

# CPEL NEWS

Spring 2019



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*Photo: Simon Kindler*

It's been a while since our last newsletter – for which we apologise – but we hope that this edition will bring you up to date on all that is happening on the Estate and what our plans are for the future, as well as providing useful information about how to get the best out of this little oasis of calm in which we are all privileged to live.

As you will see from the following pages, the Estate has a fascinating history and the Committee is keen to preserve its unique landscape and facilities for everyone to enjoy. Over and above maintenance of the Estate (see right) our activities and projects over the years have included the setting up of a parking scheme to discourage commuter parking, lobbying the council for amenities such as litter bins, signage and paving repair, dealing with anti-social behaviour by setting up a weekend security patrol, and much, much more.

But we can't do this alone and we always welcome help from other Residents, even if they don't wish to officially join the Committee (although new members are always very welcome!). In particular, we are looking for people who are willing to offer ad hoc professional advice on specialist topics such as planning, conservation, legal and financial issues, to help us with our work.

We are also hoping to revive our tradition of holding social events such as family fun days and Bar B Qs, musical evenings, bridge games or visiting speakers, all of which help to promote better community spirit, where neighbours get to know and look out for each other. Perhaps you would like to suggest an event and get involved in coordinating it? If so, please do contact us via the website or in person.

Lastly may I urge any Residents who are not members of the CPEL to join up and pay towards their share of looking after the Estate, as well as enhancing it by supporting new projects that we cannot afford at the moment – we could do so much more with better funding and we will all benefit from the results.

*Edwin Solomon*

## WHO ARE WE?

The CPEL Committee is comprised of the following Residents:

**Myra Stephens** – outgoing Chairperson  
**Madan Ahluwalia** – Treasurer  
**Julian Kostick** – Legal affairs  
**Darren Simons** – CanonsTalk, Website, Membership  
**Edwin Solomon** – Estate land, Security, Sponsorship, Special projects, Newsletter  
**Michael Stephens** – Lake Access / Keys  
**Tony Bennett** – Trees, Environmental issues, Security

Thanks to all our committee members who carry out these time-consuming and often delicate tasks on a voluntary basis, together with many other aspects of maintenance not mentioned above, such as overseeing our two lakes and their surrounding woodland, and handling often complex issues such as insurance and planning.

If you need to contact any member of the Committee their Email addresses can be obtained from the CPEL website: [www.canonsparkestate.com](http://www.canonsparkestate.com)

Many thanks also to our newsletter editor, Sharon Graham, and to committee members who provided articles and photos for this edition.

We want to hear from our Residents- adults and children! If you would like to submit a short article and/or photos for our next newsletter please send them to:

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR OUTGOING CHAIRPERSON, MYRA STEPHENS

### Dear Residents,

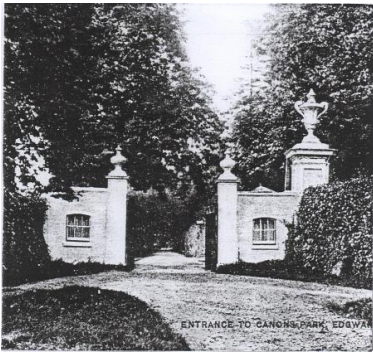
After too many years to count I have decided to stand down from the CPEL Committee and will not be seeking re-election at the AGM in March.

I first started attending meetings in 1992 and soon became Social Secretary. At that time social events were frequent, but the highlight of the year was the fun day and BBQ at the Seven Acre Lake, where we often had more than 100 people attending. As you can imagine this was a huge logistical operation and always dictated by the weather, although I can only remember one year when it was a total washout. Over the years we have had an antique valuation evening, an historian talking about her research for her book about Canons ( a joint event with the Friends of Canons Park), family Bar B Qs by the Seven Acre Lake (see below, right), classical music evenings and a Jubilee tea party, to mention but a few. In those days the CPEA (as it was then) was still very social and sociable.

