



July 2023

Tenants and politicians plant tree to mark the Trust's 90th anniversary

In April, Trust tenants Eileen Kirkham and Harifat Dada were joined by Catherine West MP, Joanne McCartney AM and Hornsey Ward Councillors Adam Jogee and Dana Carlin for the planting of a tree to mark the 90th anniversary of the founding of Hornsey Housing Trust.

Also attending were Hornsey Housing Trust Deputy Chair Ian Roberts, Chief Executive

Euan Barr and Housing Support Co-ordinator Barbara Moore. There was a lot of praise for the work of Hornsey Housing Trust, with Catherine West MP saying: "I'm delighted to be planting a tree in celebration of The Trust's 90th birthday and their long history of providing local residents with somewhere safe and affordable to live."

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L-R: Euan Barr, Harifat Dada, Ian Roberts, Eileen Kirkham, Barbara Moore, Cllr Dana Carlin, Catherine West MP, Hornsey & Wood Green, Cllr Adam Jogee, Joanne McCartney

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Tree-planting to mark 90th anniversary

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“The need for social housing has never been so stark and Hornsey Housing Trust should be proud of their commitment to maintaining good-quality, genuinely affordable homes to people who need them most.”

Councillor Carlin described Hornsey Housing Trust as “a valued partner, providing homes to some of our most vulnerable residents. The tree we have planted today is a symbol of that ongoing relationship, which will hopefully thrive for the next 90 years”.



Eileen Kirkham and Harifat Dada with Barbara Moore watch the tree being planted

And Councillor Jogee said that “social housing is a lifeline to so many people across the country and HHT has a strong record of delivering affordable, safe and secure housing. Long may they continue!”

The Trust is planning further celebrations later in the year. It will also be publishing a written history of its origin and development through the years, written by former Chair Rosie Boughton, including how it managed before and during WW2 all the way up to the recent Covid pandemic. This will follow up the book the Trust published in 2017, which documented the life stories of some of the tenants of Margaret Hill House.



Fish and chips and the Coronation!



By Indje Shahin, Support Services Officer, Abyssinia Court

In April we had our Easter event. Our 99-year old tenant Grace Kheim said she would love to have fish and chips. The 20 tenants who came enjoyed the fish and chips which came hot and fresh.

Then in May at the café we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III by arranging a tea dance. We decorated the dining room and even the cupcakes had flags! We had music and talked about the Coronation and people's memories of the monarchy.

Our Wednesday Abyssinia Court Café continues with activities such as bingo, quizzes, armchair exercise, dancing, singing,



discussion topics etc.

If you want to come along one week, call me on 07483 036 941 by Monday morning so we can make sure there is lunch for you. Also let us know of any other activities you would like to see at the café. See you soon!

HORNSEY HOUSING TRUST

SUMMER BBQ



Come along for a range of hot and cold **FOOD**,
RAFFLE, **MUSIC** and more!

Please let your Scheme Manager or Support Service Officer know if you plan to attend – we hope to see you there!



Thursday 20 July 1pm – 4pm Abyssinia Court, London N8 9PL

Relaxed poetry workshops

Lucy Berry is 66, lives in Haringey and is a single mum in a mixed-heritage family.

She's also a poet and will be running poetry 'workshops' for HHT tenants, where you can create poems about anything that interests you: your present life, past life, family, childhood, adulthood, work, school, travelling, challenges, heritage, nature, humanity, anything you want. You can be as creative – or as down-to-earth – as you like! Poems are about digging into some truth you know about, and then telling it in your own way.

Lucy says: "Why not come along? Everyone has something worth saying. We'll start off simply with four-line poems. Sometimes people say 'Oh no I can't write poems – and I don't like poetry' and then they write



something really good. Poems can rhyme, but they don't have to! Come along and have a go. You might choose to write about a memory, or a hope, or an incident, or a prayer, or a sad or funny story, whatever you like! I do hope I get to meet you".

Would you be interested in doing some poetry with Lucy? It could be a great way to share your story and have it featured in the next *Link*. Or just to enjoy a fun morning.

