

Ickenham Calling

The Newsletter of the *Ickenham Residents' Association* Spring 2026

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

We enjoyed seeing so many of you at the Festive Evening, which was well attended despite the inclement weather; another successful evening for the Festival Team.

Work continues apace on the Disabled Car Park to the west of Ickenham station, having started in 2024. We're not certain how easy it will be for cars to park there and whether the estimated £1.5m cost will be justified.

Villagers have suffered something of a basinful of traffic issues during half term week, with the extended closure of Breakspear Road South, emergency Affinity Water works for a burst water main nearby on Swakeleys Road, and then road works on High Road for the weekend, as well as Affinity Water works in Wallasey Crescent. Let us hope that sometime in the next ten years HS2 will finally complete works to enable trains to run, if loudly, though our village.

Spring should soon be here and the rain might desist in the coming months. Something to look forward to!

Jill Dalton

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

The Ickenham Residents Association would love to hear from you if you feel that Ickenham is a wonderful place to live and you could volunteer a few hours to help keep it special. We are looking for help with the following roles:-

1. Our Road Stewards deliver the newsletter four times each year to approximately 10 - 20 addresses in a road. Once every two years - the next time is Summer 2027 - Road Stewards call on these addresses to collect subscriptions.
2. Area Stewards co-ordinate the work of a team of Road Stewards by distributing the newsletter and keeping membership lists up to date.
3. We also need someone to take on one half of the membership secretary's role, which involves supporting the work of a number of Area Stewards.

If you feel you could get involved or would like to find out more please get in touch via ickenhamresidents@hotmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

June Reyner

AGM of the ICKENHAM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Please make a note in your diary for Friday, 24 April, at 8 p.m.

Ickenham Village Hall, Swakeleys Road, Ickenham.

The AGM Agenda is on page 4 of this newsletter. Please bring it with you.

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Any questions you may want to raise, or if you have comments on any article in the Newsletter, we would be pleased to hear your views, and you could write to our
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You can also send your comments to our e-mail address:
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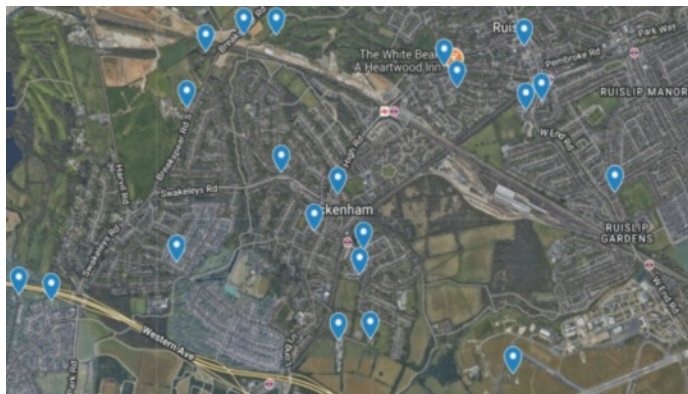
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APOLOGIES

Sincere apologies..... to Mrs Anuparma Kochhar new Area Steward for part of Long Lane, Gilbey Close, Bridge Way and Turnstone Close for the misspelling of your name in the last newsletter.

Pat Ingram



ICKENHAM FARMING HISTORY

It's well known that before the Metro land developments in the early twentieth century, Ickenham was predominantly a farming community. With the help of an old map, I have recorded the location of some 50 historic local farms on a zoomable map, which can be viewed on our website: www.ickenhamresidents.co.uk/maps. The blue markers on the map opposite give an indication of where the farms were. Throughout 2026 I will share information from local history sources about our farming history, examples follow.

Tipper Hill Farm was just south of where the Compass Theatre now stands. I've not come across any information about this farm, but the small area of woodland on the Marshes is known as Tipper Hill Covert. This woodland does not appear on the 1780 Enclosure map, but has many mighty oaks, so was presumably planted around 1800. The following appeared in the Gazette in May 1869: To be sold by Auction, by Messrs. Murray and Son, at the Coach and Horses, Ickenham, on Friday, June 12th, 1869, at four o'clock. The Capital Crops of Meadow Grass, growing in the several Fields at Tipper Hill Farm, consisting of 113 Acres."

Hill Farm was demolished in the early twentieth century and the RAF Northolt control towers stands very close to where the farm buildings were. Hill Farm Road still exists, as a track across the Ickenham Marshes. Over the years I have tried and failed to trace a photograph of Hill Farm. If anyone has seen one, please let me know!

Regarding Glebe Farm, in April 2012, Eric Hazell, then 85 years old, provided the following description: "my family were the last people to occupy Glebe Farm House. The area is now called Clovelly Close. It was built in the 17th Century as a rectory. We lived there from 1933 to 1936, then moved up the road to 3 The Parade, Glebe Avenue. The only lighting in the farm was one gas jet in the kitchen, I still shudder when I remember my journeys at night, through the house to reach my upstairs bedroom, all I had was this one pitiful candle."