### Restoration of the Grade 11 listed gate pillars

I became Chairwoman in 1998 and my first project was to organise the restoration of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Grade 11 listed white gate piers at the entrance to Canons Drive. In the past they had been painted with modern paints which didn't allow the brickwork to dry out. The piers are hollow and filled with building rubble which soaks up water like a sponge.

The old plaster work was blown and flaking off. On the advice of English Heritage these piers were stripped back to the brickwork and new mortar was applied and lime washed. The cost of this work was met by charitable donations and the fine brickwork was left exposed on the Edgware Court side.



*Above left: Along with the water features, the Gate Piers at the entrance to Canons Drive are the only surviving visible remnants of the Brydges estate. Until well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the lodges were still inhabited by estate workers. Subsequent demolition of the lodges to allow access to Canons Drive has left only the outer piers. The Portland stone urns and gates were sold off and replaced with the smaller finials from the inner gate piers.*

*Above right: The pillars during restoration in 1988.*

The Seven Acre Lake is the largest water body in the borough of Harrow and is classified as a Grade 11 nature conservation area, only one stage lower in status than Bentley Priory. Because of wide-scale flooding throughout the country in the early 2000s, the Environment Agency (EA) has now mapped every waterbody in the country, something which had never been done before. However, in 2000 the EA started to investigate the use of our lake as part of the Silk Stream Flood Alleviation Scheme.

### Purchase of the Seven Acre Lake

After many years they abandoned the idea as they deemed it too difficult to administer. Part of their reasoning was that they expected us to give them the reservoir for £5 and in exchange we would be allowed access! The upside of all this was that the study generated a wealth of information about the history, flora, fauna and ecology of the lake, which has been very helpful in planning for future maintenance and conservation.

A change in law about monitoring the state of a reservoir and reporting a breach of a dam was introduced by the EA. Our lake is classified as a large raised reservoir and we must adhere to their regulations for monitoring, so it is inspected every year by a statutory reservoir engineer and his findings must be acted upon.

Between my two tenures as Chairperson, two other members of the committee have acted as Chairmen: Julian Kostick was Chairman from 2008-9 and Robert Graham became Chairman from 2013 to 2017. It was Robert who instigated the security scheme and the CPZ, and saw us become a limited company, now known as CPEL, rather than the CPEA.

I would like to thank them and our committee members past and present for all their hard work and support during my various tenures as Chairperson. I hope that the Committee goes from strength to strength in maintaining this beautiful and unique estate and that once again we can create more social endeavours to enhance the community spirit within the area.

**Myra Stephens**

**On behalf of every Resident, we wish Myra a happy and relaxed retirement and thank her for her many years of dedicated care towards the Canons Park Estate.**



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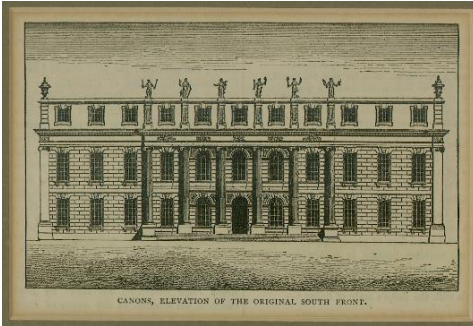
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## A HISTORY OF THE CANONS PARK ESTATE

The original estate on this land was named after the Augustinian canons of St Bartholomew in Smithfield, who owned the Manor of Stanmore in 1086. After the Dissolution of the Monasteries, the estate passed to Sir Hugh Losse in 1644. He built a house here although its location is not known.



Few illustrations remain of the original mansion, above.

Brydges decorated his mansion lavishly, and collected fine books, exotic flora and fauna, wines, furniture, paintings, glass and china. Exotic birds such as blue macaws adorned an aviary in the grounds, where storks, flamingos, whistling ducks and ostriches roamed freely, along with deer, sheep and cattle. At one time Chandos even kept a tiger on the estate, which sprawled across a mighty 500 acres. A number of garden designers are associated with laying out the grounds for the Duke and Duchess, including Dr Desaguliers, who was reputedly employed to design water features including canals, lakes and fountains. The spectacular

gardens were admired by many of their contemporaries, including Daniel Defoe, but others, such as Alexander Pope, considered the gardens and the house as the height of bad taste.



