

HADLEY WOOD NEWS



HADLEY WOOD ASSOCIATION

June 2024





ELECTION, CHOICES AND MEMORIES



Dear Residents

We are in the middle of a summer General Election campaign with voting on 4 July. Hadley Wood is now part of the new Southgate & Wood Green constituency; Monken Hadley is part of marginal Chipping Barnet. The Association is strictly apolitical; residents must make their own assessment of the impact on local issues. Reminder: voter ID is now required.

Choices are also being made across Hadley Wood about the vexed subject of internet connections and providers with mixed experience of Open Infra (who have at last reached our streets) and plenty of advice on the Community WhatsApp - such a service to the community by Hadley Wood Watch who have some stories to tell of their own successes (see article).

We have memories of two great friends and local characters, Graham Sharp and Jim Lockhart, who lived life to the full and found time to serve as leaders of the Association and the Golf Club. Graham ran the Association as Chairman and Trustee for ten years, alongside Rod Armstrong. We join with thanks in the celebration of their lives.

Rupert Mackay has made great contributions to Hadley Wood as vicar and (also for ten years) as Chairman and Trustee. He has now moved into London from Beech Hill. He is kindly staying on as a trustee until the AGM or earlier co-option of a replacement, as reported to HWA Members. We express our deep appreciation for all he has done.

We have rescheduled the HWA Centre Upgrade into 2025 when we hope to have some benefit from the CIL money gained through the Neighbourhood Plan. We are looking forward to our new early years providers (Alphablocks - see article) settling in over the next year, enlivening the Centre alongside the activities of the new tennis coaches, and having their involvement as we develop the plans for our community centre.

This edition starts with the phenomenon of Northern Lights over Hadley Wood on our front cover and has plenty of interesting articles including Hugh Small's research into local history and the success of our excellent primary school under Head Mistress Fran Worby. Francesca Caine provides her regular report on the vigilant activities of HWRUG and we have an important and positive update on the Green Belt Campaign.

We end this Letter with encouragement to support the vital work of the Monken Hadley Common Trust, with its importance for us as they maintain that part of our green circumference. John Hall continues to be a vital link to MHCT and the Barnet Museum, and finds time to support the opera evenings by Jack's Lake. Thank you.

We welcome contributions for our Hadley Wood News to inform and encourage us about community activities. The deadlines are in the notice below.

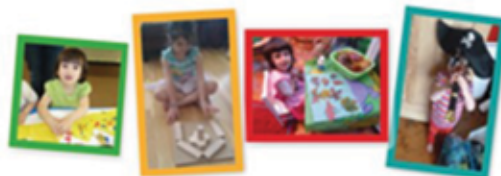
SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER for the FIREWORKS

Robert Wilson for Trustees

NEXT EDITION OF HWN:

We publish the Hadley Wood News every other month. For HWN August we aim to deliver around 16 - 18 August. **We will need contributions and adverts by 26 July.**

Please contact HWA office@hadleywoodassociation.com



Alphablocks Nursery School successful co-development

Alphablocks Nursery School is widely recognised for its early years provision in the Hadley Wood community. Since its inception in 2015 at St. Paul's Church, the school and its directors (Alexandra Samara and Dr Dimitris Tsomokos) have been dedicated to providing outstanding early education with a first class team led by Daisy Russell. This dedication has been recognised with two consecutive Outstanding grades by Ofsted (2018 and 2024) and accolades in the Nursery World awards, including a Highly Commended in the Best Preschool category (2023) placing the Hadley Wood setting among the top three nursery schools in the UK at the start of the current school year.

Notably, Alphablocks is a major feeder school for the best local state and independent primary schools, with 10 of our children going on to the Hadley Wood Primary School, 2 going to Lochinver, and several others going on to Haberdashers' boys school in Elstree, South Hampstead Junior School for Girls, Monkfrith Primary, Manor Lodge, Monken Hadley, Brookmans Park Primary, Cranbrook Primary School, and St. John's Prep in Potters Bar.

Preparation continues at pace to open our new nursery school site at the Hadley Wood Association in September.

