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Cllrs Phil Ruck, Chris Wilkins, Linda Hawthorn, John Tyler, Gillian Ford, Oscar Ford (left to right)

We are delighted to be elected to represent Upminster and Cranham, receiving some of the highest number of votes on the Council. We truly appreciate that without you, our supporters, none of this could happen. We would like to personally thank everyone who voted for us, and will assure you we will be doing our best not to let you down.

> Cllrs OSCAR FORD, LINDA HAWTHORN and CHRIS WILKINS for Upminster Cllrs GILLIAN FORD, JOHN TYLER and PHIL RUCK for Cranham

The Administration for Havering

The success of the independent residents' Councillors at the local elections in May was phenomenal and has created a great opportunity for your Councillors to have a bigger voice on how local affairs are going to be managed over the next 4 years. As we go to print, the final outcome on the future of the Administration for Havering remains to be finalised. Watch this space!

Street parties

Best wishes to Her Majesty on her 70th Platinum Jubilee. A number of roads applied to have their roads closed thus enabling them to hold "street parties" to celebrate. We hope these go well.



Havering Residents **Association** "Change is Coming"

The Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association are proud to be members of Havering Residents Association - working together on behalf of local people across Havering.

Welcome

May we take this opportunity in welcoming all the new households that have joined us. Our annual subscription is a mere £2 per year. Whilst we hope to cover the cost of The Bulletin through advertising, we need funds to cover any legal bills and in the past have spent substantial amounts on planning issues and expenses to keep your Residents' Association working on behalf of the community. We take an active interest in supporting you and will continue to do so. We are active all the time, not just election times.

Green Gym for Hall Lane Playing Fields

The Friends of Hall Lane Playing Fields are delighted to announce that an application for the installation of an outdoor 'green' gym for the playing fields has been approved by the Council. The green gym represents a substantial investment for the playing fields and will help promote physical health and mental wellbeing within the local

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community. The Friends Group will be working with the Parks Team and Upminster Hall Sports Association regarding the location of the equipment. The green gym is one of many projects identified by the Group for improving the recreational facilities and amenities of the site for the benefit of all members of the community. If you're interested in joining the Friends Group and helping to shape the future of the playing fields please contact the secretary at: k.kilbey@ntlworld.

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Foodbank

The Foodbank is under severe strain with increased requests for assistance. If you can donate via one of the supermarkets, that's great, but not everything clients need is donated in sufficient quantity so it is helpful for them to have monetary donations as well so they can stock up on items donated less often. And they have to meet the costs associated with running a warehouse; it all adds up. You could send a cheque, payable to Kingdom Storehouse Ltd, to the Harold Hill Food Bank,

Unit 1, Guardian Business Centre, Faringdon Avenue, Romford, RM3 8FD, or you could go online to https://haroldhill.foodbank.org. uk/give-help/donate-money/ Please consider donating - it could make so much difference to a family in need.

Beware of Scams

Each month we get details of "scams" the latest where residents get a call asking for bank details so they can receive the Government's £150 energy rebate or getting a text or a call saying you are entitled to a tax rebate. Please be careful these scammers are very clever. If you get a call and are concerned do not give out personal details.

New Upminster Organiser

Chris Wilkins has stepped down as the Upminster Organiser, and Gio Anastasi has taken over the position. Gio has been a member of the Bulletin team, as an Area Controller, and has now agreed to take over the Upminster Organiser role. Welcome Gio!



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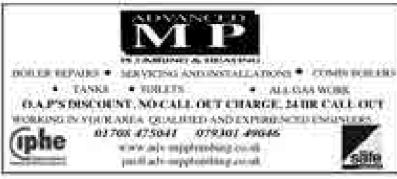


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Upminster Windmill Gardens and Visitor Centre

Over 300 people visited Upminster Windmill over the Easter weekend, when the grounds, gardens and visitor centre were opened to the public, enabling them to enjoy the surroundings and get a taste of what will be on offer when the restoration work is complete and the mill can once again be open for visitors. This remains planned for April 2023.



Visitors were also given a preview of the attractive and interactive educational displays that are being developed to help them learn about the mill and its history.

The touchscreen technology is easy to use and the displays are visually stunning. Because of the success of the trial openings, further openings will be held on Saturday, 4 June and Sunday, 5 June, from 11am to 4pm on both days. Entrance is free and, weather permitting, the sails will be turning. Please note that there will be no parking on the field. The nearest Council car park is just across the road at the New Windmill Hall.

