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## UPMINSTER & CRANHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Housing Target increased by 60% by Mayor of London

Last month the Mayor of London published his 'London Local Plan' which aims to build 650,000 households by 2029, with Havering earmarked for 18,750 (1,875 per annum) over the decade - 705 more than the figure (1,170 per annum) recently included in the draft Havering Local Plan. Targets set for nearby councils are Greenwich (3,511 pa), Barking & Dagenham (2,264 pa), Redbridge (1,979 pa) Waltham Forest (1,794 pa) and Newham (3,850 pa). Our borough is over 50% green belt and these target figures are simply unsustainable and unrealistic. More homes are needed, but so is the corresponding infrastructure - such as schools, medical centres and transport to create a sustainable community which retains the character of our borough. This new target is an increase of 60% on the previous figure, which was challenging enough to deliver. There is a consultation, which we would encourage residents to respond to, which runs until 2nd March 2018 (see [London.gov.uk](http://London.gov.uk)) and comments can be made by email to [LondonPlan@londongov.uk](mailto:LondonPlan@londongov.uk), via the on-line tool at [London.gov.uk](http://London.gov.uk) or in writing to London Plan Team, City Hall, London, SE1 2AA. We shall keep you updated on this important matter.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

### Upminster Christmas Event



Councillor Ron Ower, The Mayor Upminster Residents' Councillor Linda Van den Hende, Chris Wilkins Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association Chairman, Councillor Linda Hawthorn

(From left to Right).

### Happy New Year to You All

We wanted to once again thank our volunteers over the past year who have delivered the Bulletin and collected subscriptions. We aim to visit all our members over the course of the year as a means to hear what you have to say about the community we live in. A very warm welcome



to all the new households that joined us in 2017 - we are looking forward to working with and representing you in 2018.

The Residents' Association has been active for over 70 years,

serving on your behalf, something we will continue to do this year and beyond. Stay tuned for updates from us on our plans for the next twelve months. Also next year will be a busy year for us with the local council elections being held in May and we would appreciate your support during this busy period. Again, as always please do not hesitate to get in touch with ideas or issues you would like us to contest or celebrate on your behalf.

Chris Wilkins

Chairman, Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association

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My Council colleague Ron Ower and I would like to thank all of you who attended the "Upminster Christmas Lights Switch on Event" at the end of November in record numbers once again.



Thanks for your kind comments on the event.

We would like to thank Upminster (The Bell) School for hosting the free fairground rides for the children which was sponsored by us your local Upminster & Cranham Residents Association. Also the Friends of Upminster Windmill, The Old Chapel, Havering College, Stubbers Outdoor Adventure Centre,

Retired Greyhounds Association. Waitrose Supermarket. Gemmas Dance School - the children danced really well, Local Churches Choir - nice to hear traditional songs, Crusaiders First Aid and to Bedrock Hospital Radio for their PA system and playing some nice festive music. Father Christmas paid a special visit with his float from The local Havering East Rotary. A thank you to the Councils Communication Departments Officers who helped sitting up the stalls and arranging for the gifts for the children and for the support of the Ward Police. We would also like to thank the additional businesses for their financial support for the Christmas lights fund in addition to the list published last month: Yogi News, Swan Books, Westway Travel, Stanton & Doran, Ken Rhodes Group, Pinney Talfourd. Finally, a huge thank you to our colleague The Mayor Upminster Residents Councillor Linda Van den Hende who switched on the lights. She was pleased on how many children stopped to say hello to her. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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## 2018 Elections to Havering Council

Councillors June Alexander (Cranham) and Linda Van den Hende (Upminster) have decided not to seek re-election. The Executive Committee of the Upminster & Cranham Residents' Association have agreed to put the following forward for ratification at the AGM as the Association's candidates in next year's election: Clarence Barrett, Gillian Ford and John Tyler for the Cranham Ward and Linda Hawthorn, Ron Ower and Chris Wilkins for the Upminster Ward. Future editions will carry articles on the contributions both retiring Councillors have made over many years.

## Association AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Upminster & Cranham Residents' Association takes place on Monday 26th February

at 7.30pm at The Old Chapel, St. Marys lane. The AGM will be followed by a talk on the progression of works on the Upminster Windmill.