The new site at Hadley Wood Association is a testament to our commitment to excellence and innovation in early childhood education. Building on our established expertise, the new nursery will offer the same high-quality care and education that we are known for, along with additional innovative projects and expanded facilities. In particular, Alphablocks Nursery School is celebrated for its child-centred approach, which integrates the latest developmental psychology research through our Research Lab. Our curriculum is known to foster learning through books and a hybrid pedagogy, and is enriched with initiatives like the 'Sing our Story' project, where children engage with music, storytelling, and digital technology to create their own storybooks. Our forest school projects offer extensive outdoor learning opportunities, boosting environmental awareness and physical development. Our new HWA Centre site will continue these successful programmes while introducing new, exciting activities tailored to the needs and interests of our children.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our families and local stakeholders for their collaboration and support in making this expansion possible, including the Hadley Wood Association and St. Paul's Church. We are excited to welcome new families and continue our journey of providing exceptional early education in the community.

For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact us at 0208-935-5636 or visit our website at alpha-blocks.com

Dates for your diary

Warm Hub	Monday 15 July	10.00 - 12.00 at the HWA Centre
	Monday 19 August	10.00 - 12.00 at the HWA Centre
	Monday 16 September	10.00 - 12.00 at the HWA Centre

Everyone Welcome

Small School – Big Results!

Tucked away at the top of Courtleigh Avenue, Hadley Wood Primary School is at the heart of our community, providing as it does an excellent educational experience for local children. But don't just take my word for it.

In April 2024 Hadley Wood Primary School was one of four Enfield schools featured in the The Sunday Times 'Parent Power 2024' top 500 primary schools in England. Those top 500 schools were themselves selected from a grand total of 16,783 English primary schools. And, even better, in 165th position, Hadley Wood Primary School came top of the league in Enfield.

I asked Fran Worby, headteacher of Hadley Wood Primary School since 2019, to tell me more about the significance of The Sunday Times listing and why the school is so successful. "Every year The Sunday Times puts together a list of 500 'power' schools", Fran explained, adding, "and one of the criteria for inclusion is the end of KS2 (Key Stage 2) SATs results [tests taken by all pupils at the end of Year 6]. The quality of our teaching and learning provision is reflected by the high outcomes in our end of KS2 assessments. There are other aspects which factor into compiling the list but it is an effective and tangible tool by which to hold schools to account and enable parents to make comparisons on educational provision. The Sunday Times is a well trusted publication, so it – alongside Department for Education league tables – will potentially inform parents in the local area who are looking for schools for their children. They may not be aware that we serve our community as a Local Authority school because we are tucked away in a quiet corner of Enfield."



Fran went on to say, "We are a single-form entry school, but we are proud to be a small school that serves a close-knit community. For that reason, we know our children really well. Yes, we have high outcomes as captured in our end of KS2 results, but that's not predominantly who we are. We are proud to be a values-based school; that values-based ethos is not tokenistic or just a slogan on a wall, it is an embedded aspect interwoven throughout our curriculum. We want our children to be confident, capable and we do want them to care – not just about their local community but about themselves and their role in the world. Our purpose is to serve the children and families in our local community and ensure that we develop our children both academically and pastorally. We are proud that our curriculum and enrichment opportunities develop the whole child. Our pastoral provision is as outstanding as our academic support." As an example of community interaction Fran told me about the enthusiastic involvement of the children in charity work to help food banks and the homeless.

Finally, I asked Fran if she had a message for potential parents and carers in relation to The Sunday Times listing. "When you walk through the door", she said, "we hope you can tell it's a warm, welcoming community school. We want to work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure the best possible outcomes for your children, and if you truly feel that, which I hope you do, then that's the reason you select our school...not because we have achieved a top 500 school rating." She added, "We have the same ethos and evolving curriculum whether or not we have been provided with this award. As a team, our mission is to ensure that we provide the best curriculum and opportunities for the children in our care in order to enable them to achieve and succeed".



A small, thriving school at the heart of our community. What an asset for Hadley Wood!

Richard Walker

Saturday, 20th July
From 6pm

Cocktails 'Al Fresco' at West Lodge Park Hotel

Spend a relaxing evening strolling around our beautiful grounds while enjoying a cocktail or two. Discover the stunning Beale Arboretum and then join us back on the terrace for a live performance by the renowned sax duo, Sax and Honey.

