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Hayes Village Association

View From The Chair

I am writing my second View from the Chair, for our rejuvenated Hayes Review, surrounded by half written Christmas cards and flyers asking me to "Save the green belt". This fantastic time of the year when we celebrate the Birth of a Baby child 2000 years ago whilst facing the challenges of everyday life in our own neighbourhood.

Hopefully, you are aware that the HVA's position on the redevelopment of the old Hayes Street Farm site is one of engagement with the developers (Berkeley Homes) and conversations with Bromley Council. We are fully aware how important this issue is, and Hayes residents can be assured that the HVA committee is united by our guiding principles "To maintain the green belt and support the wishes of all Hayes residents" and this will be our approach taken. Looking forward into 2026, I foresee a bright future for the Hayes Review, resolute in supporting the interests and voicing the concerns of Hayes residents, and your input is paramount in all we try to do.

As some of you will know, I became the Chair of the new committee early in 2025, and at the time insisted that I would only stand for one year, due to my age and an on-going medical condition, but rest assured your committee has many young(er) and talented people who have already proved their ability to 'get the job done' in so many ways.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2026, and thank the whole committee for their hard work, late nights and good humour, facing new challenges with determination and, most importantly, with a smile.

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Thank you to Pittsmead Grange Care Home, Barchester Healthcare, for generously hosting our third Business Networking Event of 2025, on 6 November. Sid Vaghela, General Manager, spoke on behalf of our hosts who said, “a heartfelt thank-you to Sharon Field Clarke from the HVA and everyone who joined us—it was fantastic to see local residents, businesses, and association members come together for such a warm and engaging gathering”.

It was great to welcome many of our sponsors and advertisers, without whom the Hayes Review would not be possible, plus members of the HVA team. Our aim is to work in partnership with local businesses and community groups to support a vibrant and connected neighbourhood. Look out for events we have planned for 2026. There is no cost for participation or any ongoing commitment. If you are interested in joining or hosting future business events get in touch at hello@hkva.org.uk





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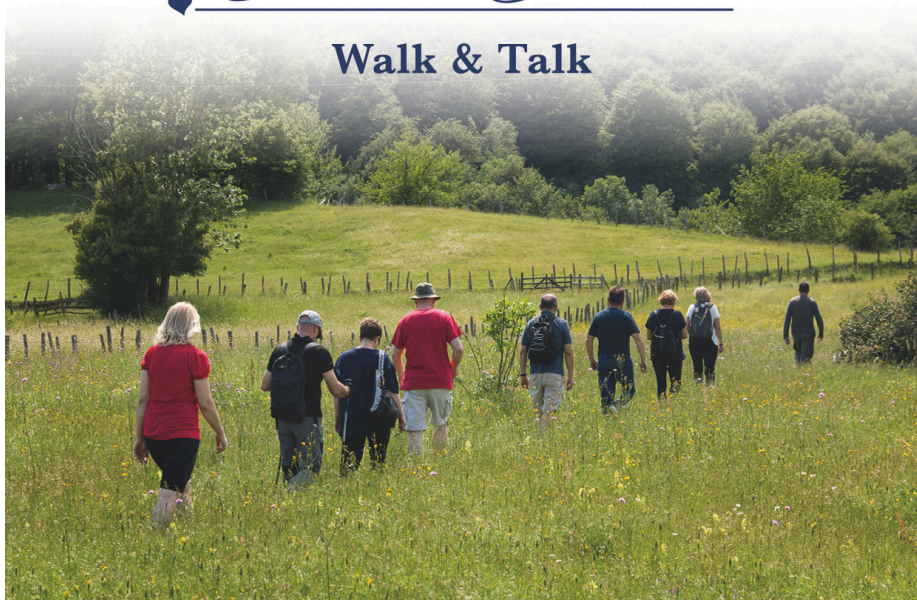
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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Hayes Village Association will be held at 8.00pm on Thursday 26 March 2026 at Hayes Village Hall. All residents of Hayes are very welcome to attend and eligible for election.

