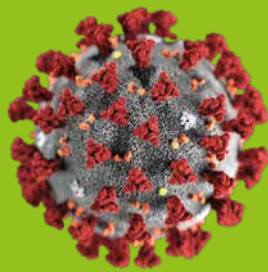


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Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association

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Coronavirus and the Suburb, pages 3-5



David Littaur – positive about the future, p5

A bold, baby squirrel ignores social distancing, see p4



Richard Grethe's lawn-mowing tribute to the NHS on the Free Church lawn, North Square

Covid-19 hits the Suburb

Living in Hampstead Garden Suburb can often seem like existing in a bubble but even the Suburb isn't immune from the wider world. COVID-19 has dramatically changed the lives of HGS residents – just as it has everywhere else. *Social distancing*, *lockdown* and *isolation* have become commonplace terms.

At the time of writing, the UK is almost at the end of its fourth week in lockdown. Back in January we decided on a 'green' theme for the Spring issue but as Covid-19 gained momentum our green issue had to be put on hold so we could concentrate on the impact COVID-19 is having on HGS residents and show how our wonderful community has pulled together in this crisis. Volunteer groups are providing much needed local support ensuring the delivery of provisions and medication to those in isolation; initiatives have been set up to make PPE for the NHS; Samantha Lhoas's soup kitchen is delivering delicious home-cooked soups; Arif Hussein, has been making (his now famous) pakoras delivering them upon request as wonderful Friday evening treats and some of our local shops in the Market Place are offering home delivery services.

In these unprecedented times we all need to protect the vulnerable, calm fears and offer any help we can. In the COVID-19 crisis, the HGS community has certainly come into its own.

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Introducing Suburb News Youth

Suburb News is very excited to introduce Suburb News Youth (SNY) which we hope will be an ongoing feature. SNY will offer a variety of articles, ideas, quizzes and features which we hope will engage the younger HGS residents. Allie, Kaya, Joanna, Rosa, Isabelle and Madhu are all Year 11 students at Henrietta Barnett School. With the school being closed and their GCSEs cancelled, they decided to use the extra time on their hands by forming the first ever SYN editorial team. We think they have done a fantastic job and hope you agree.

We would love to hear from our younger HGS residents so please give us your feedback. Please tell us about things you would like to see in future and do send in articles, poems, flash fiction (250 words max), ideas and artwork. Everything must be your own work and original. Send it to suburbnews@hgsra.uk.

