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## UPMINSTER & CRANHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Havering Council 2023/24 Budget Setting and Consultation Process

The Council have commenced a 2023/24 Budget consultation with local residents. They will be seeking views on how the Council spends their money. As covered in the last edition of the Bulletin, the Council is facing a number challenges to balance this and future years' budgets. The increasing demand for our services, particularly those services we have to provide by law, such as supporting some of the most vulnerable people in the Borough has been increasing significantly, whilst our income has been substantially reduced. In short, for every £1 we spend, 70p of that goes on statutory services for adults and children. The Government requires us to provide many services by law, but the funding our Council receives from central Government in order for us to provide these services has been decimated. This has meant that 80% of what we spend in the Borough is provided by you, the Council taxpayer. This in turn leaves much less of our budget to spend on other services, which include street cleaning, roads and pavements, refuse collection etc. The consultation will seek views on the following:

- Consider making changes to how we collect waste in the Borough, as well as using wheelie bins. This would entail moving to alternate weekly collection. This means recycling would be collected one week and the rest of your household waste the next week - this is happening in a number of adjoining Boroughs.
- Currently there is a charge of £60 per bin per year to collect garden waste (collected fortnightly). The charge could increase to £70.
- Increase pay and display parking charges.

These are some of the proposals, which will be included in the Budget consultation, and you should have received more detailed information regarding the above. If not please contact us and we will ensure you receive the relevant information. The consultation period is between October and December 2022, and we encourage you to respond, so your views can help us make financial decisions on your behalf.

Cllr CHRIS WILKINS, Chairman Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association  
and Cllr GILLIAN FORD, Deputy Leader of the Council

### Christmas event Upminster

Although details are still being finalised, it is expected this year's Christmas event in Upminster will take place on 24th November, from 5pm to 7pm. The normal rides, sponsored by UCRA, will be in the Upminster Junior School (the Bell), with most stalls in the large playground at the rear of the school. The Elfie Trail will take place, along with other entertainment. The tree will be lit earlier in the day for road safety. Please come along, after the lockdowns we hope to make this year's event a special one

Cllrs OSCAR FORD, LINDA HAWTHORN and CHRIS WILKINS

### Planning application in St Mary's Lane refused

We highlighted on the front page of the August Bulletin that the Council had received a further planning application to build on the land beside Coopers and Coborn school in St Mary's Lane. The site is a part of the local Green Belt. Havering Council's Planning Department announced in early October that the planning application for 'Erection of Acquired Brain Injury Unit and 8 x Single Storey, 3-bed, and 1 x Single storey, 2-bed dwellings, with associated access, landscaping, parking and infrastructure.' (P0928.22) at the former Ruskins site in St Mary's Lane, Upminster has been refused.

There are six reasons for refusal shown, including that the 'proposed development would have a harmful impact on the character and appearance of the Green Belt by taking 0.6ha of open space which is open and rural in character and introducing forms of development which would be detrimental to the character and appearance of the Green Belt and reduce the openness.'

### Possible Quarry Lodge Farm

Your local Residents' Councillors attended a pre-application consultation event held by the applicant, Canterbury based company Brett Aggregates. The event took place at Hacton Hall, Haydock Close, Hornchurch at the beginning of October, after we were informed by residents, that a proposed quarry is planned in Berwick Pond Road. We asked Brett why


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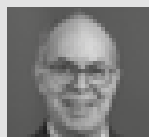
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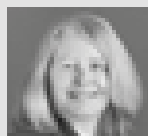
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local Councillors had not been informed of this application before the consultation, and received an apology, rather than an explanation. More importantly, we were very concerned about the proposal. Situated in Berwick Pond Road, just past the T junction, at Hacton Lane, Park Farm Road/Berwick Pond Road Junction will have a devastating effect on the residents, who live in local roads, with possibly 96 lorries, approximately one every five minutes, driving through the area. We understand the lorries will leave the site in an anticlockwise 'loop' and drive south down Berwick Pond Road, towards Rainham Quarry. The return journey from Rainham Quarry to Lodge Farm, the site of the proposed quarry, would involve heading east on Warwick Lane, turning left (north) onto Aveley Road, straight on at the mini roundabout into Park Farm Road and then left (south) back onto Berwick Pond Road. We do not need to tell readers about the pollution, noise, and danger this will cause. The site will also be floodlit. The proposed operational hours are 7am to 6pm weekdays and 7am to 1pm on Saturday -

this will last for 20 years. Without doubt the surrounding area will be badly affected. We will update in further editions of the Bulletin.