We are planning dates for these workshops (open to all tenants) to be held in our sheltered hubs, and our support services officers will contact you very soon with more details!



New fitness class at Palm Tree Court

By Samson Sunmonu, Support Services Officer,
Palm Tree Court, Sheba Court and Olive Tree House



Recently one of our tenants in Palm Tree Court, Ms Phyllis Mills-Barnor, suggested we have fitness classes in our communal lounge.

We had our first two exercise sessions in the lounge in June, taking part in a range of exercises for sitting or standing.

These classes were well attended, with tenants taking full part – even I did too!

We are now planning to have a session from 11:30am to 12:30pm every Tuesday.

This is solely aimed for tenants from the Hornsey Housing Trust schemes at Palm Tree



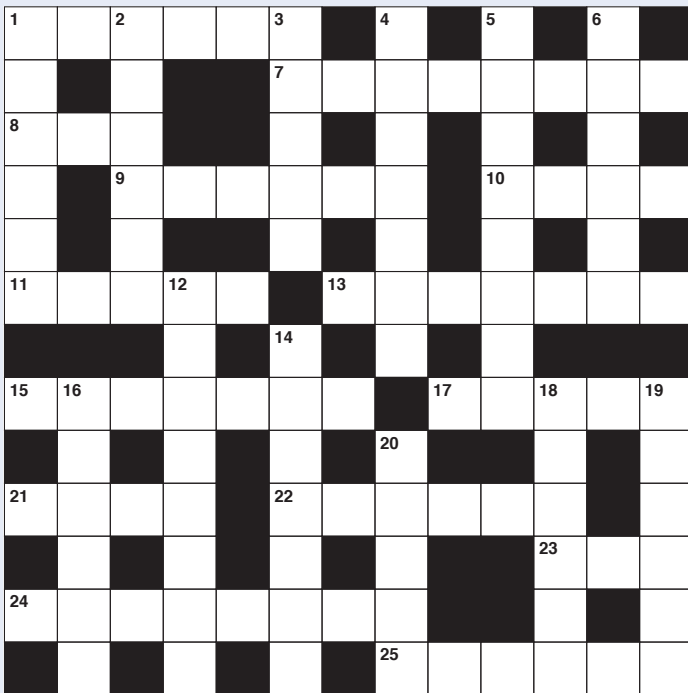
Court and Sheba Court. Tenants from those sites can get in touch with me if you have any questions.

We hope to see you there soon!

Puzzles

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Crossword



Across

- 1 Right to enter (6)
- 7 In any place (8)
- 8 Large salt water body (3)
- 9 Close at hand (6)
- 10 Type of golf club (4)
- 11 Staple food (5)
- 13 Before or by now (7)
- 15 Customs of a society (7)
- 17 Analyse (5)
- 21 Opposite of hit (4)
- 22 Trust or faith in (6)
- 23 Viscous liquid (3)
- 24 Commerce (8)
- 25 Follow closely (6)

Down

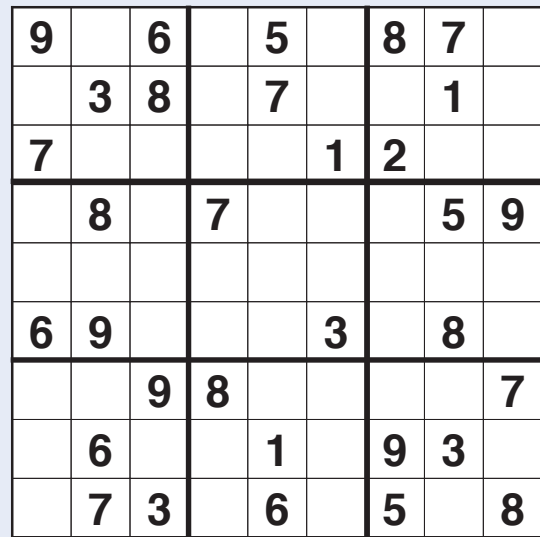
- 1 Soak up (6)
- 2 Possibility (6)
- 3 Pointed weapon (5)
- 4 Use again (7)
- 5 Permanent inhabitant (8)
- 6 Unit of time (6)
- 12 Creative (8)
- 14 Dilemma (7)
- 16 One of a kind (6)
- 18 Develop (6)
- 19 Colour of a lemon (6)
- 20 Group of students; category (5)

Word Ladder

Move from the word at the top of the ladder to the word at the bottom of the ladder by changing one letter on each step of the ladder. Do not rearrange the order of the letters. There may be more than one way of doing this.

