

# OWGRA e-newsletter 27 October 2018

Dear OWGRA Members

Apologies that you haven't heard from us for the last month due to holidays. Lots has been happening in the meantime.

## 1. CRIME & ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour)

Lots of updates on this subject today, unfortunately.

We have received a number of reports of attempted burglaries in the last week or so. Suspicious characters have been seen around the Wyke Estate and Ridgeway Road North. Jersey Gardens continues to be a worry. An expensive keyless car was stolen on the Northumberland Estate this week, following previous such crimes in the last few months. Cars have been broken into and valuables stolen.

### **THE MOST IMPORTANT ADVICE WE CAN GIVE YOU TODAY IS TO KEEP REPORTING ACTUAL CRIME AND SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR TO THE POLICE!**

Don't assume that by reporting to your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator or local WhatsApp group that the police know about it. We have had a number of instances in the last few days where residents have complained about various problems, yet the police know nothing about them and so no action has been taken. Where there are continued or regular problems, you need to report each and every time, or keep a detailed log of day/date/time and submit that information regularly to the police. The police have confirmed that a number of separate reports (one per event), or one report with a diary list of events, both carry the same weight.

### **Police Contact Numbers**

**999** – Emergency (threat to life or property), requires immediate police attendance.

**101** – Non-emergency (the threat has gone and there is no further threat to life or property), Anti-Social Behaviour and any other non-urgent calls which do not require immediate police presence.

**0800 555111** – Crime Stoppers or <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>, a non-emergency confidential phone line to report any suspicious activity anonymously to police with regards to people, vehicles or properties, without having to give out your personal information or contact details.

[www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/how-to-report-a-crime/](http://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/how-to-report-a-crime/) to report crime online.

Here is some advice from our local police and Neighbourhood Watch.

### **Autumn Nights**

Autumn is the peak time for break-ins and associated ASB. As the clocks go back, the longer dark nights create more cover for burglars and other nocturnal criminals, enabling them to ply their trade out of the glare of daylight.

This is the reason the police make such a special effort at this time of year to nip this activity in the bud.

They mount special patrols in areas known for Anti-Social Behaviour and Burglary, and they ask you to ensure you take your own precautions.

While you're out enjoying yourself, even enjoying the fireworks in your own garden, make sure your house is secure.

- All external doors should be protected by a mortice lock.
- All windows, both upstairs and downstairs, should be fitted with at least one appropriate lock, especially Victorian sash windows.
- Your house should look lived in, even when you're out. Close the curtains and leave a light on.
- Outbuildings should be secured with a weatherproof padlock.
- When you leave your Vehicle, ensure you lock it and take everything with you. Please secure mopeds/motorcycles/cycles to street furniture with decent locks.
- Do not use your mobile phone or any other gadgets in the street without being aware of your surroundings.

Have fun and enjoy yourself this autumn, but ensure that you keep your wits about you while taking sensible and necessary precautions.

### **Halloween and Trick or Treat**

Please have a Safe and Enjoyable Halloween by respecting others.

Halloween can be great fun for children and families, but it can also be intimidating time for some.

For a happy and safe Halloween, please follow these simple tips for a trouble-free evening...

Young people should always be accompanied by adults, when Trick or Treating.

For older children, set a time for them to Trick or Treat and plan a route, so you know where they will be.

Keep to well-lit areas and never take shortcuts.

If you see a 'No Trick or Treat' sign displayed, respect it and move on.

Don't throw Eggs or Flour - it can cause Damage and Misery.

Have a Safe and Enjoyable Halloween.

### **2. CCTV/ANPR PILOT SCHEME FOR OSTERLEY**

The OWGRA Committee understands that our local Neighbourhood Watch (NW) are hoping to introduce a pilot scheme to keep our streets safe, try to reduce crime and ASB, and help the local police catch criminals.

This would initially cover St Mary's Crescent, Ridgeway Road North, Lingwood Gardens, Thornbury Road (north), especially the shops area, then Osterley Avenue and Thistleworth Close, and Jersey Gardens, subject to funding being available.

The pilot scheme would involve the installation of a number of CCTV and ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) cameras and would be managed by our local NW volunteers (a similar scheme has already been set up in Ickenham) providing input to the police and Hounslow Council as necessary. OWGRA considers it important that residents are aware of the potential implications of cameras in public places rather than in their own private homes (where we know many local residents use CCTV to try to protect themselves and their property). Residents and their visitors may be caught on camera on our local streets, much as they are already in town centres or public transport locations. With this in mind, OWGRA will be arranging a public meeting so that we can all be informed and discuss this matter and its implications.

### **3. POTHOLE BUSTERS**

If you still have potholes in your road that haven't been fixed, now's your chance. See

[https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/news/article/602/hounslow\\_launches\\_pothole\\_busters\\_campaign](https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/news/article/602/hounslow_launches_pothole_busters_campaign) and get reporting here <http://www.hounslowhighways.org/38-interactive-enquiries-map.html>.