A rosé, gin and Champagne bar will be available, along with food stations and a BBQ.

£25pp - Includes two cocktails (food available at additional cost)

SCAN ME

Station Cuttings: Trials, Tickets and Tribulations

What a Relief! GTR have finally suggested a way to extend the meagre opening hours of the Toilet on accessible Platform 4. They still insist that it can only be open when the station is staffed, on weekdays in the early morning between 0635-1000. **However, for a trial period of three months to 2nd September, the local Mobile Assistance Team will be based at our station on weekdays between 1600-1930, and while they are on site the Toilet will be open.** This potentially extends the opening hours at a more useful time of day.... **but** be aware that if the Mobile Assistance Team is called upon to assist passengers at any of the other stations on their patch, the Toilet will be locked until they return. In other words, we can't rely on the Toilet being open uninterruptedly between 1600-1930, but the fact that GTR have even proposed this trial is a sign of potential progress.

Please spread the word and avail yourself of this facility – and let us know if you find it closed. We'll be in a much stronger position to negotiate improvements if it's obvious that it's actually being used and valued by our rail users and the wider community

More good news: over a year since Karen retired, **Hadley Wood finally has a permanent Station Assistant again.** Paula started here on 10th June and brings 19 years of railway experience with her, 10 at Potters Bar and the last 9 at Welwyn Garden City. Please make her welcome and utilise her ticket expertise. Ticket Office hours are unchanged (0635-1000).

And further afield, **another new trial** is designed to help make journeys on the DLR more accessible. **TfL has launched Access DLR for anyone who needs any kind of support to travel.** No proof of disability is needed. Users will be met at the DLR station of their choice and accompanied as far as the final DLR station on their journey. Every station on the DLR has step-free access but none is staffed, so the service needs to be pre-booked [online](#) or by phone on 08082 81 66 55. **Access DLR** is initially being run as a trial until November 2024 and you can find out more on [TfL's website](#).

Finally a quick heads-up to very late and very early travellers about two bouts of **planned engineering works** on our line between Alexandra Palace and Stevenage via Welwyn Garden City. Bus replacement services operating with no scheduled stop at Cockfosters Tube will be running in the **week beginning Sunday 30th June from 2359 until about 0510** in the morning, and likewise in the **week beginning Saturday 21st July, from about 2330 until about 0715 on Sunday morning and from 2330 until the end of service on Monday to Thursday evenings.** As ever, check before you travel.

**Hadley Wood
Rail User Group**



Francesca Caine
Chair, Hadley Wood Rail User Group
Isolation - Oyster – Accessibility

Enfield Local Plan Update – Save Our Green Belt

The final consultation on Enfield's draft Local Plan 2019-2041 ended on 20th May 2024. We are thrilled to report that over 2,100 individuals submitted comments to the Council, more than double the 1,000 responses from the 2021 consultation, with 61% of Hadley Wood households responding in 2024.

We submitted a 190+ page representation, including technical reports by expert advisors, with assistance from legal counsel. This will be published on our website once the Council makes all submissions public.

The Council will be reviewing the feedback received and deciding whether to make any minor amendments to the draft Plan, after which it will be submitted to the Secretary of State who will appoint an independent examiner. She/he will review the final Plan, along with the consultation comments submitted, and arrange public hearings – now unlikely until next year. If we can raise sufficient donations, we will be represented by the senior planning barrister who has been helping us - current balance raised £50,000 vs £65,000 target (both + Gift Aid). Thank you very much to the 150 donors who have contributed thus far to the legal fees.

There are just over 1,000 homes in Hadley Wood and every one of these will be directly affected by the loss of Green Belt. If you want to protect Green Belt but have not yet donated to the legal fees, please do so. We only need another 75 homes to donate £200 each to hit our target. We expect to face the Duchy of Lancaster's barrister, and their financial resources significantly exceed ours. Our £65,000 + Gift Aid budget allows for 2 days hearing attendance plus all the prep work – which we believe is the minimum requirement. To donate and register Gift Aid, please click on the donate button at www.hadleywood.org.uk. Please help if you can and any amount is gratefully received.