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National Highways consultation for the upcoming Lower Thames **Crossing Local Refinement** consultation runs until Monday, 20th June. Further information can be found on the link below.

https://nationalhighways. co.uk/our-work/lower-thamescrossing/latest-news/furtherconsultation-for-lower-thamescrossing/

In addition, National Highways have also announced a series of walking and cycling and horse riding route proposals. These proposals will be included as part of the upcoming consultation and further details can be found on the link below:

https://nationalhighways. co.uk/our-work/lower-thamescrossing/walkers-cyclists-andhorse-riders/

We will keep you informed of any further news on this.

Springfield Playgroup, **Upminster Baptist Church**

Are you looking for a playgroup for your 3 year old? We still have a few spaces available for September 2022. If your child will be 3 years old by 1 September 2022 and you are in need of a childcare setting from 9am-12noon weekdays in term time we might be able to help. Springfield Playgroup has been running since 1968 and was awarded Outstanding by Ofsted in March 2019. We have places for 26 children per morning with 6 staff so our ratios are high.

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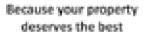


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For many visitors to Brick Lane a must buy would be a "bagel" or as many Eastenders would say a "beigel" especially with smoked salmon. Interesting to see in our Upminster shopping centre The Brick Lane Bagel Company are opening up in Corbets Tey Road. Go along and say hello.

The Comedy Loft @Coopers'

On Saturday, 25thJune a new comedy club is coming to Coopers' in association with

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Tithe Barn

The Tithe Barn Museum of Nostalgia has the following open days this year. The Barn is open from 10.30am to 4pm in Hall Lane. There is a free car park and disabled parking space is available. Entry is free.

June 4 & 18, July 2 & 16, August 6 & 20, September 3 & 17, October 1. They have an a excellent website upminstertithebarn.co.uk

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Nice local people

It was really great when canvassing for our Residents' Association candidates in the local elections seeing some old friends and getting confirmation of what a nice area we live in with the benefit of nice people living here. As an example I was in Aldi supermarket recently ... yes the wines are great, when a young lady came back into the store absolutely distressed.

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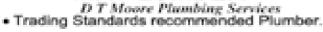
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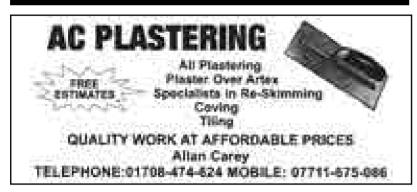


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Knives disposal

We asked the Council where knives could be disposed of. They confirmed they should be placed in the scrap metal bin at the Gerpins Lane tip; there is no dedicated container. Please be careful when taking them to the

Upminster station - a model railway

Local resident Lee Whall is in the process of recreating Upminster station in OO scale model railway. The project has progressed significantly and the footbridge,





platforms 1-6 and the shelter on platform 6 along with a wealth of locomotives are complete. Production of the beautiful old station building is his next task and is one third complete, but Lee is seeking the help of local residents to provide more information about the history of the building, acknowledging the legacy and significant role the railway line and Upminster station has played to provide residents with a travel network into the City of London and out to the seaside



in a short train ride. Lee asks "what are the building blocks and elements that have created such a wonderfully beautiful station that we have the pleasure to call 'home' on arrival?" Residents can look at the progress of this project online, via YouTube searching for Lee Whall. You will see the links to the videos and can not only watch, but comment on the project. Lee also welcomes any thoughts via email leemwhall@gmail.com

On completion his dream is to take the station to the Havering Show and is seeking any information or photos to help ensure every detail is captured.

Southend Adventure Island and tickets

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You will be given a voucher to take to the kiosk in Adventure Island and there you will be given the wristband for the rides. Wristbands tickets are valid for all days that the park is open up to the end of 2022. All tickets are £15 regardless of height, but height restrictions still apply on rides.

All money raised goes to the **Engayne Primary Friends** Association. Our registered charity number is:1107207.

Bell school barrier

We often get frustrated at how long it can take the Council to address a repair. I reported to the Council that the safety barrier in St Mary's Lane outside the Bell school had been bashed by a vehicle. I hate to think what the condition of the vehicle was in. The Council repaired the barrier quickly. At the time of writing still waiting to see when the black bollard that was hit sometime earlier will be repaired.

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Players' player of the year and the Supporters' player of the year was Tom Wraight (pictured).

Special 100

appearance



awards were handed out to Joe Christou, Jordan Clark, Tobi Joseph, Lewwis Spence, Remi Sutton and Joe Wright.

Special 200 appearance awards were handed out to Nathan Bertram-Cooper and Rickie Hayles.

