

## Trust AGM

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rudeness and arrogance, and improved use of computers.

Maralyn Roberts, who has lived on the Suburb for 38 years, felt it was time to get more actively involved. Her experience of working with the Trust as part of a group of residents solving a problem with a communal wall in Corringham Court led to her standing for election. Asked if her background in communications would help the Trust explain the Suburb better to new residents, she said she would first have to learn more to be able to do so.

Richard Townley, a surveyor and a Suburb resident for 42 years, mentioned his experience as a trustee of an autism charity and his role in the replanting in Central Square, which involved working with local residents, Barnet, the Trust and the RA. As a trustee he would listen to suggestions and complaints.

Moving on to general questions some of the topics raised by David Iwi's paper became the subject of discussion. Staff numbers had risen since 2006 because of a considerable rise in the workload as the Trust dealt with issues that, historically, had not been addressed, and resolved an increasing number of more complex cases.

There are seven full-time and four part-time staff now compared with four full-time and three part-time in 2006 before the reorganisation of the Trust and the repairing of its finances. Staff numbers are regularly reviewed and thought was given to how to run the office efficiently.

The same complaints had been raised for many years and the Trust has twice been the subject of independent reviews and feels it has shown itself to be managed in an economic, efficient and consistent manner. The balance of appointed and elected trustees provides good governance, as it was intended to do.

Some of those present expressed some support for the idea of a management review, while others felt that it was unnecessary and would be costly. Claire Calman, who was an elected trustee from 2012 to 2017, said it had been obvious how hard the staff worked, and

how complex and time consuming some applications had become; in some cases involving over ten revisions of plans for a basement, for example.

Richard Wiseman closed the meeting around 9pm thanking all present for attending.

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THE HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB TRUST LIMITED Election of Elected Members of the Council 2019	
Number of valid voting papers received: 417	
Number of voting papers rejected: 6	
Name of candidates	Number of votes cast for candidate
Brian Ingram	151
Maralyn Roberts	276
Richard Townley	362
The two candidates elected to fill the vacancies are: Richard Townley Maralyn Roberts	
Signed..... <i>R. Weaver</i>	
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## More Oxbridge places for Woodhouse College



Students at Woodhouse College, near Tally Ho Corner, woke up to good news on August 15 with the publication of another set of excellent A level results for the college. 114 students made a clean sweep of three or more A/A\* grades, and at least 18 students achieved their offer of a place at Oxford or Cambridge university. An unprecedented 30 offers were made by Oxbridge colleges to Woodhouse students this year. The results improve on those reported by Suburb News last year.

It is easy to forget that it is possible to get a place at our top universities from a local sixth form college when so much attention is given to schools such as the top girls school we have in the Suburb.

And to judge by the following comments the college does more than just secure those all important A levels:

Louis Velati, 18, from Palmers Green got four A\*s and is off to Manchester University to study physics with philosophy. He said, "I've really enjoyed my time at Woodhouse - the teaching's been excellent, the whole time has been brilliant, and I've done so many things I never thought I would."

Elle-Mae Taylor, 18, from Enfield got three A\*s and is off to Durham to study Business Management. She said, "I've really loved Woodhouse, the teachers and the amazing friends I've made. It's been the best two years of my life."

Seda Orhan, 18, from Southgate is off to Nottingham to study Psychology. She said, "I'm so happy, I loved my time at Woodhouse and grew so much as a person."

The Principal, John Rubinstein, remarked, "As ever, I am extremely proud of how hard our students have worked. Last year's results were our best for ten years and the second best sixth form college in England. We are delighted with our record number of 18 students who secured their

place at Oxford or Cambridge, and the very large numbers progressing to medical schools and to top universities. And thanks also to our amazing staff who teach, inspire, encourage, push, help and support our students all year long."

Woodhouse is a popular and oversubscribed sixth form college in Barnet. It has been given 'outstanding' status by OFSTED. Students are aged 16-18 years and come from over 180 different schools across North London while 95% go on to university. The College acts as a bridge from school to university, giving students a chance to grow in confidence and to develop independent learning skills.

All students study A levels, offered in a wide range of subjects, and can study them in almost any combination.

I can repeat what I wrote last year and say, "It could clearly be one of the options to be considered when thinking about where to study for A Levels in Barnet. It can be a difficult time for parents and students alike, so they could find that adding Woodhouse to their list might make the choice a little easier."