After 1747 James, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Duke of Chandos, demolished the house and auctioned the materials as architectural salvage to pay off his debts (see left). The estate and remaining

materials were acquired by William Hallett, who built another, much smaller mansion in 1760, (see right) Subsequently, the estate had various illustrious owners including Sir Thomas Plummer, Master of the Rolls, in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The last private owner was Sir Arthur Phillip du Cros, tyre magnate and founder of the Dunlop Pneumatic Tyre Company. From about 1910 Sir Arthur commissioned famous architect Charles Mallows to alter the house and create the formal gardens in an Arts and Crafts style which exist relatively unchanged to this day.



The estate was eventually broken up entirely in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, largely for local housing development in Edgware and Stanmore but also to create Stanmore Golf Course, which still retains the partly man-made hill of Belmont, a mound erected as a 'point-de-vue' from Canons for the Duke of Chandos. Part of the estate was acquired by Harrow Council and was used to create Canons Park, where the walled kitchen garden became the George V Memorial Garden in 1937 (see right). In 1926, 85 acres were

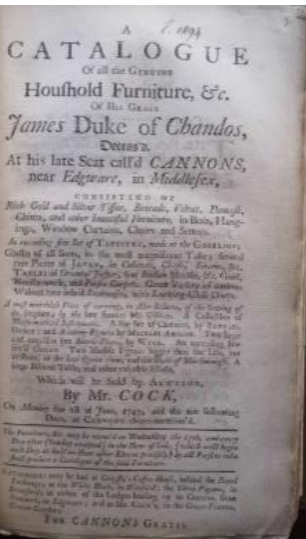
sold for housing to George Cross, whose resulting Canons Park Estate retained features of the earlier landscape, including the two lakes created by the first Duke (the Basin and Seven Acres Lakes).



Photo: Sharon Graham

In 1929 the house built by William Hallett and ten acres of land were purchased for the North London Collegiate School, which has been there ever since and has considerably expanded its campus. The school is now a member of the CPEL and has been fully supportive of many of our events and initiatives.

*Left: St Lawrence Church in Whitchurch Lane dates back many hundreds of years but was adopted by the Duke of Chandos as his local church, even though he had a chapel of his own next to his mansion. You can visit the church for a free guided tour on any Sunday afternoon (except Christmas) from 2 – 4pm and see the stunning murals, the remnants of Handel's organ keyboard and the marble mausoleum of the Duke and his family. Not to be missed!*



## WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

### FEEDING THE BIRDS AT OUR LAKES



Photo: Myra Stephens

We are lucky to host of a number of birds – both 'nesters' and water fowl at our lakes and we try hard to ensure they are safe from harm. Our greatest threat to the water fowl at the Basin Lake in Canons Drive is from fast drivers who fail to slow down and annually kill a number of birds that are too slow to move out of the way. Recently-placed signage has greatly reduced the number of fatalities and we urge all Residents to drive slowly and to remind their visitors and contractors to do likewise. With RSPCA advice in mind we also discourage Residents and visitors from feeding bread to the birds as it makes them fat and lazy and, being difficult to digest, can also cause them to choke or be sick if they consume too much. They actually get all the nourishment they need from tiny fish and other nutrients in the pond but if you feel they need a little extra, better to offer them cooked rice or peas, lettuce or wild bird feed (available from most garden centres).

### CANADA GEESE ON THE BASIN LAKE

Passers-by on Canons Drive will have noticed the arrival of eleven Canada Geese (*branta canadensis*) at the Basin Lake in mid-February. They are UK residents, not migratory, introduced into the UK from North America about 250 years ago, possibly into the Canons estate by the first Duke of Chandos. This years' geese arrived probably from a larger lake that does not freeze up in winter, but they are not tagged or monitored and no one can say where they stayed over the winter.

They will all have departed by late autumn.

