



# NURA NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2022

## Spring General Meeting

7 - 9PM Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022

at Christ Church, Uxbridge

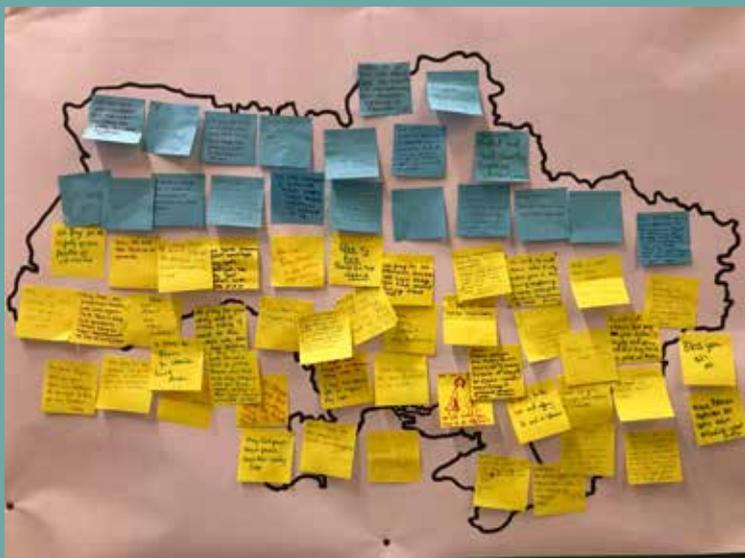
All Residents Welcome!

The Meeting will be informal – Come and go as you please! Refreshments will be served at 8 p.m. The first part of our Meeting will be a discussion on GREEN TOPICS – led by Speakers from Colne Valley Park, the Council's Green Spaces Team and local Eco-Warriors – who will give short presentations. After the break, we will discuss a range of local issues. Residents are free to raise topics of interest/concern. We hope to MEET OUR NEW WARD COUNCILLORS.

We will contact them as soon as the results of the 5th May local Council Elections are known.

**Ukraine** We have all been deeply affected by the unfolding events in the Ukraine. The Government's HOMES FOR UKRAINE Scheme aims to support individuals who wish to act as Sponsors/Hosts for refugees. Full details can be found on the Hillingdon Council website.

Many local organisations are seeking to support Ukraine in different ways. One example is the St. Matthews Church, Yiewsley Ukrainian Appeal. A former congregation member, Sylvia, moved back to her home town Przemysl in Poland. This is on the border with Ukraine and they have had many refugees coming into their town. She attends a local church, which has played an important role in supporting them. They have 30 refugees living in the church and a number of their church members have welcomed refugees to stay in their homes. They are providing people with daily meals and other basic needs.



Here in Uxbridge, the St. Margaret's Mothers' Day service was themed 'Mothers in Ukraine'. Those present were asked to use blue and yellow 'prayer post-it notes' to form this flag of Ukraine..



Window Art  
Vacant frontage on the High Street

# Police and Crime Plan 2021 – 25 CONSULTATION

The Mayor of London issued this Consultation Paper. NURA's response to it has been posted on our website. Please read it. It gives our assessment of the policing needs of the area and the case for making the Uxbridge premises available for public access. It may surprise you that the premises currently serve as the base for some 400 Officers! The Mayor's original intention was to sell off the site for a capital receipt. There is no prospect of this happening any time soon! We still await the publication of MOPAC's Review of the MPS Estate in London. We have asked to be taken into account the significant change in circumstances at Uxbridge since the original Plan was published.

## Uxbridge North Ward Police Panel

NURA Member, Nick Johnson, chairs the Panel and several NURA Members serve on it, together with our Ward Councillors. The Panel considered the Report of a Survey which found a big drop in public confidence – only 51% of those living in London 'believe that the Met does a good job in their local area'. This no doubt reflects the public reaction to the Sarah Everard murder by a policeman posing to be on duty and by the situation which led to the resignation of Police Commissioner Cressida Dick.

The Panel gave its full support to our Police Teams and was especially pleased to note the increased Police presence locally.

## Local Elections 5 May 2022

Very big changes have been made in Ward Boundaries following the Review by the Boundary Commission. There will be a reduction in Hillingdon Councillors from 65 to 53. There will be a new Uxbridge Ward to include North and South Uxbridge.

At our Meeting on 8 March we thanked the retiring Ward Councillors for the North Uxbridge Ward and expressed the hope that there will be a good turnout of voters on 5 May in the completely new Ward.