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## Meet your police

Garden Suburb Ward has its own Safer Neighbourhood Local Policing Team (SNT) and residents now have an opportunity to meet their local team.

A ward SNT is made up of one Sergeant, two PC's and one PCSO. SNT officers, who are at ground level, regularly hold public contact sessions. It is an

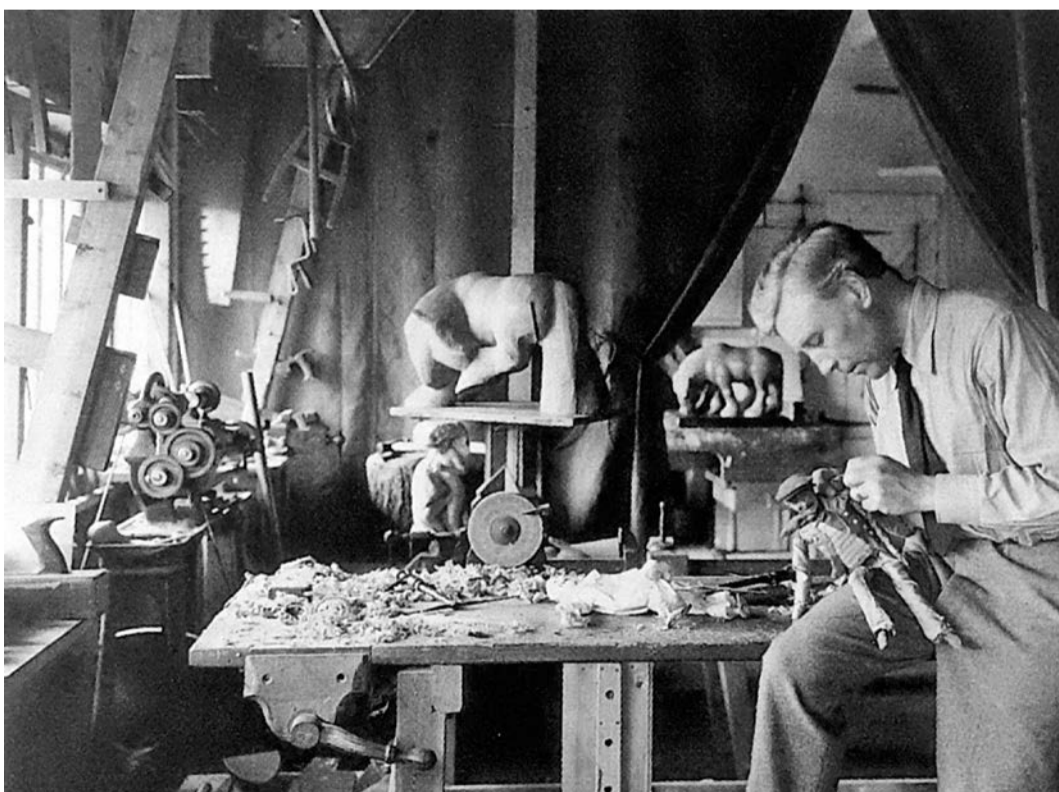
opportunity to have one-to-one engagement with regard to issues or concerns Suburb residents may have or general crime prevention advice. These one hour sessions are known as 'Surgeries'. They have become quite popular and two sessions per month are now held at the Garden Suburb Community library. Dates are

to be found on the library website: [gardensuburblibrary.org.uk/gscl](http://gardensuburblibrary.org.uk/gscl).

SNT also hold additional sessions known as 'Cuppa with a Copper'. The locations are accessible to the public and are advertised in advance online at [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk). For the Suburb the SNT regularly use Costa Coffee in Temple Fortune at present.

## HGST Winter Lecture

MONDAY 4 NOVEMBER, 7.30 PM



### William Simmonds, Silent heart of the Arts and Crafts movement and his formative years in Hampstead

We are pleased to welcome Jessica Douglas-Home, who will discuss her book of the same title, and Simmonds' connections with Hampstead.

Join us for some light refreshments and learn all about the master artist, craftsman and puppet maker.

The event takes place on Monday, 4 November 2019 at 7.30pm for an 8pm start in Bigwood Hall, Henrietta Barnett School, Central Square.

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