

### What Is It?

OWL keeps communities safe, helps reduce crime and keeps people informed of what's going on locally. It's a shared, secure platform for the public and local authorities to maximise the potential of Neighbourhood Watch, Rural Watch, Business Watch and dozens of other schemes. OWL sends you the latest local crime alerts and provides management tools for maintaining and expanding watches. OWL was featured on BBC Crimewatch.

Local authorities send out alerts via OWL about crime and local issues happening in your area. It helps prevent burglary, finds missing people, makes people feel safer, and even catches suspects.

### How This Works

OWL will use your postcode to check if you are already in a Watch scheme by finding your local senior Co-ordinator. If there isn't one it will check if your address is covered by a Police Administrator who uses OWL to manage your district.

A successful search will allow you to register to join a scheme and subscribe to related OWL alerts or to make an enquiry using the comments section of the form.

On 13 June 2018 the London boroughs of Hounslow, Ealing and Hillingdon joined OWL with 30,000 new watch members. Join them and sign up at <http://owl.co.uk>

### OWL Has National Police Approval

OWL is the first and only communications system to be an approved member of Secured by Design, an initiative from the Association of Chief Police Officers, and now the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime, to reduce crime.

From the login page all data sent between your computer and OWL is securely encrypted over the Internet. Please keep your OWL password a secret and never disclose it to anyone, not even police or OWL staff.



### The Great Get Together Picnic



This event was part of The Great Get Together inspired by Jo Cox who was killed on 16 June 2016. In her maiden speech to the House of Commons Jo said, "We have more in common than that which divides us."

Our Great Get Together Picnic took place in Thornbury Park on 24th June 2018, which would have been Jo's 44th birthday.

Local Tesco Express Manager Amila left us surprised (for all the right reasons). When buying sandwiches, cakes and drinks for the picnic it was mentioned it was for The Great Together. We think he thought it was for a party to watch England play. Amila then offered to contribute on behalf of Tesco and donated over £30 of goods for free.

Many thanks Amila and Tesco for supporting their local community.

The event was not as well attended as we would have wished but it was a very hot day and England were overwhelming Panama (6:1). However we were joined by our local MP Ruth Cadbury, Councillors Unsa Chaudri and Richard Eason with Tony Louki sending apologies.

Hopefully the picnic will become an annual event and better attended.

### Community Information Guide (CIG)

The council's Community Partnerships Unit says it has created an exciting new, online directory of all of the voluntary and community groups in the borough of Hounslow.

The new Community Information Guide aims to provide the best available guide to the many groups across the borough providing support, advice and important services to our residents.

In addition you will find information about community buildings that are available to hire.

Unfortunately when we checked the guide we discovered a similarly named Association to SGRA which is not us. Contact has been made with both this Association and LBH to rectify this. In the meantime all contact details listed on this newsletter and our website remain.

The new Community Information Guide can be found at: <https://cig.hounslow.gov.uk>

## Planning Matters as at 17th July 2018

### Hounslow Central

#### Applications

##### 187 Spring Grove Road

Certificate of Lawfulness for the erection of a hip to gable and rear roof extension with two front roof windows to the house.

##### 17 The Close (00288/17/PA2)

Ground floor rear extension 6m deep, 2.90m high to the eaves with the maximum height of 2.90m.

#### Decisions

##### 196 Spring Grove Road

Erection of a single storey side and part single part two storey rear extension with conversion of the garage into a habitable room following the demolition of the existing extensions of the house.

APPROVED 11/07/2018

##### 196 Spring Grove Road

Certificate of Lawfulness for erection of a rear roof extension with hip to gable conversion and two roof windows to front elevation and erection of an outbuilding in rear garden.

GRANTED (FULL PLANNING PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED) 10/07/2018

##### 17 The Close (00288/17/PA1)

Ground floor rear extension 6m deep, 2.90m high to the eaves with the maximum height of 2.90m.

PRIOR APPROVAL DOES NOT COMPLY 27/06/2018

##### 30 Worton Way

Certificate of Lawfulness for the erection of hip to gable and rear roof extension with two front roof windows to the house.

GRANTED (FULL PLANNING PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED) 10/07/2018

##### 61 Worton Way

Certificate of Lawfulness for the erection of a single storey rear extension to the house.

REFUSED (FULL PLANNING PERMISSION REQUIRED) 13/07/2018

##### 66 Worton Way

Ground floor rear extension 6m deep, 2.8m high to the eaves with the maximum height of 3.066m.

PRIOR APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED 11/07/2018

### Osterley & Spring Grove

#### Applications

##### 8 Vincent Road

Retrospective application for the erection of a front porch and a boundary wall to the front of the house.

##### 8 Vincent Road

Certificate of Lawfulness existing for the continued use of the single storey side extension as a self contained studio flat.

#### Decisions

##### 7 Spencer Road

Certificate of Lawfulness for the erection of a rear roof extension with Juliet balcony to the house.

GRANTED (FULL PLANNING PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED) 18/06/2018

## Charity Plant Sale

Thanks to everyone who supported the sale held at 75 The Drive on 15th July. The total raised so far is £245.

The remaining plants were transported to New Malden for sale there and it is hoped a further £100 will be added to the total. This will be donated to a feline charity.

I hope to do this again next year. If there any particular plants you would like me to grow just let me know and I'll try to accommodate your requests.

Polly Chilvers

## PLAY STREETS

Hounslow Council has made it easy for local communities to close residential roads to through traffic so that children can play outside safely.

Play Streets have been up and running in Hounslow for over a year and this initiative is going from strength to strength. Residents from all over the borough have been applying for their road to be made into a play street.

The aim is to improve children and young people's health, wellbeing and quality of life, through play. The idea is to create a traffic-free space for children to play together, and for the adults to be able to chat together too. You can close your road once a month or even once a week – it's completely up to you and your neighbours.

The application to have a play street is open all year round. For many, this will be the first chance to explore the space outside the front door on their own. Parents may pop by, but this is kids being kids: playing with soft balls, chalking on the pavements, racing up and down on bikes, meeting other kids of all ages and from different schools.

To help residents to set up their first play street, the council has developed template posters and letters as well as the 'Play Street Pointers' pack. Its full of lots of tips on how to get your neighbours involved, how to apply for a street closure and games and activities for all times of the year. It is currently free to apply for a play street.

Any roads applying for their first play street in 2018, will receive a free 'play street starter kit' with things like chalk, bunting, clay, outdoor games and more.

If you want to go and see a play street in action before you apply for one on your road, contact Hounslow Council to find out where the nearest one to you is taking place.

To find out more call 020 8583 2405 or email [community.development@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:community.development@hounslow.gov.uk) or visit [www.hounslow.gov.uk/playstreet](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/playstreet)



## SGRA Meetings

The next committee meetings are:

**Tuesday, 18th September**

**Tuesday, 16th October**

Meetings are held in The Millford Arms starting at 8 pm. All members are welcome to join us to observe, contribute, raise concerns or just for a drink.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Data Protection

You have received this newsletter as a member/former member of Spring Grove Residents' Association. Should you no longer wish to receive this please contact any member of the committee.