

Putting our residents first in Harefield



FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
The council provided Harefield District Guides with a brand new building as part of a programme to invest in new facilities for young people and uniformed groups

Supporting the local community

- Harefield Library will be refurbished in 2020 to provide an improved experience for customers, including new seating, carpets and lighting, and more space for reading, activities and to use computers.
- The library offers a range of groups and sessions for all ages, including crafts, knit n natter, Storytime and poetry. More than 50 people attended their special Culture Bite Arts and Literature Festival event: Summer Reads with Erica James and Rosanna Ley.
- The council installed a Christmas tree on Harefield Village Green and street lamp column decorations in Breakspear Road South, Northwood Road and Harefield High Street.
- A pair of memorial statues called Tommies were installed at Harefield

War Memorial to mark the centenary of the end of World War One. Wreaths were also laid at the memorial to honour the World War One recipients of the Victoria Cross, Harefield-born Robert Edward Ryder VC and Cecil John Kinross VC, and the Harefield men who fought and did not return to the village.

Your local councillors gave ward funding to:

- Harefield Cricket Club to re-cover seating in their function room.
- Park Lane Village Centre towards children's gardening club equipment, night cameras for wildlife spotting and renovations to their main hall floor.
- Harefield Archers towards new equipment.

Health and wellbeing

- The council provided 8 Dr Bike sessions at Harefield Hospital for staff and residents.
- *Our Parks* works with the council to provide a range of free fitness sessions at Harefield Village Green. To view and book these visit www.ourparks.org.uk.
- A monthly free Harefield healthy walk is held on a Friday at 11am starting

at Harefield Village Green. For more information visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/explore.

- A Tovertafel, interactive light game system, is now available at Harefield Library for residents living with dementia to use.

Supporting older residents

- Council tax was frozen for a thirteenth year for over-65s for 2019/20.
- Over-65s can also benefit from free swimming and swimming lessons, free allotments, tea dances, a winter heater loan scheme, priority parking with Brown Badges and dining clubs. 34 Harefield residents received a free burglar alarm.
- 1,334 over-75s in the borough have received the TeleCareLine service free of charge, including 50 in Harefield.
- Harefield Library offers weekly chair-based exercise sessions for over-65s as part of our MOVES initiative.

The Leader's Initiative for Older People gave funding to:

- Barden Court for a Christmas lunch.
- Harefield End of the Month Dance Club for a ball.
- Rylstone Tenants' Club for a day trip and summer garden party.



IN REMEMBRANCE
Wreaths were laid at Harefield War Memorial

Improving your local area

Chrysalis

- Hill House Allotment received replacement fencing to improve security, and maintenance was carried out on the roof of the site's shed.
- Hill End playground (pictured right) was refurbished to provide young people with new play equipment.



or sign up visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/streetchampions.

Roads and footpaths

- Barden Close, Northwood Road (part section), Penzance Close, Springwood Close, Adrian Close, Roman Close, Shelley Lane and Sullivan Crescent were resurfaced. Gilbert Road, Merle Avenue, and Truesdale Drive footpaths were also resurfaced. Leys Close carriageway and footpath is programmed after utilities works have been completed.

Keeping green

- Harefield Village Green retained its Green Flag in 2018 and 2019.
- 56 hanging baskets and floral displays bloomed in Harefield.
- 32 new trees have been planted in the ward, including one at Harefield Village Green to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak. We also gave away 5,000 free tree saplings to residents, schools, community groups and businesses in 2019.
- Renovation works were carried out on Harefield Village pond to improve the water quality and attract more wildlife. Children from Harefield Junior School helped to plant aquatic plants and new roadside drains were also installed to prevent oils and pollutants being washed into the pond.
- Water fountains were installed at Harefield Village Green and Taylor's Meadow.
- In the past 2 years we collected 1,800 discarded duvets from Brunel University at the end of the academic year and took them to the Dogs Trust, Harefield where they were recycled as animal bedding.
- 4 new litter bins have been installed in Harefield.
- 800 Harefield residents have used the council's free bulky waste collection service. To find out more visit www.hillingdon.gov.uk/bulkywaste.
- The council is installing 'No Idling' signage outside all schools and hotspots across the borough to help improve local air quality.
- Harefield has 11 Street Champions, who volunteer for the council, reporting local council-related issues. To find out more

Keeping you safe

- The council has invested £2.75 million in upgrading the borough's CCTV. All cameras are being upgraded in Harefield.
- Harefield House car park was awarded a national Park Mark award.
- The council's community safety team ran a ward safety event with the police Safer Neighbourhood Team in Harefield to provide crime prevention advice to residents.
- The council also ran a targeted problem solving event at the Co-op, Park Lane in partnership with the Metropolitan Police. These involve various council teams and external partners providing advice to residents and helping to resolve community concerns at the hub (Co-op) and in surrounding streets.
- 86 per cent of premises in the ward that had a food inspection rated 4 (good) or 5 (very good).
- Children at Harefield Infant and Junior schools received pedestrian safety training and young people from Harefield Academy took part in the council's Bikeability training.

Housing

- Inspections are regularly carried out to investigate disrepair in privately rented properties and to combat landlords providing potentially hazardous living conditions.
- Emergency LED lighting has been upgraded in a number of council-owned buildings.
- 10 properties have been adapted to enable disabled residents to continue to live independently in their homes.

Supporting young people and families

- The council's £254 million school building and expansion programme continues to ensure that every child in Hillingdon is offered a primary or secondary place.
- Improvement works took place at Ash Grove Community Playground, where a new zip wire and ball court were installed for young people.
- The council's annual FIESTA programme offered young people a range of activities to participate in during the summer holidays, including cricket sessions at Harefield Cricket Club.
- The Transporter bus visited Harefield to engage young people who may be at risk of offending or carrying out anti-social behaviour and to provide them with a range of support and guidance.
- Harefield Children's Centre welcomed more than 50 families to nursery and Reception transition sessions to support children in getting ready for school and nursery. These provided the children with an opportunity to get used to new environments and routines, and make friends.