### **4. THORNBURY ROAD/JERSEY ROAD/ALDERNEY AVENUE TRAFFIC**

Residents are seeing more and more traffic using Alderney Ave, Jersey Road and Thornbury Road (North) to bypass the congestion on the Great West Road, with this being a very real problem during the morning rush hour. At times Thornbury Road (North) comes to a complete standstill with traffic blocked both ways due to parked cars. In addition, large vehicles (such as coaches) are using these roads. These roads were never designed to handle this volume of traffic. This has been getting worse over the last few months and it is now becoming a real problem for residents. We will be raising this with the Council to try and get them to take action to address this.

### **5. OTHER TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT**

The A4 between Ealing Road and Clayponds Ave has been closed at weekends, and 10 pm to 5 am weekdays, for some weeks and is down to 2 lanes at other times. This is due to continue until mid-December. The H91 bus and bikes can continue to use this stretch of the A4.

For information about other roadworks please see

<http://www.brentfordw8.com/default.asp?section=info&page=roadworks1026.htm>.

More strikes are planned for the Piccadilly line, (and Central line), the next one is on Wed 7 Nov. For more information always check on <https://tfl.gov.uk/>.

South Western Railways are also affected by strike action (we are just at the end of a 5-day strike); more strikes are planned for the Saturdays in November. See <https://www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey/rmt-industrial-action>

## **6. HOMEBASE**

We are now hearing reports

(see <http://www.brentfordtw8.com/default.asp?section=info&page=homebase001.htm>) that the local Homebase store has been reprieved (at least for one year). This is good news - though that will no doubt depend on the volume of business it sees from customers over the next few months.

## **7. OUT & ABOUT**

Some of you might have seen the Oct-Nov edition of Out & About with an article about OWGRA on page 28. Here is the digital edition [https://issuu.com/outaboutmagazine/docs/chiswick\\_o\\_a\\_oct-nov\\_18\\_edition\\_hi](https://issuu.com/outaboutmagazine/docs/chiswick_o_a_oct-nov_18_edition_hi).

## **8. HEALTH ISSUES**

COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) – an awareness day on this serious long-term condition will take place on Thursday 15 Nov, 12-5 pm, at St John's Centre in Isleworth. See attached flyer for more details.

## **9. CHANGES TO WARD BOUNDARIES IN HOUNSLOW**

There will be some changes to the boundaries in some wards in Hounslow, but we understand that our ward (Osterley & Spring Grove) will not be affected. If you are interested in finding out more, there is public meeting about this on Wed 14 Nov at 6 pm in the Civic Centre. See <http://www.brentfordtw8.com/default.asp?section=info&page=evhounslow007.htm> for more details.

## **10. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT**

The Council appear to be taking an increasingly robust approach to retrospective Planning Applications (where someone undertakes some building work without seeking Planning Approval from the Council, and then seeks approval after the work has been completed). This may be because they are seeing more such applications, or because they have decided to be stronger. We are seeing a number of cases where they refuse to approve the work after it has been completed, and insist on the property being returned to its original state. We would encourage all residents thinking of having building work done to check whether they need Planning Approval beforehand, and if they do, to obtain it before the work is done. The Council has comprehensive guidelines on their website ([https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20035/planning\\_permission](https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/info/20035/planning_permission)) as to what work requires planning approval from them. Otherwise it could prove expensive...

## **11. TESCO**

For some months now there have been problems with Anti-Social Behaviour in the Tesco Osterley car park, due to people with powerful cars congregating there and showing off to each other (revving engines, spinning their wheels to do "doughnuts" in the car park, etc.). We have been liaising with Tesco management over this, and actions have now been taken by Tesco to address this in three areas. Firstly, they have upgraded the boundary of the car park with bollards where it was possible to access the car park, and upgraded the barrier so that when down it cannot be bypassed. Secondly, they are now routinely closing the barrier after the store has closed. Thirdly, they have amended the ANPR-based parking control at the car park so any car leaving the car park more than an hour after the store has closed will be issued with a parking ticket. Hopefully the greater difficulty in getting into and out of the car park, and the risk of fines will discourage these people from using the car park. We will be meeting with Tesco again next week for another update and to meet the new General Manager of the Osterley store.

## **12. 4-8 HARLEQUIN AVE (office building at the back of the Gillette building)**

This proposed development of a 6-storey office block behind the Gillette Building has been approved by the Council despite objections from OWGRA and Brentford Community Council. Our objections were due to our concerns about the building intruding on the views of the Gillette Building, which is a Grade II listed building. The Council felt this would not damage the views and we very much hope they are right.