Mike Alexander was awarded Clubman of the Year.

Dave Holland (kitman) was given

a special recognition award as he has decided to retire at the end of this season.

Ray Stainer was given a special award for supporting the club for 75 years.

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The 6th annual exhibition will

include over 60 pieces of work on display and for sale - ranging from £10 to £2,000 from a wide range of local artists, both amateur and professional.

Our annual Art Competition for Children also returns this year. Encouraging engagement with the natural environment this year's theme is Enjoying The Forest. The artwork can be any medium eg. paint, pencil, charcoal, collage or sculpture and to enter you just need to send an image of your favourite artwork to enquiries@ thameschase.org.uk with the sentence 'I love forests because..." completed, by 23:59 on 15th August. Entries will be judged in 2 categories (4-10yrs and 11-16yrs).



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Feeding the ducks

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ducks and swans. We have been asked to remind you that whilst the ducks will eat bread, they need a varied diet to be healthy and bread does not have much nutritional value. It fills the duck's stomach so it doesn't forage for the food it should naturally eat, which can lead to malnutrition. Bread can also attract rodents. The Canal & River Trust has an excellent website www.canalrivertrust. org.uk with some really useful information. They recommend the sweetcorn, lettuce, frozen peas, oats, seeds and rice. A healthy duck is a happy duck.

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Queen's Theatre, Never Never



Queen's Theatre is thrilled to be celebrating 30 years of nurturing

and showcasing young talent through its dynamic youth theatre, QYouth this July. The Theatre has specially commissioned James Watson and Andrew Linham to write a brand-new musical, Never Never, set to be Queen's Theatre's biggest youth theatre production to date featuring 180 young people aged 6 - 18, representing every

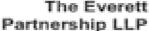


ward of the borough.

Never Never gives a 1960's twist on a well-loved tale. This brand-new journey to Neverland promises all the fun of the fair, where life is one big game of adventure, and you never never want to grow up. But time is ticking for our radio pirates as an all-new generation battle for the beaches of Neverland in this summer's awfully big continued on page 13



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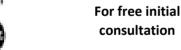
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BOOK REVIEW: Dear Nobody -Berlie Doherty

Dear Nobody contains the fictional letters of a pregnant teenager to her unborn baby. She shares her personal thoughts and feelings in a sensitive and touching way.

This book is solely written in the first person, which helps the reader to strongly connect with the teenager as she delivers powerful insights into her life. I was taken on a rollercoaster of emotions by the teenager pouring out her heartfelt feelings. This made me feel like I was in the story, experiencing a mirror image of the highs and lows.

Dear Nobody is part of the Penguin Originals Collection which confronts big issues and deals with difficult truths. The book's author, Berlie Doherty, won a Carnegie medal, a British literary award that recognises an outstanding book for children or young adults.

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to go through a teen pregnancy. I would highly recommend it to any teenager who loves heartwrenching, emotional stories.

Local Elections 2022

Back in 2018 the Resident Association Councillors in Harold Wood decided to separate away from all of the other Residents' Associations in Havering under the name the Harold Wood North Havering Residents Group.

In 2019 the HRA was established and a decision was taken for a team to be set up in Harold Wood that would be prepared to work with all of the Residents' Associations in Havering. We were that team and have over the last few months helped residents that have had issues and problems to the best of our ability. The team will continue to support you over the next four years, and we would like to say a huge thank you to those that had the confidence in us to vote for us on 5th May 2022.

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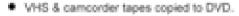
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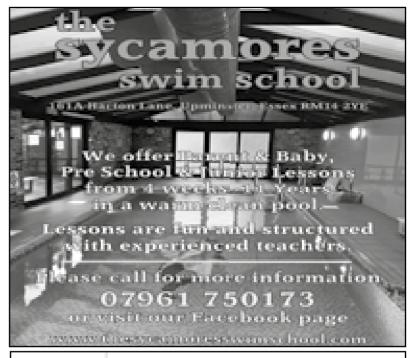
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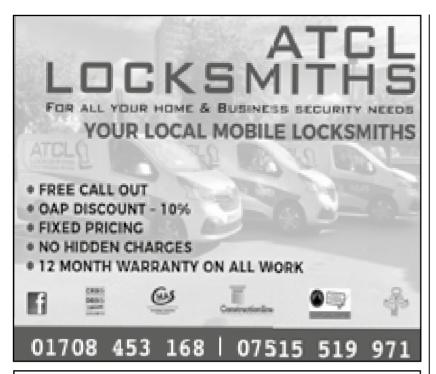
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To be held at Upminster Infant/ Junior School on Saturday, 25th June between 12pm - 3pm. We have many wonderful items, including a BBQ, a prosecco & pimms bar, ice cream van, music, games/stalls, beat the goalie, sponge the teachers, archery, nerf, craft and much more. Come and join us.