We remain optimistic on the chances of keeping the fields off Crescent West in the Green Belt. More housing is needed, but Green Belt land should only be used when all suitable 'brownfield' sites are developed (we have identified brownfield sites within the Borough not included within the draft Plan, where up to 3,500 new homes can be built) and come with appropriate infrastructure improvement. The Council is proposing none of this.

Things will go quiet while the Council reviews the comments and makes final adjustments to its Local Plan. We will keep you updated but do check www.hadleywoodnp.co.uk for the latest information. We have already posted the representation of the Greater London Authority/Mayor of London, who continue to oppose the Green Belt proposals.

We would like to thank HWA, NHW, HWS and HWLTC who reached out to all their members on our behalf, with the HWA also holding donations safely and organising Gift Aid.

Thank you, also, for your continued support. Please do remember - this is our last chance to protect our Green Belt for future generations.



Hadley Wood Planning Sub-Committee

www.hadleywoodnp.co.uk

FRIENDS WHO BROUGHT US SUNSHINE

Hadley Wood has lost two of its most prominent residents within weeks of each other.

Graham Sharp and Jim Lockhart were best friends since 1970 and it was rare to have a social event with one and not the other. Both attractive men, blessed with a sharp but kindly wit, they could liven up any occasion.

Jim was born in 1934 in Scotland and throughout his life retained his Scottish accent and his love of his mother country. He was educated at the High School in Glasgow, and then he was apprenticed to a local firm of accountants, qualifying as a chartered accountant in 1956. He attended Glasgow University, graduating with a law degree the following year. He did his National Service with the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders in Aden as Paymaster with the rank of captain.



He joined Transport Development and was promoted to management after 3 months. He became Managing Director in 1979 and in 1990 chose to take retirement at the young age of 56. However retirement didn't suit him and he became chairman of Great Bear Distribution, a logistics company, which was eventually taken over in 2012 and Jim retired for the second time.

He married Joyce, an air hostess, in 1964 and they had two daughters, Julie and Karen, who both attended Hadley Wood Primary School before going to Haberdasher Aske's.

The family had moved to Hadley Wood in 1970 and joined the Golf Club. Jim had already been Captain of Robin Hood Golf Club in Birmingham and he was soon made Treasurer of Hadley Wood Golf Club and was much involved in the buying of the Club in 1976. In 1992 he became the first Chairman of the Board and in 2003 was made President. He was a trustee of the Bonds and a Director of the Company and was given Life Membership in 2023.

He had houses in Spain and Rock, Cornwall. He was President of the Marbella Golf Club in 2006 and a member of St. Enodoc Golf Club for 40 years. He was Vice-President of the Truant Golfing Society in 2007.

He was "President" of the Wednesday Club. Formed in 1989, this is a group of 10 friends who meet for lunch on the last Wednesday of each month, taking turns in hosting the pre-lunch drinks and choosing the restaurant.

In 2002, together with Jean and Freddie Roe, he founded the Heron Taxi Service. This enabled a group of friends to go to and from airports for no cost but gain points when it was their turn to be the driver. Jim was known as the "Fat Controller" as he kept a count of the points. After ten years he reckoned they had saved £36,000 in taxi fares.

Graham was born in 1938 in Wanstead with an elder sister, Angela, and a younger sister, Sally. In 1946 the family moved to Mill Hill where they first met Bobby Ridgwell, who was to become a close friend. Graham became a border at Highgate Junior School and then Highgate School where he excelled at all sports. However he sustained a back injury which prevented him from doing his National Service and aged 17 he followed his father, who was a director of Armour & Company at Smithfield Market, into the sales department of the business. After six months he joined Spanjers on their fresh meat stalls at Smithfield. He attended Smithfield College in the evening and became a director of Spanjers until 1964. After two years in Chelmsford he went to Newry in Northern Ireland on a joint Dalgety venture with the Danish company Emborg.

At the end of the 1960s Graham returned to the UK and became the managing director of Peter Dumenil, a catering wholesale butcher, and by 1973 he had bought 10 retail shops. Headhunted by Armour he joined them as general manager of their meat division and was appointed a director in 1975.