## Connies Farewell

After a great deal of thought and deliberation I have decided to retire from my charity work. It has been 25 years since I first started at St Francis Hospice Shop in St. Marys Lane and then in 2009 opening the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity Shop in Corbets Tey Road. I say "I" but in fact it was great team effort and what a loyal team you have always been, many of you for 25 years. To you all I say from the bottom of my heart a big thank you for all your support and hard work in making the shop a success and I know we will remain friends. This thank you also includes my wonderful husband Tony and my family whose support has meant so much to me, and lastly to you the public for your generous donations and the customers for their loyal support. I wish the shop continuous success in the future.

Connie

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## Remembrance Sunday

Over six hundred people rallied around the Upminster War Memorial on November 12th to join the many other services across the borough and country in marking Remembrance Sunday. A parade from the British Legion



Club in St Mary's Lane joined up with many hundreds of people at the Upminster War Memorial to observe a service conducted by the Revd. Susannah Brasier of St Laurence Church and the laying of wreaths from local community groups, Council, cadets, voluntary

groups, British Legion, military, the Upminster & Cranham Residents' Association (pictured), scouts, cubs, girl guides and brownies - and many other local groups and organisations. It was great to see so many people in attendance to pay their respects in an impeccably observed service. With so many young people present, it's important that the significance and prominence of the occasion is carried through from generation to generation.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

## Upminster People

Upminster Camera Club is embarking on an ambitious project to take images of people living, working or just passing through Upminster during the whole of 2018. The emphasis is on capturing people in their normal daily life. The photographs will be exhibited at the Havering Museum, for six weeks from June 29th 2019 and will be archived under the care of Havering's Local Studies and Family History department.

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photo sometime next year and hope that this introduction will encourage you to cooperate with their contribution for the future. For further information, please get in touch through: info@upminstercameraclub.co.uk

## Christmas Events

Once again it was really

heartening to see the effort that many local organisations made to make the lead up to Christmas special around Upminster and Cranham. Particular highlights for my young daughter were the arrival of Santa at Roomes, the activities in the Upminster Infant School's playground during the Upminster Christmas tree switch-on and the Christmas Tree Festival in the Methodist Church, which she went to with my wife and liked so much that she wanted to go back again with the rest of the family. It is good to know that community spirit is alive and well in our area!

John Tyler

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## King George A&E Saved from Closure

The proposal to close the Accident & Emergency Department at King George Hospital in 2019 has been shelved. A new review will now be undertaken which will seek to embed a sustainable service that is responsive to the needs of the community in terms of access and capacity. In a statement released by the East London Health & Care Partnership (ELHCP), they confirmed the existing A&E at King George will continue to operate as it does now. The announcement follows recommendations made by consulting group Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) after a recent strategic review. The decision also comes after a decade of campaigning by cross-party and cross-council support across Redbridge and Havering. Particular concerns were that Queen's Hospital A&E, already under great pressure, would be unable to cope with A&E provision for a much wider area should King George A&E close.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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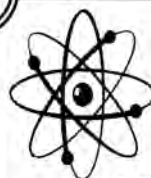
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## Mayor's Charity Variety Show

I have organised a variety show at the Queens Theatre on Tuesday 16 January 2018 at 7pm with all proceeds going to my three nominated charities, First Step, Dementia UK and Havering Volunteer Centre. Acts will be a mixture of dance, singers, musicians and the Royal British Legion Band. This is an opportunity to showcase local talent, mainly young people and I hope you will be able to support me. Tickets are £15 and available now from the Queens Box office.  
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Cllr LINDA VAN DEN HENDE  
Mayor of Havering

## The Chase

Congratulations to local resident Becca who was on the winning team on The Chase hosted by Bradley Walsh on ITV. Becca helped the team to beat the Chaser. Really great. Well done.

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www.thameschase.org.uk

**Sunday Market** at the Forest Centre on Sunday 14th January 10am-2pm for craft and produce stalls.

**Thames Guided Walk to Hornchurch Country Park** on Friday 26th January meeting in the car park off Squadrons Approach at 10am for a circular walk on surfaced paths.