If you have any additional nuggets of information about Ickenham Farms, do please get in touch.

Chris Mountain

RECYCLING UPDATE

The council has recently launched a new pilot collection service called 'Pop-Up Waste Drop'. These have been introduced to make it easier for residents to dispose of unwanted and bulky items for free. The pop-up collection service will visit locations across the borough, so residents only need to travel a short distance to dispose of items like fridges, mattresses and old electricals. The scheme will benefit people with limited mobility or vehicle access. The "Pop-Up Waste Drop" page on the councils website gives details of dates and locations. <https://pre.hillingdon.gov.uk/household-rubbish/waste-drop>

Don't forget you can also visit the council's waste and recycling sites at Harefield Civic Amenity Site or book a bulky waste collection for larger items.

The council website is a good source of information on recycling and also arrangements for collections. For example, due to the bank holidays at Easter and in May, there will be changes to the waste and recycling collection dates. Collections will be one day later than your usual collection day. Precise details for your road can be found on the council website.

June Reyner



POLICE MATTERS

Hillingdon Neighbourhood Watch (HNW) now has over 10,000 members Borough-wide, which is the highest membership of any of the 32 London boroughs. At Ward level, 21.1% of Ickenham & South Harefield residents are members, which again is the highest membership of all the Wards within

Hillingdon. This shows that great community commitment is alive and well in this area. If you are not already a member, or if you have a neighbour who you can encourage to join, then please visit the website at www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk where you will find full instructions on how to join. Membership is free, it's a national organisation, and it's a great way to be part of your community.

The website provides advice on crime prevention measures, which are the best way of reducing crime overall. Please do pay attention to securing your property and vehicles, and be aware of your belongings, especially your mobile, when out and about. You can also access crime statistics for the Hillingdon area and other information about policing and fraud prevention.

The Ickenham Safer Neighbourhoods Team continues to deliver effective policing through visibility, community partnerships, and prevention initiatives. We have great support from our dedicated PCSO Richard Mascarenhas, who is often seen patrolling the area on his bicycle with colleagues. Local officers continue their "Meet Your Local Police" sessions at community sites, providing updates and hearing residents' concerns. The message from the police is that it is really important to report ALL crime so that officers can target their limited resources as accurately as possible.

If residents have a domestic closed circuit TV system (CCTV), which includes a video doorbell, you can register this with Neighbourhood Watch and the Metropolitan Police. This allows the police to identify "quick wins" in terms of known viable CCTV sources of possible evidence close to a reported crime. Over the past 15 years, as a direct result of residents offering CCTV evidence to the police, many crimes in Ickenham have resulted in arrests and charges; but the more cover there is the better. So, if you do have a CCTV system or video doorbell and have not yet registered it, then please consider doing so now – you'll find full instructions at: <https://www.hillingdonnhw.co.uk/information/cctv-watch>

Chris Tarr

HEALTH MATTERS

The NHS 10 -Year Health Plan called "Fit for the Future," is aiming to build a sustainable "patient focused" future for the NHS in England. Key Pillars of the 10-Year Plan are:-

Hospital to Community: for care to move closer to people's homes, making it more accessible and reducing reliance on hospitals.

Analogue to Digital: use technology such as AI, robotics and data integration to free up staff and help patients manage their own health more easily.

Sickness to Prevention: move from reactive treatment to proactive prevention, focusing on early intervention and making health choices easier for people.

Key points in the plan are expanding community pharmacy roles, improving dentistry, reforming urgent care and a more transparent, patient, choice driven system, along with a new financial foundation.

What does this mean for Hillingdon? We have been confirmed as part of the first wave of 43 sites across the country to benefit from the government's new neighbourhood health plans. The neighbourhood health hubs are designed to offer a more integrated approach to healthcare by bringing together general practitioners, community health services, mental health care, social care, and diagnostic services all within one facility. The borough will have these primary care hubs at three sites: Hayes and Harlington in the southeast, Uxbridge West Drayton in the southwest, and Ruislip & Northwood (including Ickenham and Harefield) in the north. The Pembroke Centre in Ruislip Manor, which is already pioneering this integrated approach to healthcare, has been earmarked to be one of the first of our community hubs.

David John





Ickenham Residents' Association

You are invited to attend

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**FRIDAY, 24th APRIL 2026 at 8.00 p.m.
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SWAKELEYS ROAD, ICKENHAM**

A G E N D A

PLEASE BRING THIS AGENDA WITH YOU

1. Introduction by the Chairman
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25th April 2025
3. Any matters arising from the above minutes
4. Annual Report of the Committee
5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement for the year ending 28th February 2026
6. Election of new Chairman for one year
7. Election of Officers to serve for one year and Committee Members to serve for one year
8. Election of Honorary External Examiner to serve for one year
9. Any Other Business - at the Chairman's discretion.

At the conclusion of business, refreshments will be available.