Cllrs OSCAR FORD, LINDA HAWTHORN and CHRIS WILKINS

## Upminster Park wins gold!

Congratulations to Havering Council's Parks Department staff and the volunteers who help maintain our local parks, as their efforts have recently been rewarded by receiving many awards in the London in Bloom competition. Included once again is Upminster Park, which has been given a Gold Award in the Large Park of the Year category.

## Twittering Tyler!

Our own Councillor John Tyler has 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

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## Lower Thames Crossing update

At a meeting in August with the Lower Thames Crossing Team, Councillors raised concerns in relation to traffic impact on schools, general access issues during construction, and in particular a potentially serious impact on the Upminster Crematorium due to local road closures. Concerns regarding changes that had been made to proposed road level depths, the impact on local businesses, reduced bunding (to screen the road and reduce noise), and the relocation of the construction compound were also covered.

The re-siting of the proposed construction compound to a location close to Church Lane had been raised as being of a particular concern for some local residents. Ward Councillors highlighted that consultation around that important change had not taken place, and the National Highways representatives have subsequently communicated with Church Lane residents regarding concerns and impact limitation.

Your Councillors also expressed the strong view that providing a new woodland area in Brentwood was not a suitable compensation for the loss of ancient woodland to the scheme in Havering. The Council has yet to receive the updated statements around environmental actions and commitments. More detailed design aspects such as the look and structure of a new pedestrian/cycle/equestrian bridge over the A127 will be fully scrutinised when these are presented in due course.

Cllr OSCAR FORD

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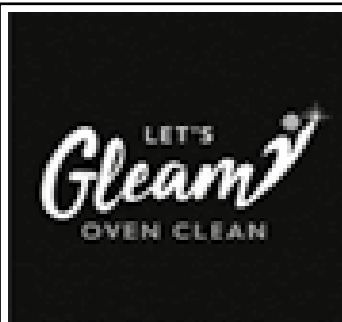
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## Upminster Methodist Church Festival of Stars

Saturday 3rd to Sunday 11th December. After the success of the Christmas Tree Trail in 2020, we have decided to repeat this for 2022. This year, the intention is to create a trail of colourfully decorated trees around the streets of Upminster and Cranham for all to enjoy. We intend to have more than one trail, so if you are planning to decorate a tree in your front garden at Christmas, perhaps you may consider joining in?

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This event will be a charity fundraiser and a "Just Giving" page will be set up for donations. As in previous years we will be having a Memory Tree inside the Methodist church for visitors to add a star for thanksgiving or remembrance. We intend to open the church on Saturday 3rd and 10th December from 10-2pm for this.

During the festival week we are holding various events in the church including visits from the local primary school choirs. More information will be displayed on posters and advertised on the Upminster Methodist church website and social media.

If you would like any more information about the festival, please email [Upminsterchristmastreefest@gmail.com](mailto:Upminsterchristmastreefest@gmail.com)

## Upminster Fireworks display is back!

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## Coopers Coborn Annual Fireworks

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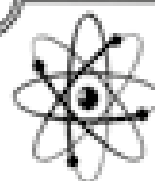


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The show is exciting, uplifting and has lots of twists and turns.

I watched it on the same night as some friends of the cast who whooped and cheered at every appearance - this made the atmosphere amazing. Beneath the extravagance and excitement there was a strong moral message: to accept a person for who they are. This was particularly relevant as some of the cast were transgender non-binary (according to their friends).

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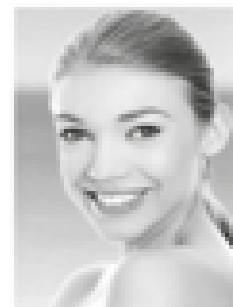
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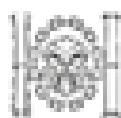
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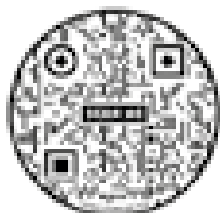
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She began her professional career in the hit musical 'Hair' in London and from there has travelled the world as a Principal singer with The Jean Ann Ryan Company.

