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A huge thank you!

At a time when Havering found itself at the centre of political attention in Britain, we are extremely grateful to the residents of Upminster, Cranham, North Ockendon and Dury Falls, for once again placing your trust in us at the recent Local Elections, electing all six of the Upminster and Cranham Residents' Association (UCRA) candidates.

As national politics dominated the agenda in other parts of Havering, UCRA candidates concentrated on our core values, local people working for local issues in our area and across the wider borough. We cannot ignore that the way the council will be run will be very different in the next four years, but as far as possible we will ensure the needs of the local community are recognised and that any decisions the new Administration makes will be fully scrutinised, and where appropriate, held to account.

UCRA councillors day-to-day focus will be in dealing with the issues that already exist, such as the condition of our streets and open spaces, and protecting and enhancing local services at a time of continuing chronic underfunding. We will also use all means open to us to resist the unnecessary loss of green spaces to developers.

We are grateful that people from all political persuasions put national politics aside in our area and voted to ensure that we are able to continue to represent you. We will work hard to show that your trust was well placed.

Cllrs MICHAEL FISHER, OSCAR FORD, CHRIS WILKINS (Upminster Ward)
 Cllrs GILLIAN FORD, JOHN TYLER, LESLEY TYLER (Cranham Ward)

Community spirit and UCRA

During late April and early May, I spent time knocking on doors and speaking with residents about the local elections. I was struck by the strong community spirit, with most people knowing their neighbours and regularly discussing issues affecting their street. Having moved to Upminster 20 years ago, this sense of community was one of the things that impressed me most, and it was reassuring to see it remains as strong as ever.

If you would like to become more involved, the Upminster and Cranham Residents Association (UCRA) is an excellent place to start. Whether you can spare as little as an hour a month delivering the Bulletin, are interested in becoming a ward councillor or anything in between, there are many ways to contribute.

While out speaking to residents, I was made aware of newly installed parking signs in St Lawrence Road. with greatly increased restriction times. UCRA councillors raised this immediately, and it appears the contractor installed the wrong signage. If you spot an issue, please report it on www.havering.gov.uk or contact UCRA our details are on page 2.

Cllr MICHAEL FISHER

Residents' support in action

I recently joined Cranham Ward Councillors Gillian Ford and John Tyler at the entrance of a small pathway in Heron Way leading across private land through to the Brickfields. Long standing residents will know that this has given open access to the Brickfields for decades. We were alerted that a contractor had arrived at the location with instructions from the land owner to board off the entrance of the small pathway, which they had no right to do. Thank you to all the residents who came out to give their support in helping to prevent this, showing that community spirit is so important.

Cllr LESLEY TYLER

Thanks to our community

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who took part in the local elections in May. Whether you voted, or were among the many volunteers and staff who worked hard to ensure the election ran smoothly, your contribution was invaluable. It was encouraging to see so many residents engaged and having their say, helping to shape the future of our community.

Cllr MICHAEL FISHER

Upminster police update

At our recent ward panel meeting we were joined by a local young person and a local business owner alongside our regular members. It was good to hear directly about

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the issues facing our young residents which focused on anti-social behaviour especially in our open spaces. As a result, and taking into account the improving weather, we have agreed that anti-social behaviour will be one of our priorities for the next quarter.

Due to some excellent proactive work by our Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), shoplifting offences have reduced from 30 to 14 in the quarter. Our SNT are working closely with the shops to identify prolific offenders using IT to support the work of obtaining Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs). These have the effect of banning offenders from the area. We did agree to maintain shoplifting as a priority.

Residential burglary numbers have remained static at 8 this quarter. There have been some non-residential burglaries affecting local businesses but the police are following active leads.

Theft of Motor Vehicles has regrettably increased this quarter from 7 last quarter to 15 this, although theft from vehicles has reduced from 16 to 7. A number have been stolen from the Station car park. Delivery Mopeds

have also been stolen. We have therefore agreed that Motor Vehicle crime should be the third priority for the quarter.

LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Help with Bulletins needed

We are always grateful to our 200+ volunteers who assist us delivering The Bulletin each month. Without them we would simply be unable to bring The Bulletin to every road in Cranham and Upminster. We do sometimes need new people to assist us, and are currently seeking a volunteer deliverer once a month for the houses (not flats) in Waycross Road, Cranham and also an Area Controller to drop-off Bulletins to seven deliverers in the same area. If you are able to assist, please contact me via johntylerucresidents@outlook.com or on 07982 962 925.

Cllr JOHN TYLER



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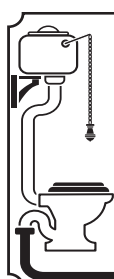
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Lower Thames Crossing and the closure of Ockendon Road

The issue of the road closure, and in particular the length of time that was originally indicated, has been an ongoing discussion with National Highways whenever we (Cabinet) and the Council have met with them. We have constantly raised our concerns due to the impact on residents, schools and businesses, including the access to the Crematorium from the south and east. As the project has developed and with Balfour Beatty (BB) coming on board as the main contractor, the indicated timescales have been reduced. BB are proposing a temporary roadway adjacent to the bridge which could further reduce the total closure period, though the closure cannot be fully avoided. The specific timescale has not yet been determined but the project plans are now being worked up

with the imperative of limiting the closure as a key factor. There are not as yet any details on the arrangements that would be put in place for things such as bus service re-routing during any closure, but the Council is continuing to liaise with the project team on such matters as the project details and timelines are developed. We will as usual, keep you informed of any news regarding the Lower Thames Crossing in the Bulletin and on our website.

Cllr OSCAR FORD

Faded Signs - St. Lawrence Road

Noting that the times on the parking restriction signage, along the length of St. Lawrence Road, had faded and were almost illegible, I reported this through to the Highways Section and have had it confirmed that these will be replaced. Restrictions aren't always popular with everyone but it should be clear when and where parking is permissible or not. If you notice any signage that needs replacing because it is

faded, damaged or missing please let the team know via the UCRA website or through a Councillor via the contacts in this Bulletin.

Cllr OSCAR FORD

New Speed Cameras

New "stealth" or "4K" speed cameras are being introduced in parts of London by Transport for London as part of ongoing efforts to improve road safety. These cameras are hard to see, they use radar technology and high-resolution imaging, meaning they do not rely on road markings or a visible flash. They are also capable of monitoring multiple lanes and directions at the same time. Unlike some older cameras that capture a single moment, there are indications that this newer technology can track vehicles over a distance. This allows it to identify exactly which vehicle is speeding, even in heavier traffic. It is worth noting that not all details, including specific locations, have been fully confirmed. The key message for drivers is however straightforward: maintaining the correct speed

consistently along a stretch of road is increasingly important.

Cllr MICHAEL FISHER

Road works in Corbets Tey

Following complex and lengthy gas repair works by Cadent in Corbets Tey village (February/March), I contacted the council to request the repainting of road markings and road hatchings, including bus stop markings. In places, the road markings were faded and almost non-existent and could have affected road safety (especially on the bend at the junction with Harwood Hall Lane and the bend near Sunnings Lane). This, coupled with Cadent's shoddy repair of areas which had been dug up, made the road look very neglected and patchy. I am pleased to say the repainting took place at the end of April and all road markings have been fully reinstated. I was particularly happy to be able to get this work done just before I completed my term as a ward councillor in May.

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Cllr JOHN TYLER

Police reminders

Following on from the recent ward panel meeting the police have reminded us that it is

essential that all crimes are reported by using 999 if the crime is in progress or 101 if it is retrospective. We would welcome more local residents or business owners to consider joining the ward panel so they can contribute to local crime concerns. We are also reminded to ensure our vehicles are locked and consider using a steering lock which covers the wheel.

LINDA VAN DEN HENDE

Local road maintenance ratings 2025-26

The Department for Transport (DoT) have published local road maintenance ratings for every local authority in England. The ratings, which range from green (highest) through amber to red (lowest), measure how well each local highway authority is maintaining its local roads and are based on three areas, the current condition of local roads, how much each local highway authority is spending on maintaining its local roads, and

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- Condition – **Amber**
- Spend – **Green**
- Wider best practice – **Amber**

For further information, including links to the DoT website, visit our website ucra.co.uk/local-road-maintenance-ratings-2025-26/.