His parents had moved to Latimer Road in Hadley Common and Graham lived there until 1963 when he married Wendy Carter, who was the niece of a family friend and colleague of his father. After a flat in Oakwood they moved into Wood Edge in Camlet Way in 1965 with their two children, Phillipa and Jonathan. In the later part of his life, Carolyn Hall became his partner. His parents, Gordon and Ivy, with Sally and Graham all joined the Golf Club. Graham was appointed Captain in 1974, aged only 36. In 1992 he joined the first Board of Management as Chairman of House. He was made President in 1995 and was also a Director of the Company. He was given Life Membership in 2017 and was a member for 64 years.

He was also a member of Highgate's Old Cholmeleians Golfing Society, the Truant Golfing Society, the Wednesday Club and the Heron Taxi Service.

Graham joined the Worshipful Company of Butchers on his 21st birthday. He moved up into the Court twenty years later and served as Master in 1989 -1990 when he entertained the Queen Mother in her hundredth year. He was the second youngest Master ever. He was also a Trustee of the Butchers and Drovers Charitable Institution, which provided housing for ex Meat Trade workers. Graham was still visiting them this year. In 1997 he became Clerk of the company, retiring from the post in 2003 and became Father of the Court.

Graham was Chairman of the Hadley Wood Association from 2006 to 2015. He took his responsibilities very seriously and knew how to liaise with people at the Centre and the Council, where he regularly defended Hadley Wood at the Planning Committee. He steered a route through many difficult situations with minimal argument and no loss of friendship. He chaired the meetings which ended at 10.00 p.m. sharp as that was when he went home!

The friendship between Jim and Graham was special. They played golf together every Sunday morning. They both took major roles in the Captain's Drive In sketch and loved to dress up. With the help of many others, they organised the annual barbecue down by the lake with Graham in charge of the cooking. Many holidays were spent together in Rock, Cornwall and the annual trip to Le Touquet, with other friends from the Club, was a firm favourite. Graham always visited Jim at 6.00 p.m. on Friday evenings when they would put the world to rights with a couple of drinks – red wine for Graham and whisky for Jim. If Jim was away, wherever he was in the world, he would ring Graham on the dot of 6.00 p.m. on a Friday.

On 22nd February, Jim's Thanksgiving service took place at St. Paul's Hadley Wood. Graham, although far from well, gave the Eulogy. He ended with the words "Farewell, my best friend, until we meet again".

Just twelve weeks later Graham's Thanksgiving Service was held at Monken Hadley. Bobby Ridgwell gave one of the Eulogies.

The exit music at both services was "**Bring Me Sunshine**"

Judy Rennie

Discovering Beech Hill Park

Pat Taylor's book commemorating the centenary of the Hadley Wood Golf Club in 2022 revealed that there was a forgotten entrance to Beech Hill Park. She referred to "a large map of the estate, which shows another entrance, possibly the main entrance, near Cockfosters".

Research into this possible 'main entrance' has cast a new light on the topography of Beech Hill Park, showing it to have been more elaborately designed than previously thought. Until now, planning applications and decisions have assumed that the Golf Club driveway on Beech Hill was the only entrance to the Russell Mansion (now the clubhouse) and to the grounds of Beech Hill Park.

Beech Hill Park's main entrance

The earliest Ordnance Survey map identifies the building beside the Beech Hill entrance as the Lodge, which has encouraged the assumption that it guarded the only entrance. A 1901 sale catalogue of the Estate does not mention any other access point, which would presumably have had a grander lodge if it was the main entrance. A map in the catalogue (*Fig. 1*) -shows that the drive from the Lodge continued southward and terminated at the Cockfosters Road somewhere near today's Coombehurst Close. In 1901 there was no sign of any building there that could have been another lodge.



Fig. 2

But the 1879 Ordnance Survey map (*Fig. 2*) shows that the driveway originally did not end there. It continued parallel to the Cockfosters Road until it died out just short of a property described in the 1901 sale catalogue as being rented to Mr Bradley, a builder.

