

Hersham Residents Association

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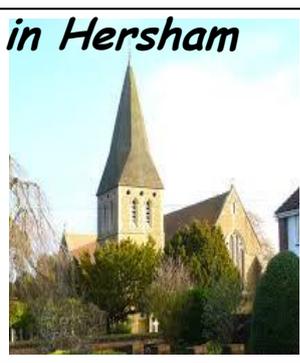


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Hersham Residents Association (the HRA) is a non-political organisation whose aims are to promote the community of Hersham and the interests of its residents

Christmas in Hersham



Hersham Residents are all invited to a **Christmas gathering on Saturday the 16th December from 4.30 - about 6.00**

The event will start with some choir-led community singing around Hersham's Tree on the Green – then mulled wine and Christmas fare will be available in the function room at the Watermans Arms; and the Mayor will be selecting the winning ticket in a raffle to fundraise for a local charity.

All are welcome, so do please bring your friends and neighbours

Christmas lights If you have a great Christmas display in or on your house, please send us a photo or clip to info@hershamresidents.info, we'd love to create an on-line gallery to show off Hersham's Christmas creativity.

FUNDING FOR HERSHAM!

The HRA hope that this newsletter will help raise awareness of some grant money available for Hersham. This comes from a building development charge called the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). There is currently a substantial amount of CIL money available following the former Rydens Enterprise School, and Lidl developments.

Local organisations, charities and clubs can apply for this funding to provide or maintain facilities, which will benefit the community by, for example, improving transport, footpaths, open spaces or public buildings.

Hersham and its community organisations need to recognise this opportunity and take the initiative. It's a rare thing for grants to be available, and it would be a shame if Hersham doesn't make the most of it.

More information about CIL is provided in this newsletter.

Parliamentary Changes split Hersham?

Current proposals for [parliamentary boundary changes](#) would mean a division between constituencies running through Hersham, and our village being represented by 2 different MPs. Have your say; the parliamentary Boundary Commission is currently consulting on these proposals and **comments are due by December 11th.**

Please copy any comments to us at info@hershamresidents.info so we can reflect your views in an HRA response.

Happy Birthday Andrew

On the 26th October, our President and oldest member was 100. Andrew Sturgis is a tireless supporter of the local community. His energy and enthusiasm continue to be an inspiration!



A community council perspective: -

The group promoting the creation of a community council suggest this apparent disregard for Hersham and its boundaries adds weight to their campaign.

– see back page for more.

The bulldozers finally take over after discussion and consultation.

The HRA contribute comments on all significant developments in Hersham – see our web for details.

Lidl really is coming to Hersham

After various delays, work is underway to build the long awaited new supermarket in Hersham on the site opposite Laithwaites, likely to be open in late 2018. In its response to the proposals, the HRA reflected some concerns about traffic management once the supermarket is open. However, our response was in favour of having a new shopping option for Hersham residents, and of course the additional housing to be built.



The site for Lidl's has an interesting history as a manufacturing site for cars in the 1920s / 30s. It was also used for manufacturing aircraft parts and precision engineering products. Some of this history is explained in the [industrial guided walking leaflet](#), which is available on the HRA website.

Some of the old cars that were made by ABC Motors on the Lidl's site.

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Should the HRA arrange a local history plaque to explain about the old cars that were made by ABC Motors on the Lidl's site? Any views about this please email info@hershamresidents.info

New Hersham school update

The new school buildings are taking shape at Three Rivers Academy (previously Rydens Enterprise School). The new buildings are scheduled for completion in February 2018.

The HRA comments on the rebuild proposals reflected local apprehension about traffic and congestion from the additional 269 houses, which are part of the scheme. However, it was also recognised that the new school buildings will be a great asset to the school and to Hersham.



Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - What is it and why should we be interested?

With the above developments currently in progress, Hersham is accumulating a considerable CIL fund running into many thousands of pounds. The Community Infrastructure Levy fund can be used for a wide range of community improvements.

