Pole, secret location!
Personal Blog: HO, HO, HO - thank you very much for letting me appear in your newsletter, I'd like to wish you all a very *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.* It looks like the children in The Highams Estate will be receiving some great gifts this year, but you must still be good or I will know! Remember that mince pies are my favourite and Rudolph likes a carrot or two, *listen out for my sleigh bells.* HO, HO, HO!!



The HRA committee team would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas - please turn the page for more information about the Crime Prevention event this Saturday 19th December. They have giveaways for you to help protect against crime, so don't miss out!

REMEMBER - If you would like to receive emails from our very own **'HRA Early Warning System'** telling you about crime or suspicious behaviour in your area, send your email to highamsra.org.uk. Thank you for all the addresses so far.

www.highamsra.org.uk
email: highamsra@me.com

RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION EVENT

I'm afraid we haven't been able to gather up enough support for an event this year. We'll work on something for next year. Thank you to the people that offered their help. If you do have any ideas for a Christmas Party please email them to highamsra@me.com. Many thanks.

IMPORTANT EVENT

The Police Crime Prevention vehicle will be at Henrys Avenue

(at the entrance to the park)

this **Saturday 19th December** from **12pm to 2pm.**

The Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team will also be there to answer all of your 'crime prevention' questions.

They will be giving away FREE products which include: timer switches, marker pens, purse chains and alarms.

Please support this important event and find out what the police are doing to prevent crime in the area. Thank you.



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IMPORTANT EVENT

**FREE
GIVEAWAYS
FOR ALL**



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

REMEMBER some simple precautions that we can take to prevent burglaries:

1. If you have a burglar alarm, **set it.**
2. Close and lock all doors and accessible windows when you are out or at night time. Don't leave your keys near the front door.
3. If you have UPVC doors lock them at night as otherwise they can provide easy access for burglars. (Turning the handle upwards will not prevent access, lock with a key).
4. If you are going away please leave lights on a timer, cancel milk / newspapers and ask a neighbour to keep an eye on the house.
5. When recycling make sure personal details are not left on papers in the black boxes.

For non-essential crime or if you have seen something suspicious and would like to report it, please phone 0208 721 2646 and you can speak to a PCSO.

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