Cranham Engayne WI

Calling ladies to a monthly, afternoon social event, to meet others in a relaxed, cosy setting. We are Cranham Engayne WI. We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm (doors open 1pm) at Cranham Community Association, 115A Marlborough Gardens, Upminster RM14 1SR. Enquiries to Stephanie Woodburn - *01708 443374*. Come on girls, don't be shy, take a trip to the WI.

"Learn, Laugh and Live!"

Havering U3A meet at 2.30pm on the second Wednesday of the

month at St. Michael's Church Hall, Main Road, Gidea Park. Interest groups run throughout the month.

Wednesday, 8th June, Dave Allen will be speaking "Manners Please Dearest".

Doors open 2.15pm. For more information come along or see our website:

u3asites.org.uk/havering

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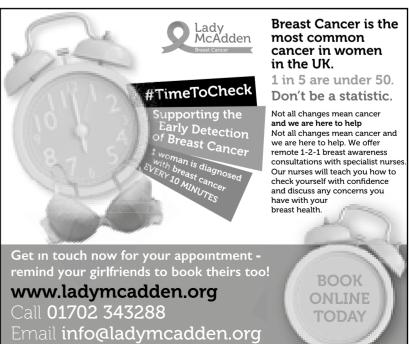
Coffee morning and sale of crafts, puzzles, books and other goods on Saturday, 11th June from 10am to 12noon at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster. All proceeds to Ahava (formerly Hope4Havering).

Havering Concert Orchestra Summer Concert

We are delighted that soprano Jennifer Tatnall will be joining us to sing Richard Strauss' 'Four Last Songs'. As a professional singer with a vast repertoire, Jennifer has many years' experience performing roles not only from classical music, but from popular culture, theatre and show songs. The Concert starts with Engelbert Humperdinck's - Prelude: Hänsel und Gretel and after the interval: Tchaikovsky's - Symphony No 4. We can always hope for an encore from Jennifer!

The Concert is on Saturday, 2nd July at 7.30pm at Frances Bardsley Academy, Brentwood Road, Romford RM1 2RR.

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Havering Antique Collectors'

Friday, 17th June – **Anita Howard** – **Toys of the 1940s and 1950s.**

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Wingletye Ladies Probus Luncheon Club

We are a friendly group of ladies, aged 50+, who meet at the Cranleigh Restaurant on the first Thursday of each month. We have a speaker before lunch and a number of outings are arranged from time to time. At present we have a few VACANCIES and you are assured of a warm welcome if you wish to join us. For further details please contact the Secretary, Sheila Edwards on 01708 469235.

Havering Astronomical Society

Wednesday, 15 June, 7.15pm for 7.30pm The Apollo moon landings from 11 to 17 to be presented by Jerry Workman, a regular speaker to our society.

Please see the website www. havastro.co.uk or email enquiries@havastro.co.uk for more details.

Young Astronomers – Thursday, 30 June 7-8pm. The Young Astronomers (aged 8-16) meet on the last Thursday of each month for talks, demonstrations, space news and observing when possible. New members always welcome, first meeting free, annual subscription £20. Please email young.astronomers@havastro.co.uk for more information.

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Havering Local Group - monthly wildlife walk

Phyllis Currie Nature Reserve, Great Leighs, CM3 1PE. A walk to look for orchids and other wildflowers, dragonflies and butterflies. Meet in the car park in Dumney Lane on Saturday, 4 June 2022 from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

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The Arts Society, Havering

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https://tashavering.org.uk/ Lectures/FutureLectures.aspx Facebook: https:// www.facebook.com/ groups/199870022175485 or contact us at info@tashavering. org.uk, or telephone 01708 221903.

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Speeding update

I joined PCSO Joanne Greatorex and PC Ed Zoltan on 6 May for a speed check operation along St Mary's Lane. This was undertaken between 9am and 10am in the section between Garbutt Road and the British Legion Club. Speeds for 138 cars were taken with an average speed of 27mph However there were 4 vehicles recorded at speeds between 37 and 40mph, all of whom will be sent warning letters. Of these, 2 cars were stopped by PC Zoltan and drivers spoken to. During the operation a number of residents commented they were pleased to see speed checks being undertaken and wanted to see more of them. Speed checks are undertaken as

and when officer resources allow. Speed checks remain a police ward panel priority.