The older birds breed from February to April: male and female start courtship by dipping their necks at each other. The female lays two to eight eggs on a raised nest, but space on the Basin island is limited and the males are very territorial, so it is unlikely there will be more than two pairs out of these 11 birds. The rest will be driven off. The successful pairs bond for life, which may be 20 years or more.

The eggs hatch after 28 days and the baby goslings can walk, swim, feed and dive within 24 hours. It is good to see these balls of fluff following their parents around Canons Drive. This is the time that the parent geese are fiercely protective and pedestrians should avoid getting between them and their brood. They are mainly vegetarian and can digest grass, so the Canons Drive verges are favourite feeding grounds. A less pleasant characteristic is that they poop copiously! After two to three months the goslings learn to fly. The rest of the summer is spent eating, growing and strengthening their wings. A full-grown goose is about 4kg.

Some are killed on the road, despite the warning signs to slow down. Geese are one of the most intelligent of birds. They have a good memory and do not forget people, animals or situations easily, which is what makes them good watchers against intruders, whether human or animal. However they may misjudge the speed of passing cars, particularly when corralling their goslings.

*Text and photo of geese (above) Tony Bennett, with assistance from Bob Husband.*



### FRIENDS OF CANONS PARK BIRD WATCHING WALKS



Photo: Bob Husband

On the first Sunday of the month, a group of bird watchers, led by Bob Husband, a member of the RSPB, can be found walking around Canons Park and down to the Basin Lake. On occasions during the migration season they also visit the Seven Acre Lake. These walks give an accurate indication of the health of our lakes through the populations of different species that frequent them, in addition to the pure enjoyment of walking with a friendly and sociable group of people in the fresh air. A wonderful variety of species can be spotted, including the Peregrine Falcon; Redwing; Goosander; Shoveler; Cormorant; Great Crested Grebe; Grey Heron; Gull; Red Kite; Tufted Duck; Mallard, and Coot.

No experience is necessary and all ages are welcome. No need to book either – the walks are free, so just turn up at the Donnefield Avenue gates to Canons Park at 10am and stay as long as you like. Walks finish around 12pm and are free to attend. What better way to get the kids off their iPads and into the great outdoors? All you need is comfortable shoes, a basic pair of binoculars and a little patience!

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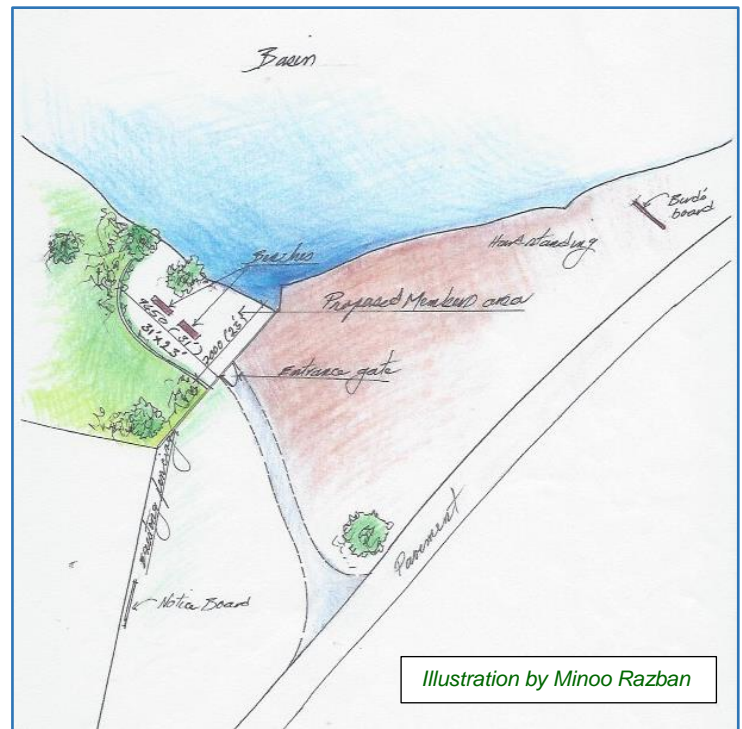
## PROPOSED MEMBERS' AREA BY THE BASIN LAKE