More on Community Infrastructure Levy Funding (CIL) [Recently issued Elmbridge guidance](#) says that applications are expected from not-for-profit organisations and community groups. Applications should be able to show wider community benefit. To help raise awareness, this newsletter is being circulated to relevant organisations in Hershams who might wish to apply.

The Council are inviting applications from now until 19th January 2018.

What could the money be spent on?

The guidance just issued by Elmbridge lists various types of projects which can attract CIL funding, including: -

- School related applications
- Footpath works
- Enhancements to community use buildings such as village halls etc
- Improvements to open spaces
- Enhancements to public spaces
- Sporting and recreational facilities



CIL – how do you actually apply?

The form for applications and associated guidance is on the Elmbridge Borough Council website (a link has been posted on the HRA website for ease of reference).

Based on the HRA's experience of the CIL process, organisations applying need to have:-

- A proposal which is clear and costed
- Something which benefits the wider community
- Something simple and easy to deliver
- A project which improves local amenities and infrastructure

More Trees The HRA has previously applied for CIL funding to replace missing trees along the Molesey Road on the way to Hershams Station. This proposal was rejected due to limited CIL funds at the time and other priorities, but do members think this should be looked at again? Putting more trees on the Longmore Estate has also been suggested - any views?

Riverside Park HRA members have been involved in recent discussions about the need for better maintenance of Riverside Park – the hidden green space along the River Mole near Waitrose car park. The HRA argues that general maintenance should be carried out by the council, with perhaps some help from local people - any volunteers email info@hershamsresidents.info. However, are there some improvements to the park that should be CIL funded?



Cycle Lanes Several years ago, the HRA suggested creating a cycle lane alongside the Queens Road up the stretch to Sir Richard's Bridge roundabout. Do you think this should be looked at again to ease congestion and improve safety?

Some years ago Elmbridge Borough Council (EBC) put forward the following infrastructure suggestions for Hershams: transport /cycling improvements linked to schools; children's play space improvements; open space improvements; improved playing pitches; and primary health care provision.

But what do you think Hershams needs? If you are a member of a local club or voluntary group, why not encourage some discussion, and let your club secretary or organiser know that it's not too late to apply for CIL funding! See further advice on the EBC website at: <http://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning/cil-funding/>

The 2017 HRA Sunflower competition winners!

The third year of the Hersham Sunflower competition produced some worthy winners

The competition is supported by:



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The £25 Squires voucher prize for best front garden display went to the grower in Burwood Rd. See below.



The winner for the tallest! The cash prize for the **Tallest Sunflower** at a very impressive 3 metres and 58 cms went to a grower at 247 Hersham Road.

RANDOM! The prize for the flower nearest to a random height (selected on the day before judging) went to the grower of a 1.7 metre specimen in a front garden in Thrupps Avenue.

.... and in other key news from Hersham

The Drake Park appeal started on 31st October. The HRA submitted an objection to the proposal for over 1000 houses on land north of Hersham Station. Permission was refused but the applicants appealed. The HRA is not in favour of this scheme because it would use green belt land currently separating Esher, Walton, Molesey and Hersham. We also have serious concerns about the increase in traffic which would result. The appeal outcome is anticipated in 2018.

Hersham Village Hall & Day Centre closure the HRA was pleased when the day centre was reopened – *but are concerned that the Village Hall remains closed, apparently indefinitely*. The HRA wrote to the Chief Executive at Elmbridge and made these concerns known. A reply from Elmbridge emphasised safety considerations and suggested that the HRA would be fully consulted about any future proposals. What are your views? <mailto:info@hershamresidents.info>

Hersham Community Council



The **Hersham Community Council** steering group is still gathering support and are well over half way to achieving the target of 1000 signatures before formally requesting Elmbridge Council to look into the creation of a Community Council for Hersham. The campaigners report that the response from local people continues to be overwhelmingly positive. They say that the signatures will send a clear message that Hersham deserves its own Community Council to legally recognise Hersham and its boundaries and protect the village's identity, status and sense of independence and community.

For a thorough explanation of the initiative and more about the campaign visit the HCC website: www.hersham-community-council.org.uk