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Little Gaynes/ Cranham village surgeries

The patients of Little Gaynes and Cranham village surgeries would like to extend their thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff who stayed open and available to all their patients throughout the pandemic. We hear complaints about people unable to see their doctor, but ours were always there.

Queen's Theatre, Kinky Boots the Musical

The New Wolsey Theatre Ipswich and Queen's Theatre Hornchurch have announced a co-production of the first UK revival and regional premiere of the Tony and Olivier Award-winning musical Kinky Boots. The production will also mark 10 years since the musical's debut at Chicago's Bank of America Theatre in 2012. The new production will run at Queen's Theatre Hornchurch from 28



September - 22 October.

Charlie Price has reluctantly inherited a struggling shoe business from his dad, which he's desperate to save. He unexpectedly bumps into a larger than life drag queen Lola, who's looking for some sturdy stilettos. They think they've nothing in common, but as the unlikely pair ruffle a few feathers, designing some fabulous footwear for the factory floor, perhaps they do...

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We catch up with Jesus for coffee in the Moulin in Hornchurch!

If you saw the magnificent performance of The Passion on the Green at Queen's you'll know we mean Shane Mathew who played the part of Jesus so convincingly. Shane was first involved in the play in 2015 as a soldier, and was 'blown away' by the experience. Shane being Jesus started in 2018 when the director, Kevin Walsh, came into Romford Bible bookshop where Shane works, and knew he would be the best Jesus. Shane said 'no', but a little later, Freddy Sayer (who had the

original vision for the play on the Green) felt led, one Sunday, to Kings Heart church, then upon seeing Shane, he realised why he was there and the ensuing conversation was confirmation for Shane. They started work in 2020, were interrupted by COVID, but after all this time and preparation Shane absolutely loved the result. Shane says that after deciding to do it, the pressure came. His main concern was that the play should go well, it's a huge opportunity as the play is performed every five years. Shane wanted as many people as possible to experience the impact of Jesus' death and resurrection. He worked very hard to remember his lines, and he did! The Good News (the basis of the word 'Gospel') of Easter was shared with over 3,000 people. Shane is intent to spread the word and feed excitement for the next performance, albeit in five years. This has included front cover - where he joked about posing (almost) naked! - and a centre spread in the Romford Recorder. People who know Shane were amazed that this shy person they know was so confident and competent playing Jesus. He would love to play the part again if he was wanted. He may be able one more time, but after that may be too old. At 34, Shane is

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Shane has been overwhelmed by a huge number of stories of people with and without a faith affected by the play, making all investment of effort, money and time worthwhile. There is a substantial cost to the performance so look out for fund raising activities in the coming months and years, and by all means be part of the action!

Twittering Tyler!

Our own Councillor John Tyler has recently started up a Twitter page, with news of some of the things happening in Cranham ward and his own personal take on local politics and occasionally, the wider world. He is also happy to receive messages from residents via his account *@CllrTyler.*.

Your Safety

THINGS TO KNOW – A campaign was launched in 2016 called 'Ask Angela' which would help you in pubs/clubs. The phrase 'Ask for Angela' being used was to indicate the need for help or assistance. For example if a customer felt that they were in danger and needed help, they can approach staff behind the bar and 'Ask for Angela'. Staff should then take reasonable steps to safeguard them. This campaign has been rolled out across the country.

THINGS TO DO – When walking home late at night, stay in well-lit and busy areas, change direction if you feel someone might be following. Tell someone your location and what time you will be home. Driving home late at night - Check your mirrors frequently,

park in a well-lit area and maybe stay on the phone to someone until you are home. Clubs/pubs – Be vigilant, trust your instincts, if uncomfortable in a situation... 'Ask for Angela'.

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Weekly planning list on our websites

Just a reminder that every week Havering Council publishes a list of planning applications received within the previous seven days. Since it was highlighted to local councillors earlier in the year that the Council often only sends notice of applications to a very limited number of nearby premises, we have been publishing a link to the list on our website each week - *ucra.co.uk*.

Damage to grass verges/pavements

We have all noticed an increase in work on properties in the area. The improvements, in the main, are well received, however this has also brought about damage to grass verges and pavements as builders and/or delivery vehicles drive up onto these areas. If you notice this, please contact the Council providing as many details as possible, together with a photograph displaying time and date, with the vehicle contact numbers. Please go to the Havering website The London Borough of Havering for further assistance.

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