**Thames Chase Quiz Evening** on Friday 26th January from 7.30pm at The Old Chapel, Upminster. Tables of 8. Book at the Forest Centre. £5 per person (Bring your own refreshments)  
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## Charity Fundraising Concert

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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

## Havering Autism Strategy

I was delighted to hear that the Autism strategy for Havering was accepted by the Health and Wellbeing Board of the Council. This will allow the Autism Partnership Board to which I have been chair to move forward with its strategy. There are many objectives of the strategy and there is still much to do though this is a platform to develop the strategy further. There are 5 main key themes of the strategy:

1. Increasing awareness and understanding of ASC

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2. Developing a clear and consistent pathway for diagnosis
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5. Working with local partners to help them develop suitable services

The strategy is for a 5 year period though will be kept under constant review. There were many stakeholders involved in the development of the plan including local groups and I would like to thank Sycamore Trust, RIEES and SENA for their time and commitment as well as those of Council Officers. Further details of the policy is on the Council website.

Cllr DARREN WISE

## Big Band Concert

The David Pickthall Big Band will be performing two sets on Saturday 13th January at 7pm, St Laurence Church, Corbets Tey Road, Upminster. Adults £12 Under 18/Students £6 & under 5-free. Tickets 01708 220696 parish.office@upminsterparish.co.uk.

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Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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If you are as like minded as us and would like to come along and join us, we would like to hear from you. Alternatively, if you

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## James Oglethorpe School PSPO

Havering Council have said that the PSPO (Public Space Protection Order) around the school was to improve safety for children, and this has now been achieved. The pilot PSPO scheme was originally consulted on in March 2016. The follow up feedback consultation conducted in May, June and July 2017 also concluded the size and hours of operation are appropriate.

The November 2017 issue of "The Bulletin" gave information on the expansion of the school recently to a two-form entry school. From September 2017, and as this continues over the next few years, the school pupil population will grow.

If you have any queries or concerns on the impact of this on the streets of the surrounding area of the PSPO project Havering Council can be contacted on 01708 434730 or by e-mail: school-pspo@haverincab.org.uk

Len Reeder

## Litter Fines to Increase

I was pleased to note a government announcement stating that the maximum fine for littering will increase from £75 to £150 from April 2018 (I would prefer £500, but at least a step in the right direction). In addition, councils will be able to impose fines on owners of vehicles from which litter is thrown, without the need to identify exactly which occupant threw the litter, bringing the rest of the country into line with London. Littering is a blight on our communities, is an environmental hazard and wastes money which could be better used fixing our pavements, looking after our vulnerable and supporting our local economies. Let's hope the increase in fines is followed by an increase in enforcement.

Cllr CLARENCE BARRETT

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Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

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- 9 Tuesday - Upminster and District Horticultural Society - AGM and first lecture of the New Year 'Growing for the Flower Arranger All Year Round' presented by Maikie Windhorst. The meeting runs from 7.45pm until 9.45pm and is held in The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Admission is free to members and £2 for non-members. For more details visit www.upminsterhorticulturalsociety.co.uk
- 9 Tuesday - NADFAS (Havering) welcomes Clare Phillips with a talk on 'American Glamour - 150 years of Tiffany and Co's Jewellery. Lecture 10.45am Coffee from 10.00am. Visitors welcome at £8. Meetings are held at The New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster RM14 2QH. Further details of forthcoming lectures and events can be found at www.haveringdfas.org.uk
- 9 Tuesday - Oglethorpe Women's Institute We are having a Social Evening. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.45 pm. Contact Secretary Mrs. E. Bell on 01708 251161.
- 10 Wednesday - Nemes Women's Institute meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and welcome new members of all ages. Meetings are held at Nemes United Reformed Church
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- 10 Wednesday - Upminster and District Probosc Club meet at The Cranleigh, 84 Station Road, Hornchurch, RM12 6LX. Contact Barry on 01708 703783 and leave a message or send an email secretary@upminsterprobosc.com.
- 11 Thursday - Upminster and Cranham W.I. are looking for new members. We meet in the St. Laurence Hall (next to the Library) in Upminster. Doors open at 1.30 pm for a 2 pm start till 4 pm. We have talks on a wide range of subjects. We have lunches, afternoon teas, Outings and more. Why not come along and give us a try and meet new friends. For more information please contact President Margaret Reynolds on 01708 471977.
- 12 Friday - RSPB Havering Local Group Indoor Meeting - Peter Holden MBE presents an illustrated talk entitled 'Born to Travel' the story of bird migration. 7:30pm - 9:45pm. All meetings take place upstairs in the Meeting Room at Hornchurch Library, Hornchurch. Entrance is £3.
- 14 Sunday - OASIS - A 'disability-friendly' meeting for adults at Cranham Baptist Church, Severn Drive. A traditional Sunday Service is not for everyone! We invite you to come and start the New Year with us! Oasis meetings are accessible, friendly and informal. If you are interested in coming please contact the Oasis Team on: 01708 223551 or 07714 853545. 3.00 to 4.30 pm.
- 16 Tuesday - Upminster U3A Janet Brewer 'Egyptian Queens and Court gossip'. University of the Third Age - meets at 1pm on the third Tuesday monthly in the New Windmill Hall, St Mary's Lane, Upminster. Doors open at 12.30pm. For further information about

