

# The tree outside our house is missing! How do we get one back?

From time to time our well-loved street trees go 'missing'. They may have died, suffered bad weather, been stolen or damaged beyond replanting by buggies, cars, vans, lorries, or even local mini-buses.

No need to panic! The Trees and Open Spaces Committee, T&OS for short, will come to the rescue and will organise, with

the help of LB Barnet and the Residents Association, to have a replacement tree planted. The Residents Association budget for up to £3,750 per year towards new street trees. This is matched by L B Barnet so we can replant about 25-30 new street trees annually. Of course a missing tree cannot be replaced until the appropriate replacement

type can be sourced – no easy task – and planted at the proper time of the year. This can take time, but if there is a replacement available, this can be achieved fairly quickly.

We can only do this if we are alerted to the unfortunate loss by local residents as soon as possible, or it is recorded on our latest Local Street Trees Survey.

This is undertaken by T&OS Committee members, who every year, walk every street, close and twitten to log – excuse the pun – all the trees standing and their apparent condition. In addition, the vacant place where once a tree proudly stood, that has sometimes surreptitiously been covered over by gravel or even ugly tarmac, probably by LBB, needs to be recorded.

Once a new sapling tree has been planted, nearby residents can help by giving it a modest watering, down the open tube by its base, especially during hot weather. Regrettably, most garden trees, however obtrusive, imposing and ugly they are, fall outside our remit, unless they pose a risk to street users.

The T&OS Committee meets every two months or so to discuss a raft of topics, that include: Big Wood and Little Wood, Bute Mews, Central Square Improvements, Hampstead and Highgate Ponds,

Hampstead Heath & Extension, Kenwood, Lyttleton Playing Fields, Memorial Benches, Northway Gardens, Twittens and much more besides.

When an oak tree, which probably pre-dates local property, comes under threat from an insurance company or resident in the hunt to reduce their liability, T&OS makes robust representation to LBBarnet. In the past few years, we have had considerable success in saving these ancient trees. Where appropriate, we obtain Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)

to put a stop to some of our local heritage being chopped down unnecessarily.

However, we do need the eyes of residents to let us know when trees and other significant foliage, plants, hedges, shrubbery, etc. come under threat.

We are a very friendly committee undertaking much essential work and if you are a member of the RA and wish to join us, please contact our chairman, Tony Gilchik, at [tony@ghilchik.demon.co.uk](mailto:tony@ghilchik.demon.co.uk).

ALAN BRUDNEY



Asmunds Place oaks



GEORGINA MALCOLM

## So you want to be a Trustee of Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust

There are eight trustees. Four, who must not be residents of the Suburb, are appointed by the Royal Institute of British Architects, the Law Society, the Royal Town Planning Institute and the Victorian Society. The trust has no control over whom they appoint.

Then there are the four elected trustees who must be Suburb residents. Once elected they serve for three years and can stand again for another three at the end of their first term, but cannot then stand immediately for re-election thereafter. This

article is about election as one of these resident trustees.

In the course of the next two and a half years trust members will be electing three or perhaps four new resident trustees.

At the AGM later this year David White's first three-year term as a resident trustee comes to an end. He may or may not stand for re-election.

Claire Calman's second term of three years ends at the AGM in 2018 and if more than one candidate is nominated there will be an election for a new trustee then. Similarly, at the

AGM in 2019 Michael Franklin and I will also finish our second three-year terms and will be replaced by new elected trustees.

Almost every time there is an election, in addition to excellent candidates, we find people standing who seem to have shown no previous public interest in the work of the Trust or the Suburb. They often know little about the work of the Trust (or its powers) or the history of the Suburb; they are then surprised and disappointed not to be elected. If you don't know a little about the work of the Trust and its aims, and if you are not known to a reasonable number of other residents, it is difficult to make a good case for your election. Of course there are other qualities a good trustee should show.

My first piece of advice is therefore to get to know both the Trust and the Suburb. At least read the Scheme of Management. I would also recommend learning a little of the history of the Suburb from any of the excellent books. Perhaps either Mervyn Miller's 'Hampstead Garden Suburb' or C.W. Ikin's 'Hampstead Garden Suburb Dreams and Realities' which is a little dry but gives a compelling account of the difficulties the Suburb faced in the 1960s and '70s which led to the creation of the present Trust and the safeguards its constitution provides (including the way in which trustees are chosen). You don't need to read them from cover to cover to get a good-enough impression of why we are set up the way we are (but of course they repay reading in their own right). The Trust's website also contains a wealth of information at [www.hgsttrust.org](http://www.hgsttrust.org).

More importantly, you should take the opportunity to volunteer

to work on Trust or other Suburb institutions – for example:

- the Residents Association;
- the Horticultural Society; or
- the Library.

This would help you to get to know the people and what the real issues are. It would also help to get a wider range of residents to get to know you. By all means make an appointment to come to the trust office to find out more.

Remember that to become a trustee, you must be a full member of the Trust. This is free and the application form is on line. We come across countless examples of people who think they are members but turn out not to be. The only qualification is that you apply and that you are an adult who has been a Suburb resident for the last three consecutive years – any number of people in one household can become members. None of the following on its own makes you a member;

- Being a freeholder;
- Paying your management charge or ground rent to the Trust;
- Being a member of the Residents Association.

Membership has to be renewed every three years. If you are in any doubt, the office can tell you if you are a member and when your membership is due for renewal.

Even if you have no intention of standing for election at the moment, I would recommend your volunteering to help any of the organisations which make the Suburb what it is. You can find a list of these organisations in the Residents Association Directory for which you can find a link on line at: [www.hgs.org.uk](http://www.hgs.org.uk)

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HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB TRUST

## WORDSEARCH

In this issue we have concealed the names of 20 famous painters (one of them is highlighted to start you off – please don't count it in your total). Names may be read in all directions, straight or diagonally. Please send your entries by email to [cristina.lago@gmail.com](mailto:cristina.lago@gmail.com) with your name and contact details. The closing date is June 16. All correct entries go into a draw to win a £20 voucher from our independent local shop Joseph's Bookstore. Good luck!

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The answers to the last issue's Holidays Wordsearch were as follows: Adams, Buchanan, Carter, Cleveland, Eisenhower, Ford, Garfield, Grant, Hoover, Jackson, Johnson, Lincoln (given), Madison, Monroe, Nixon, Obama, Roosevelt, Taylor, Truman and Wilson.

Judith Samson from Erskine Hill is the winner of the Joseph's Bookstore £20 voucher – congratulations! Thank you also to all of you who sent in your answers, keep participating!

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