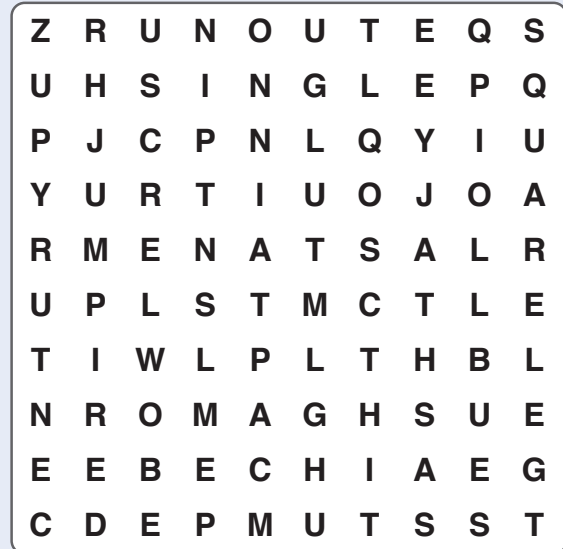


Sudoku



Cricket wordsearch

See if you can find all the words in this **cricket-related** wordsearch



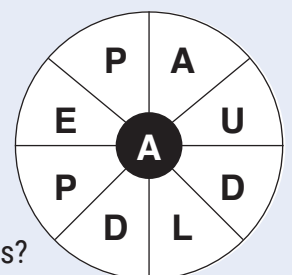
BOWLER
CAPTAIN
CENTURY
PITCH

RUN OUT
SINGLE
SQUARE LEG
STUMPED

TEST
MATCH
UMPIRE

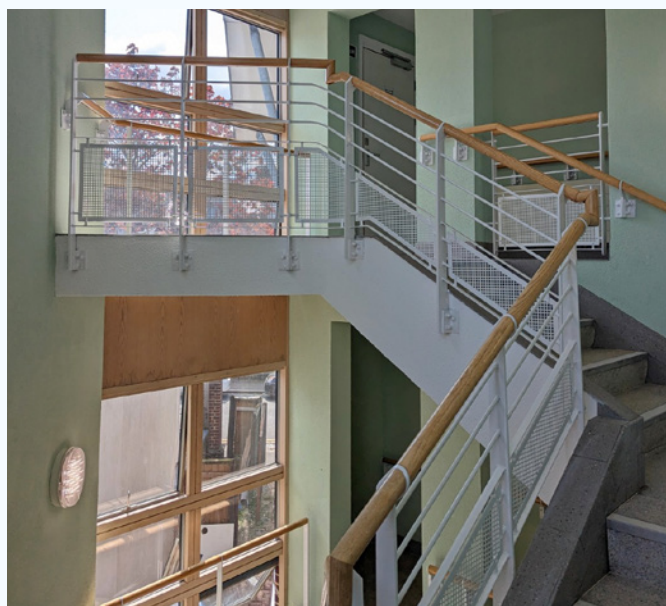
Wordwheel

Find as many words as you can of three or more letters in the wheel. Every word must contain the centre letter. Can you find the word that uses all nine letters?



Housing Trust property updates

By Christopher Adegoroye, Asset Manager



Abyssinia Court gets a makeover

We have just redecorated the communal areas of Abyssinia Court, our largest scheme, including entrance lobbies, corridors, stairs and the lounge and meeting rooms used by residents. Tenants chose the colours to decorate the lounge and meeting rooms and were pleased with how the results refreshed the look. Tenants also reported that the contractors that did the job were very friendly and helpful.

Fire safety: help us to ensure compliance in your flat and estate

Do check and make sure your flat front door has a working self-closer. Fire doors ensure your flat entrance door shuts properly and seal off the flat so that smoke does not come into your flat in the event of a fire elsewhere. The self-closer ensures your door shuts properly and strips around the door seal it within its frame.

