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The Newsletter of the Hanger Hill
Garden Estate Residents Association
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The Residents Association exists to keep your views on the Estate heard and works to promote a strong community. The Committee members are all volunteers. If you would like to help out in any way please contact any Committee member. Enjoy this special edition of our Newsletter.

Princes Gardens central reservation to get a new look

Crowdfunding raises over £50,000 for 'Cherry Tree Walk' project

Princes Gardens' run down central reservation is to get a makeover, thanks to more than 70 individuals, organisations and local businesses who have pledged the funds to make it possible.

Take a close look at the 'straight' section, and you will see that most of the trees are dead, diseased or dying, smothered by the ivy and brambles that have taken over. The project will clear out the dead wood, prune healthy trees and shrubs and plant new trees and shrubs to restore the garden so that it stays healthy and beautiful for many years to come.

As you can imagine, it's been a busy Summer for the team of volunteers who have been co-ordinating the project. Two circulars were delivered to every house and flat on the Estate, inviting views, and the results



HHGERA diary dates

The next Play Street and community gardening won't be until next year but come to Café 11 at North Ealing from 3 - 5pm on Saturday 2nd December and then the first Saturday of every month for a drop-in social event and update on HHGERA activities and news.

were presented at a super event at Café 11 and the Harvest Festival Playstreet on the 30th September, which raised over £280.00 for the project. We also held lots of meetings of local residents but also with local Police, businesses and specialist contractors to help refine the plans. The aim is to start work on a trial section at the northern end this winter and then restore the main southern section in 2018.

Consultation and surveys: how the plans have developed

The proposal has changed a lot since plans were put on display at the AGM in March and the initial circular went out in July



Residents discussing the project at a Consultation evening at Cafe 11

A huge thankyou...

...to everyone who has supported the Princes Gardens restoration project so far. You know who you are but we would like to thank in particular:

- Ealing Council (for providing a huge £32,600 grant from its Transform Your Space fund)
- Car Giant (£3,000 pledged toward the project)
- Transport for London (will supply and plant 20 trees)
- John Ward Garden & Landscape Design (providing design and project consultation)
- Hanger Hill councillors (£2,000 from Ward Forum and Harvest Fest jam)
- Other local businesses including Grimshaw Estate Agents, Conway Chemist, Crown Plumbing and Café 11
- Support team at www.spacehive.com (for their platform and teaching us about crowdfunding)
- More than 70 individuals who pledged up to £100 each
- Everyone who has shared their time, knowledge, comments, ideas and energy to get us this far.
- Japan Services

Environmental Study Planned

Not long ago, you could often see hedgehogs, badgers and nuthatches on our Estate but most have gone as the surrounding land has been developed. With the Princes Gardens project set to disturb another wild area, local businessman and author Quentin Phillipps has offered to fund an environmental survey of the whole Estate, as a first step toward developing a master plan. London Wildlife Trust will be doing the survey in Spring 2018.



Consultation: Over the last few months we have heard lots of different views on the project. Thank you to everyone who has talked to us! Here are some of the things we have changed:

Surveys: every tree and shrub has been surveyed to identify the replanting needed. An environmental survey will develop a master plan for Estate and surrounds.

Roadsafety: on advice from Police and Ealing's community safety team, a key priority is to make the pedestrian crossing points much safer through improved visibility.

Noise and pollution: planting the gaps with new trees and shrubs means facing houses will be protected from traffic fumes and noise over the long term – and keep their privacy.

Environment: a diverse and nature-friendly plant list is being developed, with less open areas and a bigger variety of plants, trees and shrubs than originally suggested. **Beauty:** planting will be chosen for year-round interest – cherry blossom and Spring bulbs for continuity but also evergreens, fruiting trees and shrubs, and Autumn colour.

Access: Residents and the police agree that the area will not include any seating or walking paths - planting will act as an access barrier preventing people entering the area.

Find out more

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Time for a face-lift

It has been clear for a while that the central reservation needed attention. But as more and more trees started dying, we faced a stark choice: leave the area to deteriorate into a pile of dead wood, brambles and ivy, or try to restore it to its former beauty.

Initial plans and costings were shown at the Residents Association AGM in March. The meeting agreed the proposal and a working party was set up. Raising the money was key, so crowdfunding was launched. We have hit our funding target so the facelift can begin.