A 1920 map (*Fig. 3*) shows that Mr Bradley's house existed until the Golf Club sold plots on Cockfosters Road for housing between the two World Wars. But even as early as 1879 it was not a lodge building guarding a forgotten entrance. The driveway did not even connect to it at that date and was already out of use. But it seems certain that an earlier building on that site, which is today nos. 351-355 Cockfosters Road (just north of the petrol station) was once a grand lodge that formed an imposing entrance to Beech Hill Park. A 1960 title plan for those houses shows the distinctive pointed shape of the plot, already visible on the 1920 map.



Fig.3

The main gate was as far from the mansion as possible, and the carriage drive followed the main road behind a screen of trees for a few hundred yards before turning inland. These details were carefully designed to reveal the park to full advantage as visitors drove through it to the mansion. Beech Hill Park illustrates how the landscaping, and the multiple views it provides, created a visual narrative and can still do so today.

A drive through Beech Hill Park

Beech Hill Park was laid out as a picturesque country estate, with the large white mansion on the hill being the focal point, as in Hassell's 1817 painting (*Fig. 4*). It was a typical example of the new type of country mansion favoured by wealthy professionals and businessmen from London who wanted a country residence. These estates were not as grand and extensive as the more distant stately homes of the nobility, but were designed to copy them on a smaller scale. Being within reach of the metropolis they could welcome and impress weekend visitors from the owner's London circle.

Entering Beech Hill Park by carriage, visitors had over a mile to travel to the mansion. It was a drive carefully contrived to show the landscaped park to all the passengers in turn. For the first 600 yards it followed the main road north, giving a view of the whole park and distant mansion to passengers at the left windows. It then turned north east and headed towards the lakes, giving passengers on the right a view similar to Hassell's painting, complete with ornamental cattle. Passing between the lakes, it turned in a broad sweep to the right, giving the left-hand passengers a view of the mansion as they approached it.



Fig. 4

The drive was an interactive experience. The layout of the park was not designed to allow the mansion to be appreciated, but rather to form an attraction in itself. The mansion was as much an ornament to decorate the landscape as was the token herd of cattle.

The Beech Hill Park Estate has remained intact and in private ownership, minus its historic entrance and lodge, in part because it was one of the few areas that was disposed of as a private freehold when Enfield Chase was enclosed in 1777. It later owed its survival to a shipping magnate and golf enthusiast who purchased it in 1924 when the farming owner's plans to break it up for housing fell through. The Piccadilly Line arrived at Cockfosters in 1933, hoping to trigger high-density housing development, but war shortages and the post-war Green Belt prevented further development.

The consequence of these historical accidents is a rare survival: an intact, carefully designed, compact country estate for a new type of Victorian London family.

Beech Hill Park's back entrance

The estate can also be seen from its entrance on Beech Hill. This was the back entrance, for tradespeople and staff. If the scenic driveway and imposing front door at the south side was the **upstairs**, the back entrance on the north side was the **downstairs**.

The design of this entrance ensures that the domestic structures – the Lodge and the now Grade II listed stable range – were carefully hidden from the gentry by the bulky mansion house whose undistinguished rear rooftop is visible above. The layout of Beech Hill Park neatly emphasises the upstairs/downstairs social structure of the era.

Hugh Small

Transforming Hadley Wood: Six Years of Vigilance and Community Spirit

The long standing success of Hadley Wood Security (HWS) together with the efforts of our local policing team have been second to none however, in 2018 our local police were stretched thin and with neighbouring areas demanding their attention Hadley Wood was not high on their list of priorities. A gap was identified which could provide a link – this gap was the creation of the Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) network, a collaboration sparked by the indefatigable PC Carl Bliss. Alongside dedicated residents Richard Walker and Simone Strauss, Carl helped weave the fabric of what would become a robust shield for our community, enabling residents to be the ‘eyes and ears’ as a first warning. Together, the HWS and NHW initiatives along with the Police represent the three pillars of our local security strategy, who tirelessly protect us day and night.

Many might assume our concerns are limited to stolen Range Rovers or the occasional lost dog. However, our scope is far broader, as illustrated by several recent incidents:

1. The Gold Bullion Scam

When a resident reported being targeted in a sophisticated gold bullion scam, the NHW sprang into action. Despite lacking crucial initial details like suspect times or vehicle descriptions, our network, using footage from residents' Ring cameras and HWS resources, managed to track the perpetrators' movements. It emerged that the criminals were using their own Uber accounts for transportation, a detail that proved pivotal. Our concerted efforts provided the police with the breakthrough they needed, ultimately dismantling an international crime ring and securing multiple arrests.