Call us if the self-closer is broken or not working properly, for example it shuts with a bang or it is difficult to push the door open.

Giving our contractors access

Our contractors sometimes need access to your home to carry out repairs you have reported to us. They also need to inspect your home to check it is in good repair or to carry out health and safety tests, such as:

- **Gas safety tests:** This is carried out every year
- **Electric safety tests:** This is done every 5 years
- **Energy Performance:** This is done every 10 years
- **Regular Fire Safety inspections** to front entrance door, smoke alarms or fire alarms.

Do please help us by fixing an appointment when we write to you, text you or telephone you to inform you of a need to access your home. Remember that contractors would normally call you to agree an appointment before visiting. Ask for ID before you let contractors into your home. If in doubt, call us to verify or ask for the contractor to reschedule the appointment.

Bed bug treatment advice

If you or a member of your household has contact with an infested object, bed bugs can find their way into your property. As it is not due to a defect/repair in your flat, Hornsey Housing Trust is not obliged to provide treatment.

Special sprays, available from a DIY shop or online, are just as effective as professional treatment and you can apply the treatment as frequently as you need to and see the result.

Before using a treatment spray:

- Vacuum thoroughly and carefully dispose of the vacuum bag contents
- Remove all articles from the area to be treated. Destroy heavily infested items
- Empty all wardrobes and drawers

where clothing and bed linen is stored

- Wash all clothing and bed linen at a minimum of 50 degrees, or dry clean. Store them in sealed bags (bin liners are OK) and only place back after the treatments are completed

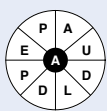
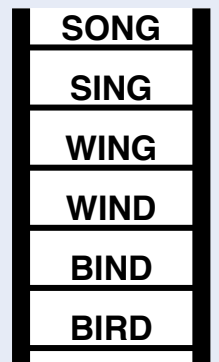
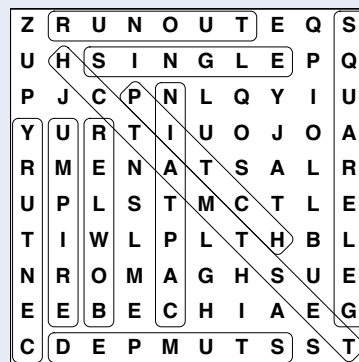
After you have applied the treatment spray:

- Avoid vacuuming and leave the insecticide undisturbed for as long as possible (preferably for at least 7 days)
- Bedbug-resistant mattress covers are available online at minimal cost
- Double-sided carpet tape placed in key locations (e.g., around and behind the bed and bedlegs) can show if live insects are still present and if further treatment is required

Solutions to the puzzles on page 5



9	1	6	3	5	2	8	7	4
2	3	8	9	7	4	6	1	5
7	5	4	6	8	1	2	9	3
3	8	1	7	2	6	4	5	9
5	4	7	1	9	8	3	2	6
6	9	2	5	4	3	7	8	1
4	2	9	8	3	5	1	6	7
8	6	5	4	1	7	9	3	2
1	7	3	2	6	9	5	4	8



Wordwheel: Words that can be made from the wheel include: add, addle, ale, ape, aped, appal, appeal, applaud, applauded, apple, dad, dale, dapple, dappled, dead, deal, dual, lad, lap, lapped, laud, lauded, lea, lead, leap, pad, paddle, pal, pale, paled, pap, papa, papal, pea, peal, pedal, plea, plead, pupa, pupal

Target: 22 Good: 30 Excellent: 36



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HHRepairs@newlon.org.uk

Other useful numbers:

**Haringey Housing and
Council Tax benefits**
020 8489 2800

Gas leaks (National Grid)
0800 111 999 (24hours)

Noise nuisance
(Haringey Council)
020 8489 1000 (9:00am – 17:00pm)
020 8348 3148
(17.01pm until 08.59am)

Crime stoppers 0800 555 111

Rubbish and recycling (Veolia)
020 8885 7700

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National Grid
0800 31 63 105

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