

WERA newsletter

Warner Estate Residents Association June 2017

WERA MEMBERSHIP

The WERA subscription is £3 per household per year. We hope you will be happy to pay your 2017/18 subscription. Please give your subscription to your road representative (see insert).

WERA

Since 1996, WERA has represented the residents of nine roads at the bottom of Muswell Hill: Redston Road, Danvers Road, Warner Road, Park Avenue North, Priory Avenue, Linzee Road, Clovelly Road, Baden Road and Priory Road (north side).

WERA acts on behalf of residents and monitors local issues which affect the area, including those concerning Alexandra Palace and Park, road safety, and planning development proposals.

WERA is affiliated to the Haringey Federation of Residents Associations and to Sustainable Haringey.

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WERA website

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A new zebra crossing for Priory Road – if the funding is there

For many years WERA has had concerns about traffic speeds on Priory Road. Five years ago we were pleased when a zebra crossing was installed near the Park Avenue North junction. The most worrying part of the road now is at the western end, with vehicles speeding down from the traffic lights at the bottom of Muswell Hill and many pedestrians crossing this wide section of road (often to get to and from the bus stops).

In 2015 WERA set up a Traffic Group to consider and put forward various traffic-calming proposals. The council then commissioned a survey of the volume and speed of traffic on Priory Road.

It also surveyed pedestrian footfall and crossing locations.

This March the council put forward proposals for a new zebra crossing just to the west of the Redston Road junction as well as raised entry treatments on Redston Road, Danvers Road and Warner Road.

The work for all of the above will be done in 2017/18 if the money is available.

Following discussion on the WERA Yahoo group, the Traffic Group responded to the council, welcoming these proposals and hoping that funding would be found.



Local activities 2016/17

WERA and the Eros statue

Although we are familiar with the history of the Warner Estate (see our website), it is only recently we realised that there is a link (if rather remote) between our area and the Eros statue (as it is commonly known) in Piccadilly Circus. In the late nineteenth century Henry Reader Williams

lived in the Priory Estate. For 50 years he had been Secretary of the Ragged School Union (founded by Lord Shaftesbury). He was also involved in local politics and particularly noted for saving open spaces such as Highgate Wood. To honour him, Hornsey Council built the Crouch End clock tower,

which was opened in his presence in 1895. The sculptor of the portrait plaque (see photo) was Albert Gilbert who also designed the Eros statue in Piccadilly Circus (a monument to Lord Shaftesbury). All this and more you can discover from Hornsey Historical Society publications.



Alexandra Palace and Park

Ally Pally seems to be busier than ever, which is good for its financial viability, but this can cause problems for neighbouring areas such as WERA. We have representatives on the APP committees so are able to raise residents' concerns. There has been a lot of controversy over the Palace's proposal to increase the number of events. In April the council's Licensing Committee reduced the number of proposed annual events from 42, as originally proposed, to 30. This number includes three "high volume" events (75 decibels). Two concessions were made by APP: there

will be a traffic management system around local roads for events of over 20,000 capacity; and there will be no circus events in the Paddock car park.

The Heritage Lottery-funded work on the restoration of the Victorian theatre (it will become a new cultural and performance space) is progressing well, but the BBC television studios project has been delayed.

Alexandra Park is considered to be well looked after by the managers and staff and by the Friends of Alexandra Park.



Victoria Stakes reopens

In October there was a serious fire at the Victoria Stakes, which resulted in it having to close. WERA is pleased to see this pub, owned by Ben and Lucy of Redston Road, has reopened after a major restoration. It seems to be more popular than ever.



Parking controls?

In April all residents received a letter asking them if they wanted the council to organise a full consultation on parking controls in Hornsey North. Again there was discussion about this on the WERA Yahoo group. The last time there was a consultation on parking controls, in 2014, there was minimal demand for controls.

WERA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

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Local planning applications

During the winter a resident's planning application resulted in a lot of discussion including on the WERA Yahoo group. At one stage WERA had made a response to the planners which attracted some criticism. The WERA Committee agreed that in future it will look at the options available for representing residents' interests so as not to draw the criticism received this time. It will also redirect residents who wish to comment on planning applications to the council planning website, so avoiding such an issue being divisive within WERA.