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee

NURA will not be holding a 'big event' on Uxbridge Common, as we have done in previous years. The response to the Pandemic has brought communities together at the 'street level'. We hope that this will be reflected in the setting up of street parties on 5 June. Hillingdon Council offer a lot of help here. Early preparation and applications are necessary.

## HS2

Progress of this huge operation can be viewed from Harvil Road. One small thing to be glad about is the opening of a haul road between West Ruislip and Harvil Road. This should take some lorries away from our roads.

## Hillingdon Hospital Re-Development

'Roadshows' are being conducted to update people on the progress of the Scheme. The Team aim to complete their full Business Case by Summer 2023. Construction will then follow, with a completion date between 2026 and 2028. 'Business as usual' is promised, but this clearly cannot be the case for such a huge scheme. The access ramp is currently unavailable. We shall have to be patient.

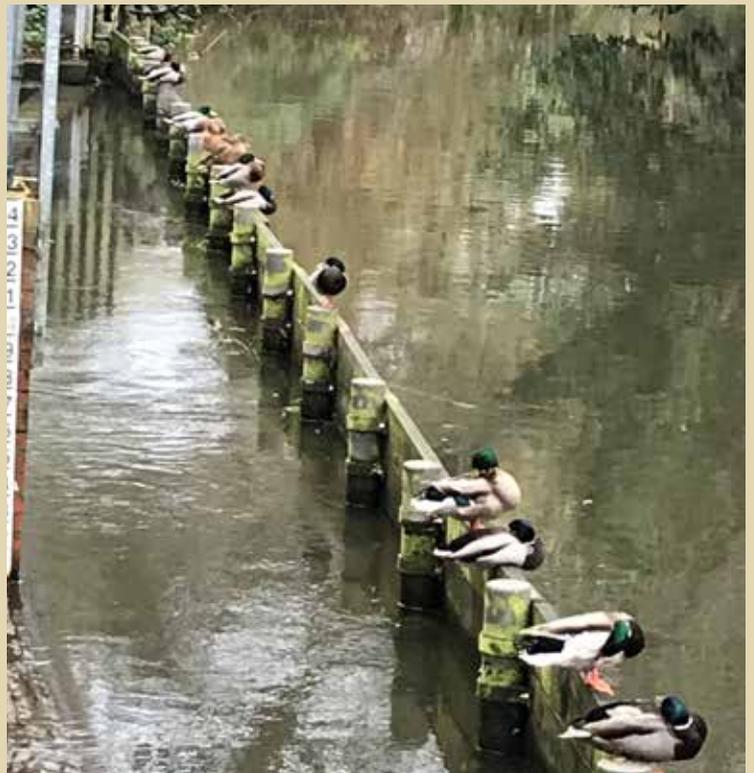
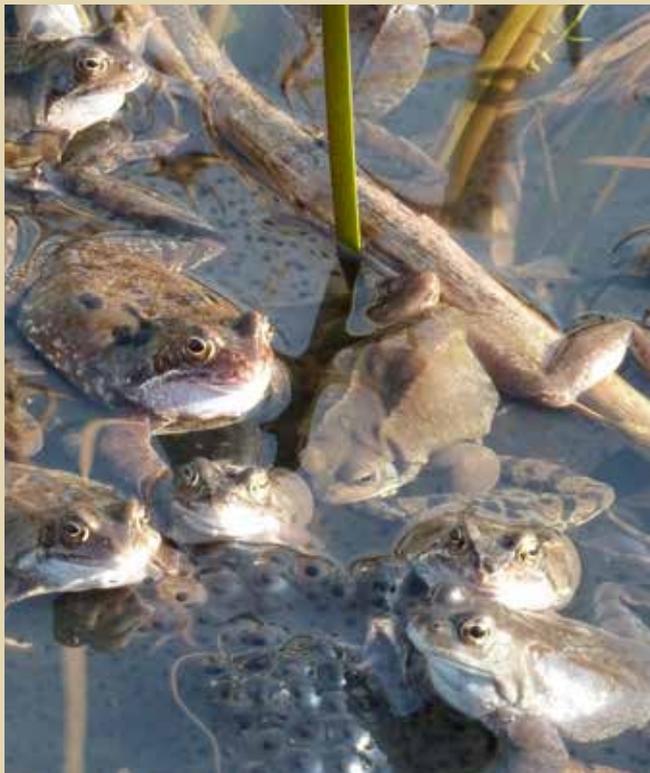
# Bmail

NURA keeps in touch with Barbara Fisher, who writes the weekly Bmail column in the Uxbridge Gazette. This is what she wrote on 23 March -

“A lively North Uxbridge Residents Association Meeting( 8th March) covered a wide variety of subjects from Police to, er, parklets. These structures, also known as kerb-side seating, aim to help businesses recover after the Pandemic, but one in the High Street, outside Bar Italia, was thought to be ‘a great idea in the wrong place’. Nick Johnson gave a report on Uxbridge Police Station, in which he made a strong case for it re-opening to the public, at least for some hours a day. (Let’s hope....!)”

