



NORTHWOOD HILLS
RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**
The MBE for volunteer groups

*c/o 23 Winchester Road
Northwood
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Dear Resident/Supporter

31st March 2020

Northwood Hills – Supporting the Local Community and the NHS

At this time of crisis, it is important for the community to join together and support each other. We are pleased that a number of people are using our Facebook page to make requests for assistance and others are positively responding and assisting wherever possible.

For the foreseeable future, NHRA will not be able to hold any events or publish and distribute 'The Hills Echo' so the overheads this financial year will be lower than normal. We were planning to donate £1,000 to the 2nd Northwood Scout Hut appeal when it launched but as it will now be delayed, we will defer that donation until April 2021.

In order to support the local community, as our funds will not be used in the usual ways, on 1st April, we are planning to donate £1,000 to local charities who are currently involved in assisting local people in need as a result of the current crisis. £500 each to H4All CIO and the Kate Fassnidge Charity.

H4All CIO: They are asking for donations to fund buying food for people in need as a result of the virus, to be distributed locally. H4All CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation made up of five prominent third sector charities: Age UK Hillingdon Harrow & Brent, DASH, Hillingdon Carers, Harlington Hospice and Hillingdon Mind.

Kate Fassnidge Memorial Trust: they are purchasing non-perishable food items, using the Fassnidge Halls in Uxbridge and Northwood as storage and distribution centres. The food items will be distributed by local charities, including H4All, to those in need, including the elderly, during the current crisis. Since mid-March the Kate Fassnidge Memorial Trust has been working in collaboration with both H4All and AgeUK. Any extra donations received during this time will be ring fenced to purchase food for those local people in need and will be added to the money the charity has already earmarked.

In addition to this support, we also have another fundraising opportunity. The 1st April is the start of the NHRA financial year, which is when our £3 membership fees normally become due. In the main our network of Road Stewards collects these. This year that will not possible, so your Committee is asking you to please pay your £3 subscription on-line. If you do so, NHRA will donate **all membership fees received by 30 June** to the **NHS for a local project** yet to be determined. We hope you will agree to do this, as it will result in a sizable community donation to the NHS locally. NHRA is not looking to raise any monies during this challenging time for its own funds, as our usual expenditure on events and the Echo will be much reduced.

There are two ways you can make payments to NHRA;

- 1) Set up an annual standing order, which will also make the collection of subscriptions easier in future years. Or,
- 2) Make an on-line payment direct to the NHRA Bank account.

When making payments, please ensure include your Road, house number and last name in the reference field so that we can identify you.

The details of the NHRA Bank Account are as follows.

Bank: HSBC Pinner

Sort Code and Account Number: 40-36-21 71531417

Payee: Northwood Hills Residents' Association

If you would like to pay more than £3 this year please do; we will ensure that any additional money is also donated to the local NHS project.

Please feel free to forward this note to others members of the Community who you believe would like to support the NHS in this way.

In closing, I hope that you and your families are well and stay safe during this difficult period.

Kind regards

Andrew

Andrew Riley BEM ACIB

Chairman, Northwood Hills Residents' Association

H4All CIO is a partner in the local Hillingdon Health and Care Partnership which includes the Hillingdon Primary Care Confederation as well as the local NHS foundation trusts providing community care services and acute hospital care.

H4All is leading on the coordination, administration and running of the Covid-19 helpline in the Hillingdon area.

Details at: www.h4all.org.uk

Kate Fassnidge Memorial Trust provides for:

- the benefit of old persons residing in the area of the former Urban District of Uxbridge
- for the benefit of such persons residing elsewhere in the London Borough of Hillingdon
- for any charitable purposes for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Hillingdon

There are twelve Trustees who meet approximately once a month to carry out the business of the Trust, including managing three properties, Darren House, Fassnidge Memorial Hall and The Cedars all on the High Street in Uxbridge. The Trustees also own The Kate Fassnidge Community Hall in Northwood which is available for local people and groups to hire. John Morgan, one of the Northwood Hills Ward Councillors is a Trustee of the Fassnidge Trust.

Details at: www.fassnidgecharity.org.uk

The **NHRA** has made a number of donations to local groups and charities over a number of years. More details can be found on the achievements page of our web site www.northwoodhills.co.uk