Cllr JOHN TYLER

Crime prevention for work vans

Our local police teams have asked us to promote the following message 'If you or anyone you know has a work van, it is important to take a look at Tell TVL via telltvl.co.uk. Tell TVL is an online community dedicated to tackling theft from vans through crime prevention advice and a new incident reporting service.

People can share information about van theft or break-ins to stay informed and vigilant. By using Tell TVL, you can contribute to reducing theft of or theft from motor vehicles, which is one of our local ward priorities.'

Cllr JOHN TYLER

New bone scanner for St George's Hub

Local people can now benefit from scans to measure their bone density and strength closer to home, thanks to a new DEXA scanner which has been unveiled at St George's Health and Wellbeing Hub in Hornchurch. The scanner was generously part funded by the Hindu Society of Havering, which raised £60,000 through a range of community initiatives including functions, festivals and general donations. The remainder of the £111,000 cost was provided by the King George and Queen's Hospitals Charity.

It is the Trust's first scanner of this type in the community, supplementing one situated at

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Update on the Upminster Baptists Eco-Garden

The clearing of the area has proved more difficult than anticipated. 2 skips of earth, rubble and rubbish have been removed manually, and several self-seeded trees dug up. One further working party will take place this Saturday, and then the ground will be levelled. The Mens Shed guys will then

install a path and gate, and the back end of the old hut wall (which is made of asbestos sheeting) will be sealed and a fence build in front of it to prevent it from being accidentally damaged. Anti-weed membrane and stones/wood chips can then be laid, compost bins and raised beds installed. It looks like the work will be completed by the early summer. Many thanks to all who supported this project.

Open Air Shakespeare

Romford Shakespeare Theatre (RST) is preparing to bring one of Shakespeare's most joyful comedies to local audiences this summer, continuing a long tradition of open-air theatre in its new home at Ardleigh House. This new venue offers a fresh setting for their productions, while retaining the relaxed, welcoming atmosphere that audiences have come to expect from RST's outdoor performances. It doesn't hurt that the toilets are better and that they have their own bar too. This year's production, The Comedy of Errors, promises

an evening of fast-paced, accessible entertainment. One of Shakespeare's shortest and funniest plays, it follows two sets of identical twins separated at birth and reunited by chance, leading to a whirlwind of mistaken identities, confusion, and comic chaos. With its lively pace and universal humour, it's an ideal introduction for newcomers and a guaranteed crowd-pleaser for returning audiences. Performances run from 25th-27th June and 2nd-4th July at 8pm, with matinees on 28th June and 4th July at 3pm. Seating is provided, and audiences can enjoy on-site refreshments, including the traditional soup, making it a perfect summer evening out.

Tickets are available now at www.romfordshakespearetheatre.co.uk

The Cappella Singers summer concert

The Cappella Singers of Upminster present Music for a Summer

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The Havering Concert Orchestra summer concert

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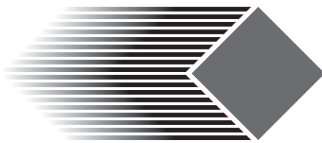
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Wuthering Heights Review

I watched the Wuthering Heights film without ever having read the original novel by Emily Brontë and thus, I had no assumptions. However, when I watched it I loved it! The film focuses heavily on the atmosphere of the Yorkshire moors, which makes the whole story feel cold, isolated and slightly haunting. It's not a glamorous period drama at all, it's gritty, raw and incredibly moving at times. The relationship between Heathcliff and Catherine came across as complicated and often

destructive rather than romantic. Their connection is clearly powerful but also frustrating to watch as many of their choices lead to anger and jealousy. For this reason, I viewed the story as more of a tragedy than a romance. Even though I've heard those who read the book were not overjoyed with the inconsistencies in the film, I could tell the film was trying to capture the emotional intensity of the story. The slow pacing and quiet scenes made it feel very atmospheric. If you watch the film and need more of a Wuthering Heights fix, "The Most Wuthering Heights Day" is in Southend and Margate on 26th July. You will be able to see and/or partake in a crowd of people in red dresses recreating the iconic dance from Kate Bush's Wuthering Heights. It's chaotic, dramatic and strangely perfect for a story like this.