The Committee has looked into the feasibility of a new members' area, to be constructed adjacent to the hard standing, for those who have requested seating near the Basin. We realise that this issue has caused controversy: three years ago at the AGM a vote was held to retain or remove the benches and the results were inconclusive. Last year at the AGM members once again requested seating for elderly visitors and those with children, and the Committee spent some time attempting to deal with the impasse. We gave this issue enormous consideration and now suggest the following (see illustration below).

The area will be completely concealed and PRIVATE behind green foliage and meshing. The designated ground area will be cleared and a matt covering will be laid, which will then be covered with grass and paving stones for wheelchair / buggy access. A panel of fencing will be removed and the entrance will have a gate with the same members' access key as to the Seven Acre Lake. The area will be fenced at the rear, giving those living in Cavendish Drive the same security safeguarding as at present. There will be no access around the rest of the Basin. We will install two benches for members' seating. The area in front of the fencing will be cleared and paving stones laid to access the gate.

Once the members' area has been installed, we will remove any seating facilities on the hard standing, to discourage anti-social behaviour. We trust this will deal with the various concerns of Residents living across the road and seating for those members who require a rest. The area will not impede access to the rear if required for maintenance works. We will of course approach Harrow Council for approval in due course.

**The Committee**



## SECURITY PATROLS ON THE ESTATE

Thanks to Residents' voluntary security subscriptions, we have employed a security guard and dog for nearly eight years, in response to anti-social behaviour on the Estate, especially around the Basin Lake at night. We were hoping to have dramatically increased the number of Security Members during this period but although subscriptions have gone up it has not been to the extent we envisaged, meaning that we have been unable to expand the service to cover more days during the week.



It is difficult to quantify the effects of any deterrent for obvious reasons but we can, however, give you various examples below of the removal of groups who have loitered in various areas of the Estate, worrying Residents and their visitors. For example, some years ago we were most concerned to find groups assembled in Orchard Close late at night on weekends, leaving needles and other items on the central island that were both dangerous and unpleasant. Due to intervention by Crown Security the island has been clear for the past three years and the undesirable litter has disappeared. The guard is instructed to move around the estate during his watch, staying for up to an hour in any one location to monitor vehicle and visitor traffic, so if you cannot see him by the Basin Lake when you pass by, it means that he is elsewhere on the Estate and will return in due course.

The guard has on a number of occasions spoken to and moved on groups loitering near Dorset Drive, the Basin Lake, Lodge Close and the top of Canons Drive, mostly late at night and at weekends. In certain circumstances guards have involved local police in tackling groups who are involved in illegal behaviour or who are causing a nuisance by shouting and playing loud music, to the distress of Residents. These groups are now far less frequent, so we can only assume that the presence of the guard has acted as a deterrent.

The police are clear, stating that their resources are very limited and they are not able to offer a 24/7 immediate service unless one calls 999, which may not be appropriate for low-level anti-social behaviour. 101 may attract a similar response if the local force is stretched. So if you are not already supporting the scheme, whether you are a member of the CPEL or not, I urge you to request a security application form which can be emailed to you or delivered to your door. Your contribution will be much appreciated because you will be helping to safeguard and protect your family and the Estate. Our aim is not only to continue with the scheme but to expand it to cover more days of the week.

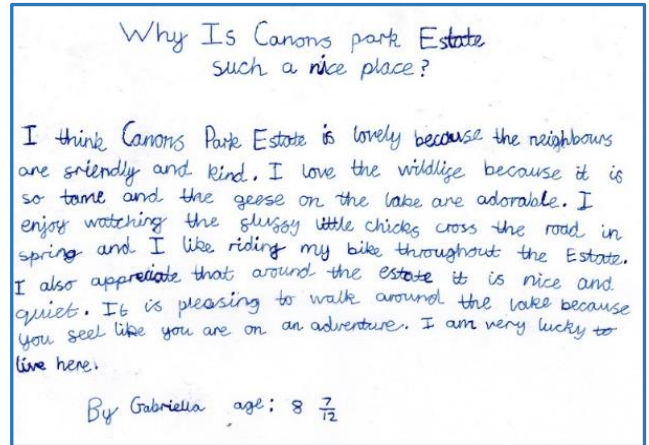
Please do not rely on those already contributing: we need to start acting as a community where we each look after each other and protect our homes and families.