### **13. GREAT WEST CORRIDOR**

The Council will be issuing their plans for the Great West Corridor Opportunity Area (which starts at the Gillette Corner and runs along the Great West Road into Chiswick) in the next few months. Given the guidelines they have been set for this from the Mayor of London (that this area needs to be re-developed to support 14,000 new jobs and over 5,000 new homes), this will involve a substantial amount of new development, many of which will be tall buildings. We are already seeing the beginnings of this in the Brentford area. Whilst OWGRA is happy to support high-quality new development, it is vital that this does not come at the cost of losing the special character of the Osterley area, and that such developments are accompanied by a matching investment in infrastructure and support services.

### **14. GRASSHOPPERS**

Please see information below (and attached photos) from Grasshoppers on their new facility:

*“Grasshoppers Rugby Club has moved to a multi-million-pound, state of the art venue in Syon Lane.*

*- **Amazing facilities.** The move from MacFarlane Lane is only a further 150 yards up on the left on Syon Lane from Grasshoppers previous home in MacFarlane Lane. As well as a new multi-purpose clubhouse, the venue has natural and artificial rugby pitches; artificial netball courts; a club shop; stores; car parking; a gymnasium for its members; function suite; meeting room, members' lounge and bar. There is also a magnificent south facing large terrace adorned with comfy furniture, a great place to unwind after a hard day's work.*

*- **Meeting room facilities.** There is a fabulous meeting room available for hire. The meeting room seats 15, has separate Wi-Fi from the rest of the clubhouse, a conference call facility, white board, flip chart and a large display screen. Teas/Coffees/Water can be provided by the club for the duration of your meeting. For an additional fee, you can also book the adjoining members bar and any additional catering if required. To book the room please email Matt Gilmore, [mattg1959@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mattg1959@hotmail.co.uk)*

*- **Function Room.** The club boasts a beautiful function room called the Conquest Bar. This room can seat 120 comfortably and for a less formal function has a capacity of 180. The Conquest Bar is adjacent to the impressive terrace that overlooks the splendid 3G artificial 1st team pitch. To hire the facility please email Matt Gilmore.*

*- **A great new place to eat.** A further addition to the Grasshoppers clubhouse is a new and exciting restaurant franchise. The restaurant is open from 0900-2000 Monday- Fridays and they welcome individual or group bookings at any time. A sample menu is attached. If you want to place your lunch order early or interested in getting a quote for event catering? Please email [torelli.grasshoppers@gmail.com](mailto:torelli.grasshoppers@gmail.com)*

*- **A new school.** The new Grasshoppers sports venue has been built on a previously neglected and underused site, with Grasshoppers' former location in MacFarlane Lane soon to be under construction of a fantastic new secondary school called Bolder Academy.”*

Kind regards

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Secretary, OWGRA (Osterley & Wyke Green Residents' Association)

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# The Grasshoppers Rugby Club



The balcony overlooking the playing fields



Internal view of the bar and restaurant area



## **SNACKS MENU**

- ✓ **SPICY NACHOS AND CHEESE £ 5.50**
- ✓ **CHICKEN GOUJONS WITH CHIPOTLE SAUCE  
£ 5.50**
- ✓ **VEGGIE SPRING ROLLS WITH SWEET CHILLI SAUCE -  
5 for £ 4.00**
- ✓ **HAM SANDWICH £ 3.00**
- ✓ **CHEESE, TOMATO & SALAD SANDWICH £ 3.00**
- ✓ **FISH SANDWICH £ 3.50**
- ✓ **EGG & CRESS SANDWICH £ 3.00**
- ✓ **PULLED PORK BITES - 4 for £ 3.50**
- ✓ **BEEF & HORSERADISH BITES £ 4.00**
- ✓ **CRISPY MIX MUSHROOMS WITH AIOLI SAUCE £ 3.00**
- ✓ **CLASSIC BRUSCHETTA £ 3.25**
- ✓ **CHIPS £ 2.00**
- ✓ **CHEESY CHIPS £ 3.00**

We have full allergen menu available. Please ask our staff.



## World COPD Awareness Day in Hounslow Thursday 15 November 2018

The aim of COPD Day is to raise awareness about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and improve COPD care throughout the world. It is organised by the Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease in collaboration with health care professionals and patient groups throughout the world.

This event is suitable for all people suffering a long term respiratory condition (such as asthma) and their partners/carers. Hounslow CCG is working with The Hounslow COPD Support Group to keep you informed and to raise awareness.



You are invited to join us

**at** St Johns Centre, St John's Road, Isleworth TW7 6RU  
Local bus routes are H37 and 117 Very limited parking available

**on** Thursday 15 November 2018

**from** 12.00 pm to 5.00 pm – walk in session

For further information and to register your interest, please email  
[HOCCG.communications@nhs.net](mailto:HOCCG.communications@nhs.net)  
or telephone 020 8538 2445

**Light refreshments available & prize raffle**  
Information stalls will be available for you to visit on the day