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BUILDING A **BETTER**
HARROW

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Welcome to Wealdstone's first quarterly newsletter. We've created it because residents asked for it at our public meeting earlier this year. I agree with so much of what was said there.

At the council, despite reduced funding, we need to develop ways to work more closely with residents and partners, so we can tackle the challenges head-on.

We know that Wealdstone is precious to you. We promise to listen to what you want. And we're dedicated to creating lasting change and a safer, better and inclusive community here.

Cllr Graham Henson
Leader of Harrow Council

What can you do for Wealdstone?

If you live or work in Wealdstone and would like to contribute to this newsletter, or if you're involved in a local project that you'd like to share, email us at communications@harrow.gov.uk

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Jane Hylton Local resident

Pictured centre with
other local mums

“I organised an exciting street party in Wealdstone with other mums in September. We had heard bad news about Wealdstone up to that point and we were fed up of hearing that. We wanted something fresh to bring the community spirit together. We were amazed at the results of the street party and the kindness of people. Local shops gave us



goody bags and Wenzel's in Wealdstone donated £1,000 worth of food, including sandwiches and children's lunch boxes. The party brought everyone together and now we're thinking about how else we can help in the future.”



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Tanya Sprunks
Inspector for Harrow
neighbourhoods

“I’m really positive about change happening in Wealdstone, after the last meeting. People didn’t know what the police were doing locally and they wanted more information. Now, I’m pleased to say that we are working closely with residents, businesses and our Partners to tackle their anti-social behaviour concerns.

“For example, we are profiling the street drinkers in Wealdstone Square and referring them to agencies for help. We’ve met with local shops, businesses and churches, so they know what to report to us. They are pleased to be involved as it’s bringing everyone together and shaping a safer community for all.”



We’ve met with local shops, businesses and churches



YOUNG PEOPLE

Mike Luke **Youth Worker with Ignite Trust**

Pictured centre with clients, Sepahr and Jojo

“I’ve been with Ignite Trust – a local charity in Wealdstone for five and a half years. My role involves engaging with hard to reach teenagers in the Wealdstone area, mostly boys, who have dropped out of school.

“We offer them activities such as a music project and boxing training instead of them loitering

the streets or causing anti-social behaviour. We help them gain employment opportunities for young people and offer one to one sessions.

“We see their progress and potential - however, it can be tough. It’s slow for some, whilst others really do transform their lives, which is fantastic.”



We hate fly-tips too

Steve Prewer Fly-tip Squad

“You hate fly-tips, we hate fly-tips too. I’m part of the crew that goes round the borough clearing up after people who illegally dump their waste.

“That’s one part of what the council does - the other, is taking action to stop these criminals in the first place. In Wealdstone that includes putting in place a Public

Space Protection Order for the alleyway behind Mir Supermarket - this basically gives us extra powers.

“In the past we’ve been limited with the action we can take, because it’s not public land, now anyone caught dumping will be given a £100 fine or prosecuted. It’s already having an impact.”

YOUR COUNCILLOR

Cllr Phillip O'Dell **Wealdstone councillor**

“I have lived in the Wealdstone area for nearly thirty years and I am proud that I was born and brought up in our borough. I believe the residents of Wealdstone should receive their fair share of public services offered here, including Council, police and health services.

“It is important to me that our High Street should remain a vibrant place in which all residents should be able to go about their daily lives without fear or discrimination. Everyone has their part to play in achieving this goal.”



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YOUR COUNCILLOR

Cllr Natasha Proctor Wealdstone councillor

"I am very honoured to have grown up and gone to school in Harrow. I returned to my family home in Harrow Weald after university, where I worked at Cedars Manor Primary School, as a teaching assistant.

"I'm passionate about the education and future of the children in Harrow. This is one of the reasons that I become a Councillor in Wealdstone - I wanted to help out in the area. It's been wonderful getting to know many new families over the years,



and I'm looking forward to working alongside the community to make Wealdstone more vibrant, safe and inclusive than ever."

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