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Come on you Urchins

Upminster Golf Club

Support Bob's Charity Skydive for Myeloma UK

Upminster Golf Club are proud to share that Bob Sarjantson will be undertaking a charity skydive on 30th May in memory of his late wife, Hazel, who sadly passed away in September 2025. In an incredible show of courage and determination, Bob - who will be turning 89 in May - will be jumping in Maidstone to raise funds for Myeloma UK. If you would like to support Bob and this very worthy cause, donations can be made in the following ways:

- Via his JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/for-hazel-sarjantson>
- Using the donation box located in the Back Bar

This is a remarkable effort and a wonderful tribute to Hazel. We hope members will join us

in supporting Bob and helping him raise as much as possible for Myeloma UK

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Diabetes UK-Havering Group

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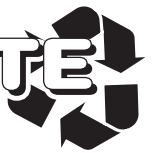
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Entry to the Garden, Visitor Centre and Grounds is free, and you can get tea and cake from our kiosk each day to enjoy in our peaceful garden while kids enjoy some simple activities. Windmill tours are available at £6 Adults, Under 18s £2 [Minimum height 1 Metre]. Closed in footwear is required. For full details of opening times and activities in 2026 please visit www.upminsterwindmill.org.

Windmill Hall Events

The Little Lunch Club takes place every Wednesday at New Windmill Hall from 11.45am to 2.45pm, offering a free community café for parents, caregivers and children under five. Sessions include soft play, arts and crafts, affordable lunches, and an interactive children's activity each week.

Line Dancing comes to New Windmill Hall on Wednesday 1 July, hosted by Charles Richman. Doors open at 6.30pm, dancing starts at 7.30pm and finishes at 10pm. Tickets are £10 per person, with food and drinks available, and guests are welcome to bring their own alcohol.

The Community Café at New Windmill Hall offers a welcoming weekly space for local residents to meet, enjoy affordable refreshments and take part in community activities. Open to all ages, it provides a relaxed setting for socialising and support within the local area. Every Friday 10:30am till 3:30pm.

Monthly Coffee Morning

Coffee morning and sale will be held at Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster on Saturday 13th June 2026 from 10-12 on the church lawn, weather permitting. On sale will be jewellery, puzzles, books, china and glass and cards and craft items. All proceeds go to S.M.I.L.E London and Essex - Trinity's chosen charity for 2026, who support those in the local area facing poverty, homelessness and hardship.

The church will also be open for anyone who wants to come in and have a look round or pause for reflection, and there will be a short time of prayer at 11am - all are welcome to join us for this.

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Adult group

Wednesday 17 June, 7.15 for 7.30pm **Dr Matthew Bothwell**, astrophysicist, author and Public Astronomer at the Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge, will present a talk entitled 'How fast is the Universe expanding?'

Young Astronomers (aged 8-16) Meetings are on the first Thursday of the month (7-8pm). These events are a mix of space news, talks, activities, and observing when possible. Please contact young.astronomers@havastro.co.uk for further details.

Wednesday Afternoon Music at Hornchurch Library

Wed 3rd June at 2pm "More from Mike's Musical Alphabet" presented by Mike Beaman.

Following on from his Music Alphabet programme of 2024, Mike offers a new selection from the A-Z of popular tunes. Al Bowllly to Zoot Simms via Harry Roy, Otis Redding and Sam Cooke.

Wed 17th June at 2pm "Had Time Allowed" - we bid farewell to the season with our regular presenters playing a few tracks that they would have included in their programmes had only time allowed.