Hayes Street Farm Development

Most Hayes residents and businesses will be aware of recently announced outline plans for the development of Hayes Street Farm. The proposal is to build 2000 new properties under the name "Ravensbourne Place". Developers Berkeley Group held a public exhibition at Bromley Football Club on 18 November 2025 that was very well attended by local residents, including members of the HVA Committee. This was preceded by a Residents General Meeting held at Hayes Village Hall on 16 November to discuss the development and community action. This meeting was independent from the Hayes Village Association. There was a huge turnout for this meeting, organised at short notice by the local group Keep Bromley Green, with two local councillors joining the panel. The panellists explained what is known so far and the likely planning process. The first round of consultation closed on 7 December 2025. At the time of this Hayes Review going to print it was expected that a full planning proposal is likely to be submitted by the Berkeley Group in or around May 2026. A key factor seems likely to be the possible reclassification of land from Green Belt to a new controversial category of "Grey Belt". Many Hayes residents, and existing tenants of this land, are very concerned about this potential development, and its impact on the community and local environment. The HVA are learning as much as we can and engaging with the consultations and beyond. As a committee of volunteers, we have no particular expertise in planning, certainly of this scale, but are fully committed to the protection of our greenbelt land and protecting the interests of the community of Hayes. We invited Keep Bromley Green to write the article that follows on page 15.



Regarding the proposed development on Hayes Farm and Bromley Common...



Hayes Village Association was founded in 1933, with a stated objective to protect the interests of residents and preserve the local amenities. We exist to support our village community.



We **object** to the proposed development on the basis of our commitment to protect the Green Belt land of Hayes.

As a village association, we do not hold any special power to influence planning decisions. It is also important to understand that no application has yet been made so there is nothing yet to formally object to. However, the consultation is underway and we believe that it is our role to support the people of Hayes.

To make objections or get involved in the consultation, please follow the links overleaf.

To contact Hayes Village Association, or to **sign up** for **UPDATES** on the planning process, please email hello@hkva.org.uk

You can also post to us using the **letterbox** on the front of Hayes Village Hall.

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petition**



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To contact the developer Berkeley Homes to have
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Hayes Community

Green Belt Under Threat

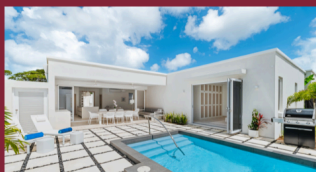
For generations the Green Belt land surrounding it has given Hayes its character. It provides a vital break between Bromley Common, Bromley Town, and Hayes itself – exactly what the Green Belt is for. Yet a developer, Berkeley Homes, has proposed to build 2,200 homes surrounding Norman Park. No-one denies that Britain, and London, needs more homes, but the sheer scale and density of the Norman Park surrounds scheme is completely wrong for this site. Thousands of people would be crammed into a suburban sprawl which merges local areas together but has no proper heart – no provision of shops, pubs, cafes or community facilities. The impact on our roads would be severe. Hayes Lane already struggles at peak times and is notorious on Bromley F.C. matchdays. This development is expected to add at least 1,650 extra cars, yet there are almost no proposals to improve local infrastructure or public transport. More congestion, more pollution and more ratrunning through residential streets are guaranteed. Importantly, the proposal flies in the face of the ‘Brownfield First’ policy of the Government, the Mayor and our local council. There are more than 50 hectares of undeveloped brownfield land in Bromley, enough to build over 1,900 homes at the density proposed around Norman Park. Despite what the developers insist, this is not “inaccessible” land. Our Green Belt is well used and loved by walkers, runners and dog walkers every day, and many of us relied on it as a lifeline during lockdown. The grazing fields and open views are part of what makes Hayes special. This is worth defending. A full planning application is expected this year, and residents will be able to engage with the process then. In the meantime, if you haven’t already, please do sign the Bromley Council petition against the proposal at cbs.bromley.gov.uk/mgEPetition

*David Ward
Keep Bromley Green*





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Hayes & Coney Hall Ward Councillors

We hope all our residents had a good Christmas and would like to wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2026. The talk of the town is currently the proposed development at Hayes Farm for 2,000 houses. Berkeley Homes intend to build 3- to 5- bedroom homes on this Green Belt site which currently provides grazing land for many horses as well being the 'green lung' of Hayes. Berkeley Homes will not be lodging their actual planning application until May 2026, so residents cannot comment formally yet. However, they have recently put in an Environmental Impact Assessment. This is usual practice before a major planning application is submitted but does not form part of the application. In the meantime, residents can refer to the Councillors' Q&A at Proposed Hayes Farm development: hayesandconeyhallcllrs.com/hayesandconeyhallcouncillors-hayes-farm-development-your-questions-answered/