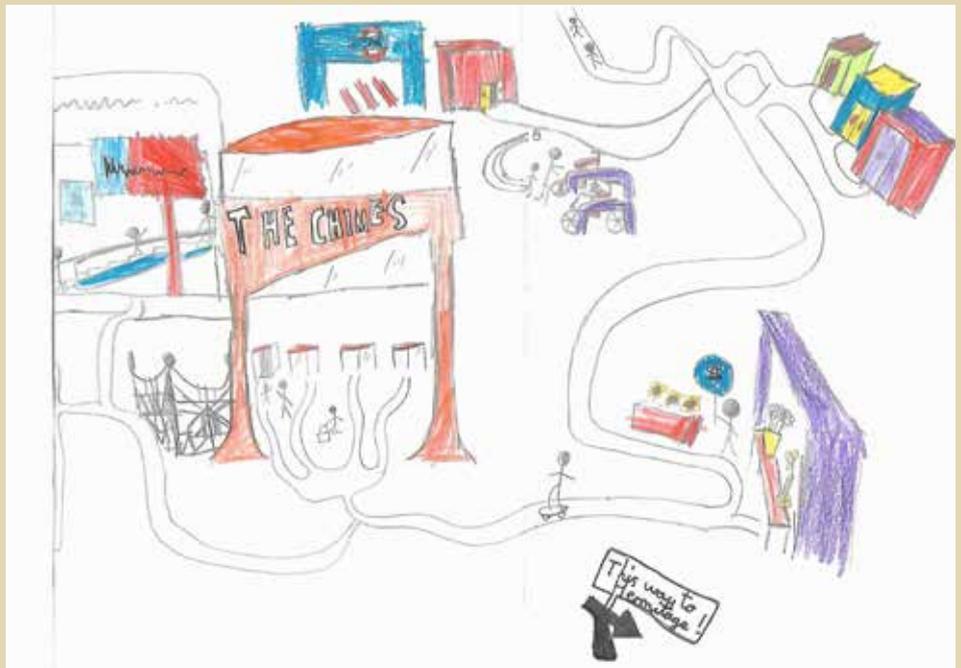
# Naturewatch

Here is a picture of Team members from the Colne Valley Park, who cleared the Uxbridge Common Pond in readiness for a productive frog-spawning! Many thanks to the Team! Thanks also to the LBH Green Spaces Team for clearing all the ditches around the Common and for removing the unsightly growth from the base of the trunks of our wonderful trees. Don’t forget also to take the lovely local walk along the Frays River behind Braybourne Close - now that the floating weed (pennywort) has been cleared. Here are some ducks in a row.....!



# Hermitage Primary School

Elaine D'Souza, Head Teacher, is leaving the School at the end of the Spring Term 2022 to take up a new post in Harrow. We will miss working with her. The School has thrived under her leadership. At NURA's request, Elaine asked some pupils to say what they liked about being in Uxbridge. A young Year 3



pupil, Erichsen Ni, said it was because 'There are popular shops and lots of buses. My favourite thing there is Fasnidge Park .....Being in Hermitage Primary School is the best, because all the Teachers keep us highly educated. I hope you have a great time at your new School and most importantly we all wish you good luck.' We in NURA agree with that, Erichsen - and thank you for your picture!

## NURA Admin

The Pandemic has also taken its toll on NURA's finances, which are now at an all-time low. We have not been able to collect Subscriptions for over two years and have needed to pay a commercial firm to deliver Newsletters, plus a Subscription to Zoom for our Meetings. This is in addition to our usual expenditures, which include Insurance and the maintenance of the website. This is why we are asking for a one-off Subscription of £5 per household this year. Could you please put your Subscription in the brown envelope enclosed with this Newsletter and return it to the collection point indicated. Alternatively, please pay on-line into our Account at Metro Bank, Uxbridge [Bank detail: NURA • A/c No. 32432751 • Sort code 23-05-80]

As we begin to return to 'normal business', our Road Reps play a vital role. We have vacancies in the following Roads; Harefield Road, West Common, South Common, Pages Lane, Norfolk Road, Hillman Close, Park Road, Montague Road, Gravel Hill, Northway and Brookside, Hyacinth and Cowslip, Morris Ave and Ikea Court.

## NURA Officers

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