All programmes are of recorded music played on high quality audio equipment and take place in the 1st floor main meeting room (lift available), Hornchurch Library, North Street, RM11 1TB commencing at 2pm and finishing by 4pm. Admission £2 per person with interval refreshments available at nominal cost. Buses 165, 256 & 370 pass the library.

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The Havering branch will meet at Trinity Church, Gaynes Road, Upminster Essex RM14 2SJ on Saturday 6 June. The hall opens at 1.00pm and the meeting starts at 2.00pm. The talk is entitled Me! Me!, Me! and is about how to write your life story for your descendants.

Havering Antiques

We are a friendly club, meeting on the 3rd Friday of every month at 7.30 for 7.45 start at Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 0QA. 256, 294 and 346 buses stop outside and there is ample parking. Annual Membership £40 - Guests £6.

On Friday 19th June our speaker is **Ellen Owen** from Romford Museum "Putting On The Ritz" at Harold Wood Neighbourhood Centre, Gubbins Lane, Harold Wood, RM3 0QA. For more details, please contact our Chairman Mrs

Chris Lovett 079 4736 7258.

In July we have our AGM and then start again in September.

The Arts Society Havering

Tuesday 9th June The First Brexit by Dr Sam Moorhead In the early AD 280s, Roman Gaul was threatened by internal revolt from renegades called the Bacaudae and German pirates. A Roman general called Carausius excelled in crushing the Bacaudae so the emperors Diocletian and Maximian appointed him as commander of the northern fleet. Carausius rebelled, declared himself an emperor and took control of Britannia for around seven years (AD 286-93). This lecture will tell this remarkable story, bizarrely bypassed in the British school curriculum, through archaeological sites, sculpture, mosaics and numismatic art. New Windmill Hall Upminster RM14 2QH at 10:15 am. This event is open to visitors for a fee of £8. Please visit our web site <https://tashavering.org.uk/Lectures/FutureLectures.aspx> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/>

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Tea and Talks at Roope Hall, Trinity Church, Station Road, Upminster Wednesday: Wednesday 10th June. Fops, Toff and Dandies: An 'Armchair Walk' through Mayfair'. Eleanor Bloom a City of London and City of Westminster guide will take us on a 300 year old history of purveyors of fine goods for discerning ladies and gentlemen. Doors open at 10am - talk starts at 10.30am. £2 supplement for members £4 admission for non-members. Tea and coffee served at the end of the meeting. For more details please email: friendsoldchapel@mary.havering.sch.uk

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Are you a retired or semi-retired Gentleman? Our Probus Club meet at the Square in Deyncourt Gardens, Upminster on the second Wednesday of each month, where we enjoy a chat and a drink before a 3-course lunch followed by tea or coffee. For our June meeting our speaker will be Paul Hounsell who will be talking about The History of Hornchurch Airfield. Should be interesting. Wonder if you'll fit in? Why not come along? You'll be sure of a warm welcome. Lunch costs just £25, payable at the meeting. You can find us on Facebook or on [upminsterprobusec.wixsite.com/upminster-probus](https://www.upminsterprobusec.wixsite.com/upminster-probus). Should you wish to attend one of our meetings, you will need to book your lunch in advance by telephoning our secretary, Martin Beadle on **07966 881103** or you can email him at upminsterprobus.lunch@gmail.com

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Upminster Wine & Social Club

The club meets on 16 June at Cranham Social Hall in Front Lane. On this evening, we will be visited Guide Dog puppy trainers. There will be cheeses and biscuits available along with a glass of wine. Guest fees £5. For further information contact Kevin 07727497367.

Havering Joggers

Havering 90 Joggers is a running

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The New Horizons Club

We are a friendly social dancing club who meet every Monday (excluding Bank Holidays). We provide social evenings including Ballroom, Latin and Sequence dancing with regular 'Themed' evenings. The club is open to all adults - no upper age limit. Come along and make new friends and brush up on your dancing. Doors open 7.00 pm with dancing 7.30pm - 10.00pm. Contact: Peter Kirtland: 01708 227757 for further information

Gadabouts Social Club

We are a friendship club for active single people between 40 and 70. The club meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Hornchurch Bowls Club. We have an interesting programme of monthly events arranged by our members. Included in the June programme will be live music events, quizzes and meals. Come along and make new friends. For more information contact Maureen on 07817 232156.