Bonita has performed with Rick Astley, Debbie Gibson, Rick Parfitt Jr, Russian Pop Star Emin and contrastingly the quintessential American Pop Legend Donny Osmond. She was also in the original cast of the Olivier nominated West End hit show The Rat Pack Live from Vegas and recently performed at the world's biggest 80's music festival, Rewind North in Cheshire alongside a host of famous names.

Her debut album 'Folded Heart' was launched at St Pancras Old Church, London on 23rd September and she is looking forward to a 10 day tour of the UK next year. You can find Bonita Delaney on YouTube, Facebook and listen to her music on iTunes, Amazon and Spotify.

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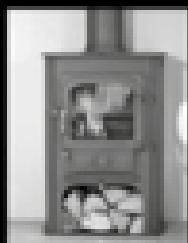
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## Art exhibitions

If you would like to buy affordable art as Christmas gifts, Janet and Terry Doyle have an exhibition of their work at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch from 7th to 21st November. Furthermore Upminster Art Society have an exhibition of members work at Upminster Library from 21st November to 3rd December. Enquiries to Terry on **07880 770324**.

## Upminster British Legion

We would like to thank the Clockhouse Bowls Club who hosted a friendly bowls match against our members. It was a fun evening and they even provided a buffet and a trophy. Result 4 Rinks to 2 overall score 109-91 to winners British Legion. This will now be an annual event in the community.



## Meadowbanks – 10th Anniversary

The residents and staff of Meadowbanks Residential Care Home in Hall Lane, Upminster, Essex had every reason to celebrate. A party was held for the 10th anniversary of the home opening and residents enjoyed bubbly and the live entertainment provided by vocalist Tim Arthur. In addition, a newly bespoke tearoom was officially opened by residents within the landscaped grounds of the home adjacent to the sensory flower beds and scenic wild meadow where all residents may experience and enjoy traditional tea parties. A wonderful time was had by all.



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Visitors are welcome at a cost of £2 per meeting. Refreshments 50p. Would you like to join us? Non-members of the National Trust are welcome. For more information about the Havering & District Association, please contact the secretary on **HaveringNTA@hotmail.com** or on **07939101802** or Anne on **01708 446593**.

### Craft sale

Coffee morning and sale of crafts, puzzles, books etc on Saturday, 12th November from 10am to 12noon at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster. This will be in the Commemoration Hall, all proceeds to Ahava (formerly Hope4Havering).

## Upminster Scottish dancers

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## Learn, Laugh and Live

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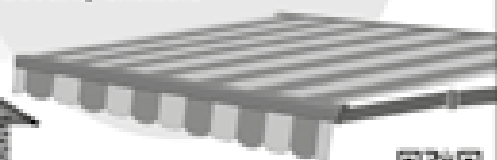
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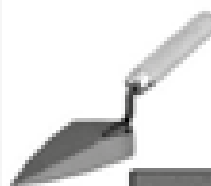
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## Hoppy Hall Car Park

Your Upminster Councillors have continued to press for solutions to anti-social behaviour at the Hoppy Hall car park. Actions have been stepped up, and the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Officers are working with the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team on specific incidents. The lighting in the car park was not working, this has now been fixed and two night vision CCTV cameras have been placed on the lamp columns. There will be an ongoing review of the CCTV car registration footage and action will be taken if deemed appropriate.

A new, stronger barrier gate is being commissioned which will stop vehicular access overnight, this should prevent the late night noise nuisance, suspected drug taking and dumping of rubbish that has been taking place. Councillors have raised the issue with the signage at Hoppy Hall which shows conflicting closing times, and further work is being planned to replace the hopeless pay and display machines, in all Council car parks, that are constantly breaking down.

Cllr OSCAR FORD

## Theft from external post boxes

Our local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team have advised that there have been recent thefts from external post boxes outside of homes, where the thieves have then applied for credit cards in the name of the owner. They advise that owners of such post boxes should be vigilant and empty the post boxes regularly.

