



Emma Howard at Lyttelton Playing Fields (Photo: Michael Eleftheriades)

This has been a busy period for the RA. The AGM was held on March 28th; planting of trees in the Henrietta Community Orchard took place on March 20th and we have been fundraising for the Heath Extension playground which has generally been extremely well received and supported by the local community.

The Summer Fair planned for June 12th will be over by the time you read this, but we will report

on it in the next edition. Thanks go to Next Day Solar for their generous sponsorship of this year's fair ([nextdaysolar.co.uk](http://nextdaysolar.co.uk)) and to our many volunteers without whom the fair would never take place. Also to Lola's Cupcakes for their support of the charity cake stall.



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## RA Council Zoom Meeting report

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The meeting on 12 April 2022 was attended by eleven Council members with four members unable to attend. People are getting busy again now as life seems to be returning closer to the old normal. Full minutes of all Council meetings are available on the RA's website: [www.hgsra.uk](http://www.hgsra.uk). The first Council meeting post the AGM is always one with certain formalities, such as re-establishing committees. This year it was decided to disband the CONSAM committee but to continue to appoint representatives to the Trust's Property and Plans Committee who will now report directly to RA Council. The Trees &

Open Spaces committee seeks a new chair following the retirement of Tony Ghilchik after many years of service. Other committees continue to go from strength to strength and attract much interest and support.

You can read more about the recently established Environment Committee in Gren Manuel's article overleaf. Maria Schlatter has been leading the RA project to create a new community orchard in Lyttelton Playing Fields and you can read her update on these RA Review pages which is accompanied by some wonderful photos. Do visit Lyttelton Playing Fields to take a look if you have not yet done so.

A big 'thank you' to everyone who has supported the fundraiser required to improve the children's playground on the Heath Extension. Support given has been amazingly encouraging and generous and, at time of writing, the playground looks fully set to go ahead.

Finally, we have lost some wonderful Suburb residents in recent weeks who did so much to make HGS a special place to live over many years. Janet Elliott chaired the RA for a number of years and also dealt with all membership matters for many years, which is a very big task. David Littaur chaired the RA Events committee and was extremely active in Proms at St. Jude's. Jean Neal was a Suburb stalwart who, together with her husband Tim, did so much good work for the community. Richard Wiseman will be remembered for his many years serving as Chair of HGS Trust. You can read more about some of them on pages 3 and 4. May they all rest in peace.



## Play your part in keeping our Suburb special

The Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association was formed over 110 years ago. With nearly 1,900 members, it has become a strong, enthusiastic community in the Suburb. It:

- organises social events including the Summer Fair and Hallowe'en/New Year's Eve festivities
  - maintains and enhances the greenery in the Suburb by funding the planting of street trees and setting up of a community orchard
  - supports residents to prepare for environmental challenges
- works with LB Barnet to keep the Suburb clean and supports local litter picking volunteers
- supports local community groups and donates to local charities, including Proms at St Jude's
  - produces the quarterly Suburb News and annual Suburb Directory delivered by volunteers to all households in the Suburb
  - produces the monthly Suburb eNews with local information and events circulated by email to members only
- provides access to the Master Tradespeople List with recommendations from fellow Suburb members and the HGS List email group: both available to RA members only

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee



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HGS Residents Association extends congratulations to Her Majesty on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee. This provided an opportunity for us all to celebrate and renew the values of service to our communities and families and kindness to each other.

We hope residents enjoyed local Platinum Jubilee celebrations and invite you to send stories and photographs to [suburbnews@hgsra.uk](mailto:suburbnews@hgsra.uk) to share in the September edition of Suburb News, a copy of which will be sent to Her Majesty.

We would also encourage residents to consider funding the planting of a street tree in celebration of the Jubilee – a wish expressed by Her Majesty as a way of marking this momentous occasion – and to support in a small way efforts to increase tree numbers to help combat the effects of climate change. This can be organised through the RA working with LB Barnet: please contact [trees@hgsra.uk](mailto:trees@hgsra.uk) if you would like to fund a street tree providing the suggested location for the tree which would ideally replace one of the many we have lost in this area in recent years. Total cost per tree is £400 and the RA will contribute £150 leaving a balance of £250 to fund.

Join the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association online at [hgsra.uk/join](http://hgsra.uk/join) or call 020 3488 9131