Other Clubs

Because of the pressure on space for this month's Bulletin, we are again just providing brief details

of a number of other clubs and groups. This includes when and where these meet and contact details

Carousel Women's Club meet on Monday evenings 7.30 - 10 pm at the Cranham Community Centre, Marlborough Gardens, Upminster. More details from Eve on 07768 160042 or Marion on 07976 692010 or come along to a meeting.

Cranham Engayne WI meet on the third Tuesday of every month at the Cranham Community Centre (Avon Road end of Marlborough Gardens) 1.45-3.45pm. For more details phone Una Henderson on 01708 225088, or simply come along to one of our meetings.

Upminster Park Townswomen's Guild meet at St Laurence Church Main Hall, Upminster on the third Monday of each month from 1.45pm until 4pm. For further information contact Anne Monk 01708 226305 or simply come along.

Friday Coffee & Conversation Club meet at Cranham Social Hall, Front Lane, on the second and fourth Friday of the month from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Cost is £2 for as many teas, coffees and biscuits as you want. Please come along and join our friendly club.

Cranham Baptist Church is opening for a weekly 'coffee stop' on Thursdays, 2-4pm. Please pop in and see us for a drink and a chat if you're free! Donations welcome.




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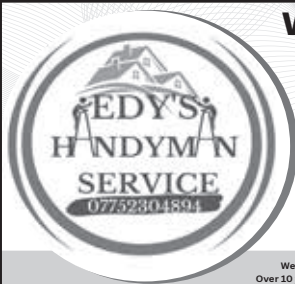
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An Appeal has now been made to The Secretary of State and representations/objections can be made to The Planning Inspectorate. This can be done on the Planning Inspectorate

Portal <https://appeal-planning-decision.service.gov.uk/comment-planning-appeal/enter-appeal-reference>.

Alternatively you can send representations in writing to The Planning Inspectorate, c/o Quadient, 69 Buckingham Avenue, Slough, SL1 4PN. It is important that all correspondence quotes Appeal Reference 6006547. To request a copy of the Appeal documents, email : planning_appeals@havering.gov.uk Representations need to be received by 11th June 2026. The full planning application can be found on Havering Council's planning portal using reference D0531.25 (Upminster Ward).

JACQUELINE WILLIAMS

Branfil Primary School Summer Fayre

Branfil Primary School will be holding their Summer Fayre on Saturday 13th June at the school in Cedar Avenue RM14 2LW. This is a community event and family fun day to which all are welcome. There will be entertainment, food, a bar, games, stalls, face painting and much more.



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On 30 April 2026, the North Ockendon Reading Room was sold as authorised by the Court Order dated 20 September 2024. In accordance with the Court Order, the net proceeds of sale are to be distributed in equal shares to persons who as of 20 September 2024 pay Council Tax or are entitled to a valid exemption from paying Council Tax for a residential property having one of the following postcodes: RM14 3PL, RM14 2XH, RM14 2XB, RM14 2TZ, RM14 3PP, RM14 3QJ, RM14 3QH, RM14 3PT, RM14 3PS, RM14 3QA, RM14 3PR, RM14 3PX, RM14 3QB, RM14 3QL, RM14 3QP, RM14 3QR, RM14 3PG, RM14 3RD, RM14 3RB, and RM14 3RH.

Anyone who meets the above criteria is invited to write to Pinney Talfourd Solicitors, Crown House, 40 North Street, Hornchurch, RM11 1EW or email readingroom@pinneytalfourd.co.uk and provide the following pieces of information: (1) a Council Tax Bill or evidence of

Council Tax exemption covering the date of 20 September 2024 for one of the listed postcodes and (2) UK bank account details for the listed persons who pay or are exempt from paying Council Tax. The deadline for providing both pieces of information is up to and including Monday 5 October 2026. Correspondence after this date will not be considered. It is the intention that the net proceeds of sale will be distributed in equal shares by the end of the year.

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