



April newsletter



AGM 2026

This year's AGM will be held in the peaceful surroundings of Omved Gardens at the end of Townsend Yard, N6 5JF at 6.30 for 7pm on **Monday 18 May**. Do come and join us to hear about what we have been doing and what we are planning,

You will also have the opportunity to hear about Omved and their vision for the future. We will also be inviting **our new Camden and Haringey councillors** as soon as we know who they are, so you will be able to quiz them on how they plan to represent Highgate and work with each other to address the issues in our neighbourhood.

What our local election candidates think about Highgate

We asked the Green, Labour and Lib Dem prospective candidates for Camden and Haringey Highgate wards what they thought were the main issues facing Highgate and how they would work with neighbouring boroughs to address them. Find out what they said [here](#).





More than eighty people from nature focused organisations across North London came together on Saturday 25 April to discuss how a new network might boost our efforts. We hope to work together to connect our green spaces for wildlife. You can hear how we plan to take forward this exciting new venture at the **HNF AGM**, when we have had the time to collate the very many ideas and strategies generated at the event.



Add a tree to the Woodland Trust Ancient Tree Inventory

"Why do there seem to be no ancient, veteran or notable trees in Highgate?" HNF Committee member Louise Lewis asked herself as she looked at the Woodland Trust map at <https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk/tree-search>. It turned out no one had recorded them.

She has now put four local trees on the map and will add two more, but surely there are more. Do you have a beloved tree that could be added? It is very easy to do. Go to <https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk/add-a-tree/> and just follow the instructions. You should know the position, species and girth size and you can add photographs or anything that might be helpful. *Photo below is of the Denewood Road Boundary Oak.*



Highgate Society plans for former 271 space



The Highgate Society has submitted a planning application for the old 271 bus stand site (*image left*). While improvements to this neglected area are welcome, some of us feel that the Society's proposal is lacking in

ambition. We would like to see a more convivial social space with more planting, especially to shield the area from the traffic on the busy High Street. We are also disappointed that no reference was made to the earlier more imaginative ideas created in collaboration with HNF. You can judge for yourself and comment on [Camden's planning application site](#) by inputting ref: 2026/1323/P **before May 3**.

The Harington Spring Sale is this **Saturday 2 May**. Bedding, herb and vegetable plants will be on sale, alongside freshly baked goods and refreshments provided by the Friends of Harington. There will also be tours of the site and music by the London Metropolitan Brass band.



Jazz in the House (or on the Tea Lawn) is back at Lauderdale House on Thursday nights in May and June. Find out more and book [here](#).

Good news from Parkland Walk



We are pleased to hear that the Friends of Parkland Walk have secured NCIL (Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy) funds for improvements to the St James Lane viaduct and the path at Stroud Green.

If you would like to help ensure the Walk nature reserve is as productive for nature as possible, check out the [TCV website](#) for volunteer sessions.

Discover and enjoy the Heath with Heath Hands



As usual, there's lots going on on the Heath this Spring. The Heath Info Hut is open again, there are Tree and Bird ID walks, Drop In Gardening sessions, Forest Bathing and much more. Check it all out on the [Heath Hands website](#).

Archway History Day



Exhibition and Guided Walks at Hargrave Hall Lower Hall (Hargrave Road, N19 5SP) on **Sunday 10 May**, 11am to 4.30pm. If you would like to go on the Walks, please email [Better Archway Forum](#).

The Art Trail 2026 in Crouch End will be on **May 9 and 10** from 12-6pm this year. More than forty local artists are inviting everyone into their homes or studios to see where and how they work. The Original Gallery at Hornsey Library (N8 9JA) will feature one piece from each artist from **6-17 May**. More info at [Crouch End Open Studios website](#).



Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

The HNF provides an opportunity for everyone in Highgate to get involved in local issues and have a say. We want to hear your ideas and here are some ways for you to join in;

- Join the HNF committee - only four meetings a year to discuss key issues
- Biodiversity group - help support the HNF Biodiversity Network and promote local green initiatives
- Traffic/transport group - help us develop a community-led vision of what the future of travel in the area might be
- Highgate Festival - offer your skills or organise part of the programme or an event

Contact us on info@forhighgate.org.uk

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