**The Security Team**

## PRESERVING THE CANONS PARK ESTATE

### LOOKING AFTER OUR TREES AND GRASS VERGES

The historic grass verges and trees that line Canons Drive, together with the Basin Lake in Canons Drive, the private Seven Acre Lake, the white pillars at the entrance to Canons Drive and the remnant of land adjacent to the entrance are all owned by Surplus Lands (Canons) Limited on behalf of the members of Canons Park Estate Limited (CPEL). It's important that we preserve these unique features of the Estate so that they are intact for future generations to appreciate and enjoy, as well as making sure that the value of our properties is upheld.



*By Gabriella, who lives in Lake View*

As the Estate is a designated conservation area, all trees within it, whether or not they belong to CPEL (and including privately owned trees in the front and back gardens of Residents), are protected. CPEL has a duty of care to maintain the trees along its verges in Canons Drive as well as those around the Basin and Seven Acre Lakes. In addition, many of the trees on Canons Drive, Cavendish Drive, Dorset Drive and in and around the Basin Lake are subject to individual Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs). Any works to the trees must therefore be approved in writing by the Planning Arboricultural Officer of Harrow Council and, (in the case of trees owned by Surplus Lands [Canons] Limited), by CPEL.

Although CPEL owns the grass verges and the centuries-old Wellingtonia (and similar species of trees) along Canons Drive, it has long been an unspoken obligation of all Residents to mow and generally care for the entire grass verge outside each of their homes. The CPEL's grass verges extend from the front boundary, fence or wall of each property down to the pavement. The verge on the other side of the pavement is owned and maintained by the council. If for any reason a Resident is unable to locate a gardener, CPEL is happy to recommend one. The majority of Residents have been happy to observe the rule that nothing may be attached to any tree belonging to CPEL, including decorative lights, junction boxes, signs or bird feeders, nor should they plant flowers, shrubs or trees on CPEL land, helping to keep Canons Drive looking much as it did when it was first developed.

The verges are protected by similar rules, where vehicles and bicycles may not be parked, driven or ridden over them and builders' materials and skips can only be placed on them temporarily with the consent of the Committee, whilst contractors and local estate agents have agreed not to place their sign boards on the trees or verges. If you need to widen or modify your drive where it crosses the CPEL verge, please contact the Committee for advice and permission.

All the trees belonging to CPEL are subject to a ground-based tree survey on a regular basis, carried out by a suitably qualified arboricultural expert. The aim of the survey is to identify all trees that are dead, dying or damaged and where remedial work is required. The report assigns priorities to all the maintenance work identified and CPEL then agrees a programme of works based on the tree expert's report. Copies of the report are provided to the Planning Arboricultural Officer of Harrow Council. In view of the limited nature of CPEL's budget, the programme of works agreed with the tree expert can only deal with those works where remedial work is required as specified in the report.



CPEL does not have sufficient financial resources to undertake tree work that is purely cosmetic in nature. It has to budget each year for emergency tree works that become necessary due, for example, to storm damage. In those circumstances, where branches become loose or hanging and could present a potential hazard to the public, CPEL will arrange for the necessary works to be undertaken as a matter of urgency.