Please do let us know your views on this mammoth development proposal if you have not already done so. The Old Wilsonians Sport Ground in Hayes Hill have submitted a planning application for a padel court. Residents have voiced concerns about noise (padel is much noisier than tennis, squash or badminton), the proposed floodlighting and pressure on car parking. Cllr Alexa Michael has 'called in' the application so that it can be determined by a committee of elected Councillors in public. Your Councillors are highly aware of residents' concerns about speeding traffic in Hayes. We have exhausted all the speed-calming measures the Council can take, so are now petitioning the Mayor of London for speed cameras in Bourne Vale, Pickhurst Lane and Baston Road in Hayes. (Only the Mayor can provide these, not local Councils). Cllr Thomas Turrell, who is also the Bexley and Bromley representative on the London Assembly, will present his petition when the Assembly meets on Thursday 5th February 2026. For everybody's sake, we hope the Mayor will provide the necessary speed cameras. We have also been campaigning for ticket barriers at Hayes Station to help deter fare evasion and anti-social behaviour. Southeastern Trains have conducted a high-level survey at Hayes which concluded that the station is suitable for the installation of ticket barriers. However, further work is required over the coming months to develop the business case for future gating schemes. Your Councillors will keep you updated on progress. Sadly, there are many lonely people in our community. Bromley Council has been doing a large amount of work on combatting loneliness in the borough and it has even won praise abroad! You can find out more about it at: Bromley's tackling loneliness strategy <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/help-adults/tackling-loneliness>



*Cllr Josh Coldspring-White
Cllr Alexa Michael
Cllr Thomas Turrell AM*



Hayes Christmas Lights

The Hayes Christmas Lights Switch On Event was on Saturday 22 November. The day started cold but dry, although this didn't last long before the rain came! However, it was not like Storm Bert in 2024. The stage performers performed all afternoon to a well-attended but wet crowd. This culminated in the Mayor of Bromley, Councillor Jonathan Andrews, conducting us all in Christmas Carols and almost missing the countdown to turning on the lights. He put a smile on everyone's faces and the lights went on at 5pm. Special thanks to Boots Opticians for organising the partial road closure, to Sponge Kitchens for allowing us to sell Memory Bows for the Christmas Tree outside their shop, to The New Inn and their staff, without them we wouldn't have this ever popular community event. Thanks also must go to our volunteers, who help set up and de-rig the event, and steward all day, jingling Twinkle Boxes in the pouring rain. But our main thanks must go to our amazing Hayes community. Without your continued support this event would not happen. It's so lovely to see the smiles on all the children's faces enjoying themselves. Happy children. Happy adults. The Hayes Christmas Lights Committee are all volunteers and work hard throughout the year fundraising for this event. Early in 2025 we were hit with an additional expense by TFL who charged for putting buses on diversion and suspending bus stops, along with an administration fee. This is a substantial amount of money, and the Hayes Lights Committee went out to local businesses, Hayes organisations, and our local MP, for help with these additional costs, but at time of writing nothing has been forthcoming. Once we have the final invoice from TFL we will know if we have sufficient funds without breaking into reserves. If we have to do this then the 2026 event could look a little different. Following the lights switch on event, we ran a Christmas Shop Window Competition for all the shops in Hayes. Photos were posted to the Hayes Life Facebook page and were voted on by our local community. There were quite a number of shops to choose from but 1st place went to Lewis Duct Clean, Hayes Street, 2nd place to The Fundraising Shop, Station Approach, and 3rd place to Sculpt, Hayes Street. Well done to our winners and thank you to all who participated. 2026 Fundraising events; please make a note in your Diary; Bingo, Saturday 14 March, Friday 22 May, and Friday 25 September - all at Hayes Village Hall. Easter Egg Hunt, Library Gardens, Saturday 28 March.

*Gill Jaynes
Hayes Christmas Lights Committee*

Hayes Community Foodbank

The Background

When Covid struck in 2020, representatives of both local churches and schools realised the imminent threat of a lockdown could have very serious consequences for vulnerable children and families in the area. A community response was needed, and Hayes Community Foodbank (HCF) was born. Initially it operated out of a classroom at Hayes Primary School, then the dance studio at Hayes School, before moving to its current base at Hayes Free Church. We became a registered charity in 2022; Charity number: 1198866.

The Operation Now

HCF is a lifeline for many in the area and, at the time of writing, is actively supporting around 80 families. We are run by a committed team of volunteers and overseen by a Board of Trustees; there are no paid employees. Stock is received and sorted on Thursdays, while on Fridays, items (food and some household goods and toiletries) are packed and delivered to our families. The autumn was a very fruitful time for our stock levels as many local organisations chose to support us through their Harvest celebrations. Huge thanks go to: Highfield Infant and Junior Schools; Hayes Primary; Hawes Down Primary; Pickhurst Academy; Pickhurst Infant Academy; Baston House School; Bizzy Bees Pre-School; St Mary's Pre-School; St Mary's Church, Hayes; Coney Hill Baptist Church; The Church of God in Hayes; Christ Church Petts Wood URC; Coney Hall Rainbows; Keston WI and Eden Park WI for their generous Harvest gifts. In preparation for Christmas, further donations were given by: Hayes School; The Ravensbourne School; Year 4 at Hayes Primary (who did a reverse Advent calendar); 1st Hayes Rainbows; Elmers End WI; Gates Green WI and Temple Academy of Performing Arts. This amazing generosity meant our families received festive food along with their normal weekly goods. We are incredibly grateful for this seasonal support which is so appreciated by our families.

