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## Nominations for Highgate Neighbourhood Forum Committee 2023-24

**Martin Adeney** has lived in the area for over forty years with his family. A former journalist, he currently chairs the Friends of Highgate Cemetery. He was a founder member of the Forum committee and was active in the public consultation on the Plan. He is a current committee member.

**Ian Brewester** has lived in Highgate for over 40 years, owns two buildings with 4 shops in the heart of the village and has three children at local Highgate schools. He has a passion for the Village and its survival as a community, which depends on a thriving High Street for both retail and F&B. He has also owned a creative agency for the last 25+ years that prominently works in retail in the West End. It helps brands big or small on our high streets with their visual marketing on and offline. Ian also works with large retail landlords and agents in Central London and has a very good understanding of the changing commercial landscape.

**Rachell Fox** was born and raised in North London and has lived here all her life, apart from an exciting year in France when a student! Following a successful career in the media working in commercial radio and then for the BBC, Rachell spent time in the third sector leading marketing and communications for several well known national charities before moving into the education sector. She is now Director of Communications, Marketing and Development at Channing School where she leads on Admissions, Marketing, and Alumnae Relations. Rachell is looking forward to nurturing deeper connections between Channing and the local community.

**Don Grubin** is a semi-retired Professor of Forensic Psychiatry who moved to Highgate with his wife three years ago. He is a member of the Highgate Society and a keen litter picker and guerrilla gardener with them. His interests are criminal justice, health and mental health, and allotments. Being fresh to Highgate he has been learning about its various niches and oddities, and is keen to see them preserved.

**Ian Henghes** is a visual communications specialist. He founded a Soho video facilities company and has headed an interactive design division of a TV production company. Ian has produced a wide range of projects especially in the heritage and arts sectors. He is also one of the moving image artists represented by Lux. He now works primarily in online development, and enjoys a range of activities including photography. Current activities in the Highgate community include being Chair of the Waterlow Park Trust Advisory Group, as well as involved with the Highgate Society and other local organisations.



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**Katherine Ives** has worked in Highgate at Lauderdale House since 1998, where she is Director having guided the organisation through a £2.5million refurbishment. Over the years she has felt privileged to be part of the committed and active Highgate community. She has produced theatre and cabaret shows at Upstairs at the Gatehouse, has been involved with the Waterlow Park Trust Advisory Group since its inception and runs the local 'Breakfast Network' of Highgate venues and organisations. Katherine started out as a solicitor in the City and West End, and having 'served' eight years decided arts management was a more interesting career. She is on the Board of Pursued by a Bear Theatre Company and Above the Stag Theatre. She is excited at the potential the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum offers for bringing together arts, cultural, educational and heritage organisations and local businesses to benefit Highgate and improve the lives of local people.

**Peter Jacobs** and his wife have lived on the Holly Lodge Estate for 47 years, his daughters starting their education at St Michaels. He was a Marketing Researcher and on retirement in 2000 busied himself for 12 years as the treasurer of an international sports federation. He has been a member of the Holly Lodge Estate Committee for some 18 years, having served as its treasurer from 2008 to 2019 and as a trustee for ten years until 2020 when he retired on term. He has been a member of the Holly Lodge Consultative Conservation Committee for over a decade. He is a current member of the HNF committee.

**Anne Jamieson**, a retired social science academic, has lived in Highgate for 19 years. She was a founder member of the HNF and chaired the Social and Community group through its work for the HNF Plan. She is keen to develop Highgate as a community, to involve those socially excluded, and to promote closer intergenerational relations. She set up and volunteers for the HNF Drop-in service 'Coffee & Computers', engaging the Highgate Society, Jacksons Lane and the Highgate School in what has become popular, regular events for the digitally excluded. She volunteered at the Mary Feilding home and the Highgate Literary & Scientific Institution, where she is a member of the Education Committee as well as the Management Committee.

**Louise Lewis** has lived in Highgate for 15 years. She loves the area and the atmosphere and is keen to preserve the best aspects and enhance it where she can. She is an active member of the Friends of Waterlow Park and Highgate CAAC. She was involved in producing the Neighbourhood Plan and has been involved in responses to the new Haringey Local Plan (and in particular submitting suggestions on cycling and walking in Highgate). She works to provide community input into significant areas with the HNF, such as Highgate Wood, Queen's Wood, Waterlow Park and Highgate Cemetery. She is conscious of the Camden/Haringey divide, working to bring both 'sides' together where she can. She currently leads the HNF Tree Group and has been involved with opposing tree felling along the Parkland Walk, as well as trying to work for a new 'green' bridge over Stanhope Road.