*This fallen tree in the Basin Lake could only be reached for removal by a lengthy operation using a small boat attached to a pulley system. In days gone by the same tree surgeon also harnessed the power of his shire horse to help clear fallen trees at the back of the Basin Lake, attracting a large crowd of onlookers!*

If a Resident is particularly concerned about the appearance of a tree outside their property and wants to see that tree pruned, CPEL may agree to those works being carried out at the Resident's expense, as long as (a) the nature of the proposed pruning is consistent with the long term programme of routine maintenance works identified in the inspection report, (b) prior written consent or permission for the proposed work is granted by Harrow Council, (c) the work is carried out in accordance with BS 3998 by an appropriately qualified tree surgeon (see council website for a list of approved companies) and (d) the Resident concerned contracts directly with the tree surgeon. CPEL strongly advises all Residents not to use tree contractors who solicit for business on the doorstep or by leaflet distribution as they are unlikely to be qualified and they may not be insured. It is also unlikely that the work they carry out would be in accordance with statutory requirements.

The Council has the right to take enforcement action against any Resident who undertakes tree work without consent (within the Conservation Area) or permission (where the tree is subject to a TPO) and can impose a substantial fine if the rules are not adhered to. If successful, a prosecution also carries with it a criminal record. Any householder or Resident who fells, prunes or has works carried out on any of CPEL's trees (both above and below ground) without permission, or who causes any damage to any of its trees or shrubs can be required to replace the tree or shrub affected and may also be reported to the Council for enforcement action if deemed necessary.

## CONSERVATION

The policies for our unique, historic conservation area can be found on the CPEL website. In essence the conservation area rules aim to ensure that all development respects the character and layout of the area. So, for instance, the council will resist any development that is not in keeping with surrounding properties, especially if they do not conform to their guidance on the materials that can be used for the building or its forecourt. Where a building is locally listed or has architectural merit, the council will encourage the retention of original design features, such as windows, doors, chimneys and porches; and where necessary the use of replica features in suitable materials in replacement and new works.



*Above: A very early photo of Canons Drive, probably taken around 90 years ago, before development began.*



Canons Drive, circa 1933, reproduced from a Sales Portfolio produced at the time by a local builder, Sandon Brothers

Before making any alterations – however small they may be - to a building or forecourt, CPEL recommends that Residents seek advice from the council to ensure that the works will be permitted. For a copy of the CPEL's tree policy and for more detailed information about planning and conservation, estate rules and much more, please contact a Committee member or see the CPEL website [www.canonsparkestate.com](http://www.canonsparkestate.com) See back page for contact numbers at Harrow Council.



*Right: This delightful illustration for Orchard Close dates back to the 1930s but does anyone know whether the charming brick entrance arch and decorative wood (or brick) boundaries were ever installed?*

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To report anti-social behaviour that is not ongoing, use this link:

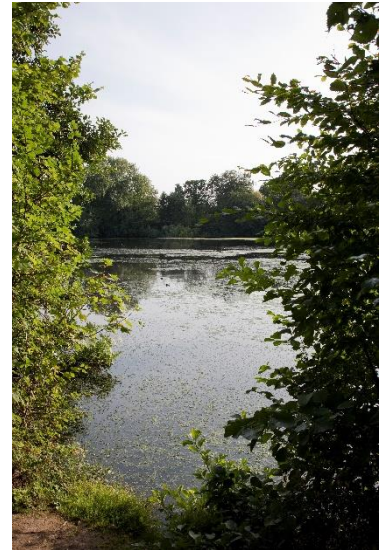
<https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb/report-antisocial-behaviour/>

For enquiries that are non-urgent you can also leave a message with the local safer neighbourhood team Tel: 020 8721 2995 or email: [sntqa-canons@met.police.uk](mailto:sntqa-canons@met.police.uk)

## OTHER USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS:

Friends of Canons Park: [www.canonsparkfriends.org](http://www.canonsparkfriends.org) Email: [canonspark@outlook.com](mailto:canonspark@outlook.com)

St Lawrence Church (see history of the Canons Estate on page 3): Tel: 020 8958 1992



*Photos, top to bottom: Spring at the Seven Acre Lake, Darren Simons. Summer at the Basin Lake, Sharon Graham. Winter at the Basin Lake, Sharon Graham. Winter view of Canons Drive, Darren Simons*