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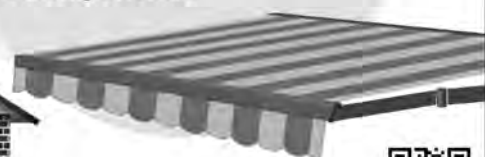
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16 Tuesday - Cranham Engayne W.I. welcomes new members and visitors. Meetings held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 pm to 4 pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens.

17 Wednesday - Hornchurch Harmonies W.I., meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except August) between 7.30pm - 9.45pm at Havering Indoor Bowls Club RM11 1JU. Visitors fee £3.50 includes tea and cake.

18 Thursday - Upminster Wine and Social Club meet on the third Thursday of the month at 8 pm in the Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, Cranham. For more information contact Maureen Jasper on 01708 223956, or simply come along on the night.

19 Friday - Havering Antique and Collectors Club meet at the Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood. Starting at 7.30 pm. Charlie Haylock - History of Surnames. Guests £4. For further details please call our Chairman Mrs Chris Lovett 07947 367258.

23 Tuesday - Upminster Camera Club Outings Competition (Prints & PDI) Judge: Andy Brett (Our Outings Secretary). Cranham Community Association, 115a Marlborough Gardens, Upminster, RM14 1SR. 7.45pm. [www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk](http://www.upminstercameraclub.org.uk)

24 Wednesday - Upminster Park Towns Womens Guild meet on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 2 pm to 4 pm in Derham Hall (behind Upminster Library), Upminster. Afternoon tea, talks and outings amongst a friendly group of ladies, all most welcome. For more information contact Deborah Pryor on 01708 226127 or Ann Monk on 01708 226305 or simply come along.

27 Saturday - RSPB Havering Local Group Coach Outing - RSPB Dungeness NR, Kent. The

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29 Monday - Breathe Easy - Havering meet at St Andrews Church, Hornchurch, in aid of the British Lung Foundation on the last Monday of the month. The meetings run from 1.30 - 3pm, £3 donation is appreciated. We are a support group for people with COPD, Asthma or other Breathing Difficulties. For details please ring Joyce on 01708 226696 or Elaine on 01708 509127.

### FEBRUARY

3 Saturday - The Havering Branch of the East of London Family History Society at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster RM14 2SJ doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. The talk is 'The de Havilland Aircraft Museum' with Alistair Hodgson. The Internet & Technology Group meet at the same venue 11am - 1pm where a Q&A session is followed by 'A Workshop' (bring your queries). Teas and coffees can be purchased. Members and visitors welcome to either or both.

6 Tuesday - Oglethorpe Women's Institute Talk on the 'The History of Music in Motion Pictures' with Keith Nott. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us. Our meetings are held at Cranham Social Hall, 103 Front Lane, RM14 1XL on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.45 pm. Contact Secretary Mrs. E. Bell on 01708 251161.

7 Wednesday - Harold Wood Evening W.I. meet on the 1st Wednesday on the month at the War Memorial Hall in Gubbins Lane 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start. Hopefield Animal Sanctuary Competition: Bring along an Animal Figurine the best wins a prize. Visitors welcome entrance is £4.50, which includes refreshments. For more details please ring Joanne on 0787 5670419.



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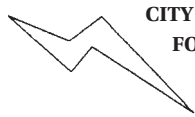
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