2. Indecent Exposure Case

In a shocking incident, NHW coordinators received a report of indecent exposure. Utilising HWS camera footage, we quickly identified the vehicle involved and gathered images and descriptions of the suspect. This evidence enabled the police to make an arrest in South London, with the case moving swiftly through the courts and culminating in a successful prosecution.

3. The Burglary Gang

Aware of a gang targeting our neighbourhood, intensifying their activities to aggravated burglary, our network faced a challenging foe. The gang cleverly used different stolen plates for each raid, complicating tracking efforts. However, through meticulous collaboration, NHW, HWS, and local police pieced together video evidence, identifying unique details like clothing and even the brand of gloves used—sold only once nationwide. These efforts led to the dramatic early morning arrest of the gang in Kent, with crucial evidence found in their possession.

4. Cannabis Farms

Our vigilance has led to the dismantling of numerous cannabis farms - Beech Hill Avenue, Camlet Way. Criminals turned properties into cannabis farms and even dug up the road posing as utility workmen to hook up to local energy supplies! Things to look out for: lots of activity all at one time on properties for example deliveries of building materials as well as garden materials (soil) when normally the garden is done last on developments. Landlords, please check in on your properties and report any unusual activity or be suspicious if you are not given access. Be wary of tenants that want to pay using cash!

5. Watch Thefts and Aggravated Assault

A resident was robbed of their watch whilst walking back from Hadley Wood Train Station by two males on bikes with Deliveroo boxes. The victim was threatened and attacked with a machete. NHW working with HWS were able to supply camera footage to the Police who were then able to link this to similar offences carried out in the local area. In addition, residents were targeted by the ‘hugger!’ A lady that would seem to ask a resident for help, then ‘hug’ them to say thank you. She

was actually unclasping their watchstrap that she then stole making off in a waiting car! Extensive camera work led to police chasing and catching the criminals who were actually part of a South American gang, wanted in Chile for other offences.

Over the past six years, NHW, HWS, and the Police have forged a strong alliance, striving towards a singular goal: keeping Hadley Wood safe. The success stories above are just a few examples of why these community-driven initiatives are invaluable.

Join Us in Keeping Hadley Wood Safe

We urge all residents not to take these efforts for granted. Please encourage new residents to join both NHW and the Hadley Wood Security Scheme, where Carl Bliss now dedicates his expertise. Please also be vigilant and report any suspicions to your co-ordinator. Your involvement is crucial to sustaining and building upon the successes we've achieved. Remember, residents run these schemes for residents, and with each new member, our community grows stronger.

Neighbourhood Watch in Partnership with Hadley Wood Security and Carl Bliss

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Method of payment and payment details

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Please identify any affiliate groups / clubs you have an association with:

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And for our information, groups that HWA supports:

Planning Forum Hadley Wood Security Neighbourhood Watch Other _____

Family membership

If you have family membership, and you have authority to do so, please provide the contact details and their permission to be contacted for each family member on a separate sheet.

Gift Aid Declaration

Name of charity: The Hadley Wood Association. Registered Charity Number 1079744

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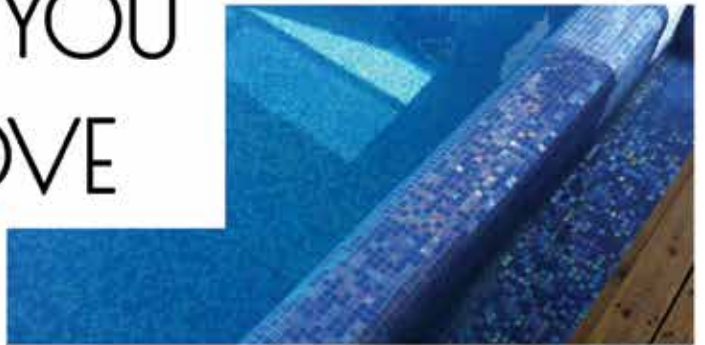


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