Waste and recycling

Due to financial constraints, the council has announced that it will start charging for garden waste and bulky waste collection. Other boroughs already do this. Details of how the charges will be implemented or when they will start are not yet available.

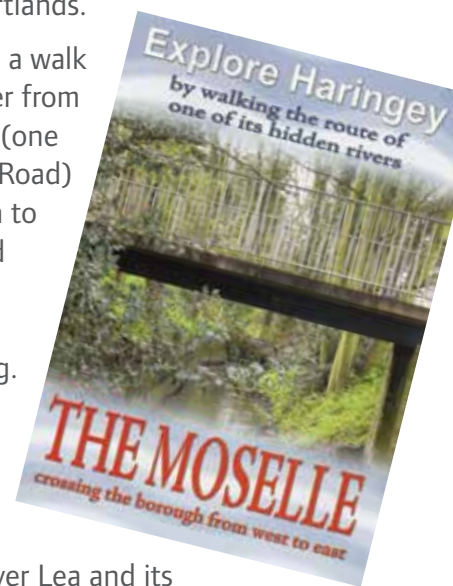
Some local residents have visited the Edmonton Eco Park, where our residual waste is burned and converted into electricity and our garden and food waste is made into compost.

River Moselle

At the 2016 WERA AGM Joyce Rosser gave a presentation on the River Moselle, which runs from Queen's Wood in Highgate across the borough to Markfield Park in Tottenham where it enters the River Lea. Most of the river was culverted in the late nineteenth century, although it can be seen on the surface in Lordship Recreation Ground and Tottenham Cemetery, and there are some suggestions that it might be uncovered at other places along its route such as the Haringey Heartlands.

A booklet which describes a walk along the route of the river from Highgate, across Hornsey (one tributary ran along Priory Road) and Wood Green and then to Tottenham was distributed at the meeting. It can be downloaded from www.haringeyfriendsofparks.org.uk/moselle_walk.php

The Love the Lea project www.thames21.org.uk/lovethalea is seeking to reduce pollution in the River Lea and its tributaries by identifying misconceptions (usually this is where people's dishwashers or washing machines have been incorrectly plumbed) and by installing sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) such as the rain gardens we have on Priory Common and in Rectory Gardens. There has been so little rain this winter and spring that it is difficult to tell how effective these rain gardens have been.



WERA as a community

WERA activities help to bring local residents closer together. So too does the WERA Yahoo email group, which now has over 300 members and is a lively forum for exchanging information about recommended tradespeople, unwanted goods and local events and concerns. To join the Yahoo email group, email Dick Hudson at dick@ling.ucl.ac.uk. The archive of past messages can be accessed on www.tinyurl.com/q4badyd. Our thanks to Dick for all the work he does in managing the Yahoo group and our website.

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Our trees

We are fortunate in having plane trees in most of our streets. These were planted when the estate was built. Of course, one-hundred-year-old plane trees need regular pollarding if they are not to get enormous and damage the houses. This spring some of these trees got their three-yearly pollarding (see photo) so they look rather sad, but without this treatment they would be the same height as the magnificent plane trees on Priory Common (about 25 metres) and towering over our houses.

Linzee Road and Baden Road never had plane trees so over the years other smaller trees have been planted. Similar types of trees are now planted in local roads when a plane tree needs to be cut down.



Crime and safety

WERA is a Neighbourhood Watch group and attends meetings of Haringey Neighbourhood Watch. We also receive regular newsletters about local crime matters from Muswell Hill Safer Neighbourhood Team.

OUR MP AND LOCAL COUNCILLORS

Catherine West MP

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Adam Jogee

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or email using firstname.lastname@haringey.gov.uk

Haringey Council

www.haringey.gov.uk

020 8489 0000

To report problems – dumped rubbish, graffiti, etc., email frontline@haringey.gov.uk

Metropolitan Police

If a crime is currently taking place and you are in immediate danger, dial 999. If you wish to contact the Metropolitan Police Service and it is not an emergency, call the non-emergency number, 101.

Our local Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Hornsey SNT

020 8721 2905

content.met.police.uk/Team/Haringey/Hornsey

Muswell Hill SNT

020 8721 2765

content.met.police.uk/Borough/Haringey

ADVANCE NOTICE

WERA

Annual General Meeting

This year the AGM will be on 7th September with a speaker on the Woodberry Wetlands. Full details will be circulated nearer the date.