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**Maggy Meade-King** is a former journalist and broadcaster, who ran her own successful small publishing business, as well as undertaking senior roles in the public and voluntary sectors. She has lived in Highgate for more than 20 years, was the founding Chair of the HNF and led it through the consultation on and production of the Neighbourhood Plan. She is also a Trustee of the Friends of the Highgate Bowl and an active member of the HLSI and the Highgate Allotments Association Committee. She currently leads North London forums groups campaigning for greener transport, as well as running the HNF Biodiversity Network.

**Chanel Noel** is Highgate School's Community Partnerships Director. Her role includes overseeing the extensive Partnership Teaching programme in which Highgate staff deliver specialist academic provision and support to neighbouring and pan-London schools year-round, an annual summer school for year 4-5 (primary) and year 10 and 12 (senior school), community engagement projects and initiatives, Highgate pupil volunteering and fundraising, and the school's flagship partnership with London Academy of Excellence Tottenham in the east of Haringey and Chanel is also an active participant of Highgate Schools Environment committee. Prior to joining Highgate school Chanel has worked in the Third Sector leading programmes that support community engagement, health and wellbeing inequalities, career support for underrepresented groups, interfaith community connection, soft skills and leadership development, and social mobility initiatives. Prior to this, Chanel worked in education as a secondary and sixth form teacher and dual department leader of religious education and PHSE. Chanel is excited to work with the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum to support the amazing impact already being made by the HNF.

**Alicia Pivaro** has lived in Highgate for more than 15 years and has been chair of the HNF since 2017. After training as an architect, she has spent the last 30 years working in the field of architecture and urbanism in several key roles at organisations including the Arts Council, RIBA and the Architecture Foundation and as an independent cultural producer and writer. Her career has focused on initiatives that engage the public in issues about the built environment and supporting community involvement, including Architecture Week. She is an advocate for the importance of community-led regeneration and is a convenor for Neighbourhood Planners London. As well as making art, she teaches architecture at the Bartlett School UCL and the London School of Architecture. She helped to establish the Highgate Festival in 2018, and is involved in other local initiatives including Pink Plaques, Highgate Stories and the Highgate Eco Network.

**Dan Stranescu** is a founder member and leader of the Goldsmiths Court Residents Association, set up to ensure future development plans acknowledge the needs of elderly and vulnerable tenants. A qualified architect, with over 45 years experience working for major architectural practices, as well as in private practice on broad range of projects in the UK, Europe, Africa and the Middle East, he has property development and project management expertise and is currently working pro-bono on residential planning appeals, mainly in Camden. His interests include the history of traditional building techniques and design of consumer products.



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**Richard Webber** has lived in Highgate for 37 years, first in Highgate Avenue, then in Broadlands Road and now in Bisham Gardens, and has been involved in community affairs only for last ten of these. His longest standing campaign has been to persuade TfL to relocate the terminus for the 271 bus. His main other contribution has been to write, illustrate and publish a series of ten booklets, each describing a self-guided walk in the area between Camden Town, Alexandra Palace and Hampstead Garden Suburb. This has been supplemented by a history of the Highgate Society, probably the most comprehensive and authoritative account of planning and transport issues in N6 over the past 50 years.

**Natasha Walter** has lived in Highgate for more than 25 years (as did her grandfather and great grandfather before her) and her children have attended Highgate Primary School, Parliament Hill School and Highgate Wood School. She is a writer, the author of several books including *Living Dolls: the Return of Sexism*; *The New Feminism* and the forthcoming *Before the Light Fades: A Memoir of Grief and Resistance*. She is the founder and was for more than 15 years the director of the charity *Women for Refugee Women*, which supports women who seek asylum in the UK. She has also worked as a journalist for the *Guardian*, *Observer* and *Independent*. She is active in *Extinction Rebellion* and *Writers Rebel*, a group of writers in the climate movement. She is keen to use her skills and experience to support local initiatives for biodiversity and social inclusion, and to help Highgate become a greener and fairer place to live.

**Francis Wilkinson** is a retired as a barrister in 2020, and for the previous 20 years he specialised in family law. Before that he was a police officer for 30 years. He has particular interests in licensing, the regulation of drugs and the effects of air pollution on health. He is Secretary of the Highgate Society and previously chaired the community organisation which saved what is now Whitehall Park School. His interests include pollution, climate change, licensing, traffic and walking and cycling.

**Siri Zanelli** is a Norwegian architect and partner with *Collective Works*, an award winning RIBA chartered architecture and design studio. She became a Londoner in 2006, and has lived in leafy Highgate since 2014, and can often be seen running in Highgate Woods and Hampstead Heath. She is a member of the Highgate Society Council, is involved with the planning committee and runs the Society's Instagram account. Her local passions centre around the quality of the built environment as well as the green spaces, sustainability and community engagement. Her architectural practice worked closely with the Highgate Society and the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum to support the Contractor Yard scheme for *Omved Gardens* through planning, and she is currently working with *Haringey Council* on a CIL funded HNF project for an outdoor playspace along *Parkland Walk*. She has two boys attending local Highgate schools.