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north uxbridge residents' association

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BORIS JOHNSON MP meets NURA members

We held our Spring General Meeting at 7 p.m. on Friday 26 April at Hermitage Primary School. NURA member, Nick Johnson, took these photographs.



We had a full programme. There were about 150 residents present. Boris Johnson MP was our first Speaker. He told us of an encounter he had with EXTINCTION REBELLION protesters in Central London. They had a friendly discussion.....' I applaud your aims, but I cannot support your methods'. He then spoke – and took questions on – such topics as HS2, policing in Uxbridge Town Centre and Heathrow Third Runway. The Bxxxxx word was not mentioned.....!





Next up was RAF Northolt. Three RAF Officers came to speak, both about the runway resurfacing and the AIRSPACE CHANGE proposals: The Government require them to consult on the Design Principles upon which new flightpaths will be based.



After our refreshments break, we heard from Officers of the Uxbridge Town Centre Police Team about how policing is organised in the absence of a 24/7 Front Desk and current issues. They also dealt with home security. On this topic, the two residents who had experienced the attempted break-in in Belmont Close spoke about the measures they had since taken to protect both themselves and their property and how they were engaging with the local community. Two Special Constables then spoke about their role and duties and of the need for recruitment.

Disturbance in Uxbridge Town Centre 1st May 2019

Set out below is the text of a letter sent by NURA about this incident to Boris Johnson MP.

Dear Boris Johnson,

We have received a report about another disturbance in Uxbridge Town Centre.

This evening lots of school pupils – mainly female - congregated outside Tesco in the High Street. Fighting broke out. One girl was on the ground. Around ten police vehicles and PCSOs turned up to restore order. The High Street was blocked off by police vehicles and there was local gridlock as a result.

Uxbridge Police Station is still being used as a patrol base, so one assumes this enabled a rapid response. However, this begs the question as to the future, when the Mayor closes this site.

It is ludicrous not to have a strong police presence in the Borough's largest town, which is most prone to gatherings of people and the potential of civil disorder.

How many more incidents of this kind does it take before the Mayor has a re-think? No doubt you will call for a report on this incident and pursue the general concern.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Johnson, Chairman, NURA

NURA Road Representatives

In our last Newsletter we flagged up the vacancies for NURA Road Representatives in the following roads –

- Gravel Hill
- Pages Lane
- Belmont Road
- Park Road
- Hyacinth Drive and Cowslip Close
- North Way
- Brookside

We have 9 vacancies at present. Thank you to those of you who have already volunteered – but unfortunately we don't have a match with the roads where the vacancies are. It will, however, be a great help for them to cover - on a temporary basis – roads where they don't live. Please let us know if you can cover any, or part of, the above roads. As we recently said, 'NURA NEEDS YOU' if we are to operate effectively.

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Our special NURA COMMENDATION

Our special NURA COMMENDATION goes to Stan Hammond of Park Road, who has acted as NURA Road Rep for over 30 years and may well be retiring soon. Thank you so much, Stan!

Another NURA stalwart – Bob Jenkins – has just completed his 22nd London Marathon at the age of 82, together with members of his family. He is raising funds for RAFT – a Medical Research Charity dedicated to improving the lives of those who have suffered physical trauma. When NURA holds Community Picnics on Uxbridge Common, Bob organises the races for us!

Date of the next meeting

Our next Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 May 2019 at 8 p.m. at Christ Church, Uxbridge. If you wish to raise an issue, please let us know. You are welcome to attend and speak.

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