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BUILDING A **BETTER**
HARROW

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Welcome to the second edition. Here you'll see some of the progress we're making as we start to bring about the change that everyone wants to see in the town. In particular, work with the police and voluntary sector is making a real difference to crime and anti-social behaviour.

We're at the start of our plans – and with work now progressing on Wealdstone Square, as well as the development at the old Sam Maguire site – we're going to keep on working with residents, traders and our partners to build a better and safer community.

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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Our aim is to make Wealdstone a more attractive place

Unhar Gupta, Director Lere Fisher, General Manager

Specsavers, Wealdstone High Street

“We’re trying to change the High Street - so that every business here, no matter what size - is constantly striving towards a higher standard. Our aim is to make Wealdstone a more attractive place. Admittedly, this is a challenge!

“We started by meeting the council last year after an incident in Wealdstone, to see how we could improve the environment.

“At the last meeting, we had 16 business owners - all determined to make a positive change in the area. It’s an ongoing process but with regular engagement, we are starting to change the High Street, to make it safer and more accessible to the community.

“If you’re a local trader that wants to get involved with what we’re doing - please come and see us.”



Tanya Sprunks

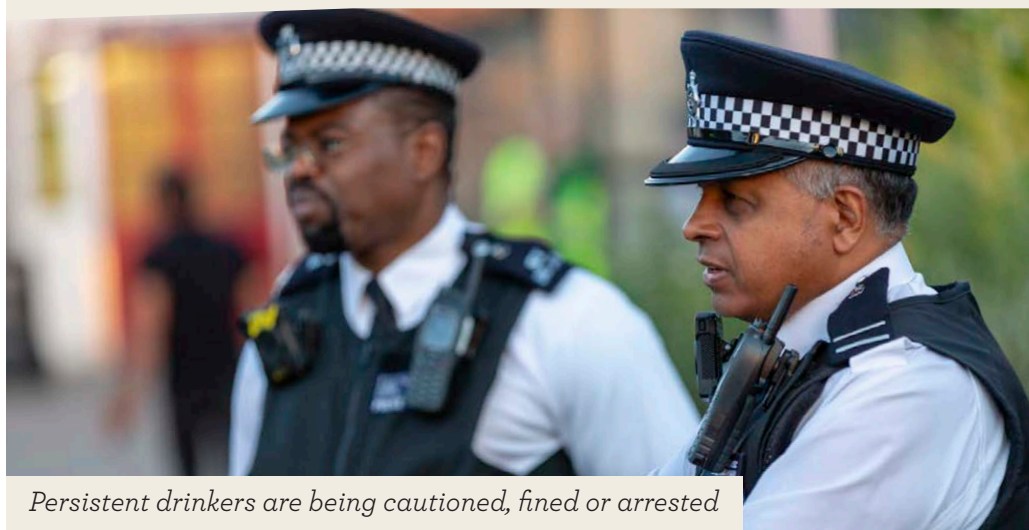
Inspector for
Harrow Neighbourhoods

“We’ve made many improvements to policing in Wealdstone and have been working well with our partners, including the council.

“Persistent drinkers are being cautioned, fined or arrested and improved police visibility has given local businesses the boost to turn drinkers away.

“Officers have also been working with Trading Standards - seizing fake goods including perfume and alcohol.

“All in all, we’ve made a lot of improvements to policing here and we’re going to carry on working hard and being ‘joined-up’ with the council and all our partners.”



Persistent drinkers are being cautioned, fined or arrested



Shanice Grant

Digital Sexual Exploitation Specialist

WISH Centre

Wealdstone charity working to improve young people's lives

"I help young people who are self-harming, or have experienced abuse, neglect or bullying. I educate youngsters about online child sexual exploitation (CSE) and I work one-to-one with those who have been bullied online. One young person we helped who had been badly traumatised has recently gone on to Oxford University.

"The WISH team are small but close. We raise awareness about CSE in local schools. It's a demanding role and always changing. We also arrange trips for youngsters, regular talks and teach self defence classes. Staff are at the forefront of issues, locally and beyond. I love my job because my work is unique and I help people overcome barriers."



Network Rail to spend £3.8 million

Harrow & Wealdstone station refurbishment

The council has been lobbying hard for improvements to be made to Harrow & Wealdstone station. It's a hugely valued local asset, but years of under-investment have long been apparent.

Now Network Rail are poised to spend £3.8 million on this local transport hub, which each

year witnesses close to 4 million passenger journeys.

Most of the work, which is due to complete in December, will take place on the footbridge, with the replacement of windows and flooring. They'll be a complete repaint and also improvements made to the station's stairways and lifts.

PUBLIC SPACE

Shehzad Ahmed

Economic Development Officer
Harrow Council

“The drinkers are out, the diggers are in! We’ve already widened the space available, not just for cars but to create something useful for future community use. Now we’re improving the paving to make it look like a real square. Next the trees are coming in!

“What you may not have seen is that the council has worked to engage directly with the people who often used the square as a place to sit and drink alcohol. We’ve not simply moved them on – we’re addressing the cause of their issues with them, to help improve their lives and keep them off the streets.”



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YOUR COUNCILLOR

Cllr Rekha Shah **Wealdstone councillor**

“I am delighted to have been a Wealdstone councillor for over 16 years - it's been challenging as well as satisfying. My family and I live close to Wealdstone and have always lived here. I find it a safe area to live and work in. I want Wealdstone to maintain its vibrancy and diversity, which is a big asset.

“Regeneration work here is progressing towards much needed affordable and quality housing. I'm happy to be working with the local community - in supporting their priorities, such as keeping areas



clean and tackling crime. It's vital that we support youth activities too, working with our partners at Ignite Trust and others and bringing the community closer.”

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