



Another award for Northway Gardens

The Environment Aware Certificate has been awarded to the Northway Gardens Organisation by the Finchley Society for its work in the Rose Garden at the bottom of Northway.

The award is given for a change to something like an open space or building, which improves the appearance of Finchley and is appreciated by the public.

Kristin Green for the NGO says, "We are absolutely delighted to receive this community award for the second year running."

"This achievement is entirely due to the imagination of our hard working group of volunteers. In less than two years we have transformed an abandoned wasteland into a peaceful haven for wildlife, and a place of enjoyment for residents."

Monica Moses added, "This year the beds of new roses are in full bloom and we appreciate the wonderful comments and letters we get from residents and councillors. Barnet Green Spaces managers tell us this is a shining example for other 'Adopt a Place' groups, and bring them here to see what can be done."

Some of the plants, such as the comfrey, come from close to home in the Suburb, but some are donated from gardens as far away as the Chilterns. The plants are bee and insect friendly, no pesticides or weed killers are used and all is organic. In fact they make as much of their own leaf mould and compost as possible and there has been an increase in earthworms and insect life. The idea is for it to be sustainable, low maintenance

and low cost to help it avoid failure from being too costly or complicated in the long term. It is hoped to become an asset to the Suburb, which will give pleasure for many years.

There are now over 130 local residents who have contributed money, time, plants, labour and TLC. But they are looking for more volunteers and also for financial contributors.

There is no digging as they use paid gardeners (Barry and Eddie) for this, but they are asking for more residents to join them. There are absolutely no boring meetings and no minutes! Pick some weeds, trim the grass edges, rake the leaves if you want, when you want, and share the goodies donated by Sherrards.

They thank their principal 2016 sponsor, Ellis and Co,

Estate Agents, and also the HGS Trust and the HGS Residents Association for their donations. They still need cash to help pay Barry and Eddie, who do all the heavy work, and are asking for donations to the Northway Gardens Organisation (NGO), Nat West, Temple Fortune, sort code 51-50-11, a/c no 66631904 or by cheque to 69 Brookland Rise, NW11 6DT.



Our fantastic library, which is solely run by volunteers, held its annual party on June 15. If you are interested in joining the team, visit the library and register your details.



Garden Suburb Community Library hosted chess teams from Garden Suburb Junior School on Mayday. The schools under 9s and an under 11s chess teams qualified to play in the national semi-finals in June and needed somewhere to practice, and the library was very happy for them to use the building on a day when the library is normally closed. We wish them all the best in their endeavours.



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All the fun of the fair at the HGS Residents Association's Summer Party to celebrate The Queens 90th birthday - Painted Penguin face painting, punch & judy, animal show plus Gill Roberts biscuit decoration.

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