## Tree of Hope

The Christmas season is a time of joy for many, but for some it is also a time of sadness and reflection, a time for remembrance and hope. A Tree of Hope will stand in the centre of Upminster town (outside St Laurence Church main hall) during Advent and the Christmas season. Ribbons will be available for everyone to attach to the tree as a sign of remembrance, hope and joy.

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will adjust to the new street scene and despite our regrets over the loss of the space, am sure we will welcome the new residents to our community.

Cllr GILLIAN FORD

## Gone but not forgotten

The Upminster Pitch & Putt planning application P0112.22 to develop the site has now been granted full planning permission. We made a strong case around the sustainability and lack of environmental consideration to the design and electric charging points. We also raised concerns over the loss of a further 6 trees with Tree Preservation Orders and the reduction in "public open space" albeit private open space as the land is not owned by the local authority.

The conditions for approval included the protection of the remaining trees and we were successful in getting charging points for all properties.

This has been on the cards since the first application came forward in 2019. The Friends Group, your three Cranham Councillors and you the residents have worked hard to spare the loss of the open space but have now reached the end of the road. Over time, we

## Christmas Shopping Event in Cranham

Saturday, 12th November between 10am to 4pm, come along to the Cranham Community Centre, 115a Marlborough Gardens and support your local community centre and local businesses at the Christmas Shopping event. Tea and coffee and light refreshments will be available.

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## Upminster Police

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## Council Parks Strategy Survey

Havering Council have launched an online Parks Strategy Survey to hear the views of the Borough's residents, communities and other groups, to make sure the parks continue to meet peoples' needs. For further details and to complete the survey visit [consultation.havering.gov.uk/environment/parks-strategy-survey/](https://consultation.havering.gov.uk/environment/parks-strategy-survey/). The survey runs until 11 November 2022.

## Repairs to Dury Falls pathway

At the request of Cranham ward Councillors, a Havering Council Highways Officer visited the alleyway that links Berkeley Close on the Dury Falls Estate to Hall Lane, opposite the station, to

inspect defects in the surface of the footway.

Following the visit, Havering Council arranged for two defects to be repaired. Cracking along the edge of the pathway at the Berkeley Close end will be monitored and action taken if it worsens.

Cranham Councillors have also sent letters to a number of homes in Waldegrave Gardens which back onto the same pathway, to ask them to check whether any trees or hedges at the ends of their gardens are overgrown and restricting the width of the alleyway.

Cllrs JOHN TYLER, PHIL RUCK and GILLIAN FORD

## Upminster ward surgery

Please note that the November surgery for the Upminster ward Councillors will be at Café Gelato, opposite Stewart Avenue on Monday, 14th from 10 - 11am. Please pop along with your thoughts, ideas or problems and we will do our best to resolve. In the meantime if you need us contact details on page 2.

Cllrs OSCAR FORD, LINDA HAWTHORN and CHRIS WILKINS

## Trees

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quite a number, for which I thank you. Sadly these are taking much longer than they should, owing to the Council not having a permanent contractor, but hopefully things will improve. All requests have been followed up and will be done in time.

Cllr LINDA HAWTHORN

## Which ward

For your information Cranham ward is north of Upminster station and the railway line, and includes the Dury Falls Estate. Your Residents' Councillors are Gillian Ford, Phil Ruck and John Tyler.

Upminster ward is south of Upminster station and the railway line and includes the Cranham Cathedral Estate and North Ockendon. Your Residents' Councillors are Oscar Ford, Linda Hawthorn and Chris Wilkins. Full contact details of our Councillors can be found on page 2.

## Foodbank

With the rising cost of living 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.

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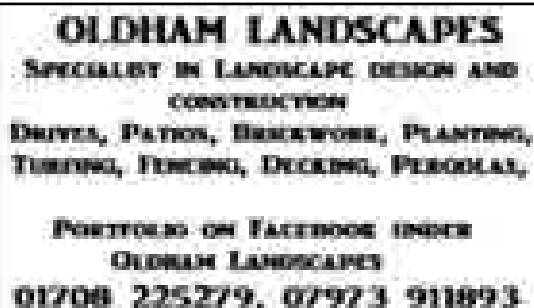
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