The Future

Although our shelves were well-stocked on the run up to Christmas, by Easter we anticipate most of this will have been distributed and our stocks will be low. At this point, we will start to rely heavily on financial donations to enable us to continue to help our families over late spring and on into summer. With Lent starting shortly, one way of supporting HCF might be to make a donation instead of forgoing something or, alternatively, giving something up and then using the savings to contribute to the foodbank. Donations of goods can be brought to Hayes Free Church on Thursday afternoons between 3 and 4.30pm or Friday mornings between 9 and 10.30am. Alternatively, we have collection points in Hayes at Sainsbury's, Boots Opticians, Panagua Bikes and St Mary's Church. Financial donations can be made to our bank account: Hayes Community Foodbank Kent, 08-92-99, 67307296; we can also claim gift aid on these donations – please contact us at hayescommunityfoodbank@gmail.com for more information. Thank you.

*Alison Dumper
HCF Trustee and Volunteer*

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- X Pet foods
- X Out of date or opened packets
- X Opened toiletries

Thank you!

Hayes Community Foodbank serves the Hayes and Bromley areas providing food and toiletries to those in need.

HCF is run solely by volunteers and your donations go directly to our users.

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Hayes Fair

Details of this year's Hayes Fair will be in the Spring Edition of the Hayes Review.

Remembrance Sunday

Every Remembrance Sunday members of the Royal British Legion Hayes Branch march from the club in Station Hill to the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Whilst the majority of the parade is not ex- service, we are joined by some serving and ex-service personnel including former ATC members of 568 Squadron (Hayes School). Anyone in Hayes is welcome to join the parade to offer their support for the Legion and to honour those who have passed on in the service of the Crown. We were very pleased at the turnout for this Remembrance Sunday. Since Covid thankfully the numbers joining the parade from the legion to the church have significantly grown to over one hundred. In November we were led by a Second World War jeep, which made a welcome addition. Members then attended the service during which the names of the fallen of Hayes were once again read, followed by the two minute silence at 11am. Outside at 11.30am, we had the wreath laying part of the service, where many Hayes Associations lay a wreath on behalf of their members. Our MP, Peter Fortune, laid the first one, followed by local councillor Josh Coldspring-White, and Sharon Field Clarke on behalf of the HVA. This was followed by the last post played by Emily Compton. The legion contingent then marched back to the club, led by a fire engine from Bromley Blue Watch, which left on a call as soon as it reached Station Hill. We wish to thank everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal in 2025 and who turned out at the War Memorial, particularly in the special VE/VJ Day 80th Anniversary year. Any members of the public are welcome to join the annual parade and help us to continue to fulfil the Legion's pledge to remember.

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Hayes History

Hayes Library and the Old Rectory

It is the 80th anniversary of Hayes Library in 2026 and events are being planned to celebrate and commemorate this. As many villagers will know, this Grade II listed building dates to the 18th century as the former rectory and was home to some interesting residents. Thomas Hussey was Rector of St. Mary's Church from 1831 to 1854, and he married Anna Maria Reed the year they came to Hayes. They lived at the rectory, now Hayes Library, and had six children, all born at Hayes, although only two survived to adulthood. Hussey was also a man of science, and he established a significant observatory behind the Rectory. From here, he formed a certain celebrity status as one of the first to see the return of Halley's comet in 1835, and he is sometimes credited with being the first astronomer to suggest the existence of the planet we now know as Neptune, although this was contentious at the time and remains so now. More locally, his name is associated with the natural spring found in Pickhurst Lane. Rich in sulphates and calcium, the water from 'Hussey's Well' was used by the villagers of Hayes at that time. The nearby park, and the crescent on three sides of it, now bear the name Husseywell. Husseywell Park and its pond were once part of the ornamental gardens of Hayes Place. Anna Maria Hussey was a writer, botanist, illustrator, and published mycologist, who became quite an authority on the study of mushrooms and other fungi that she collected around Hayes, some that can still be seen on Hayes Common today. In modern times her work has attracted attention and has been republished. She was unconventional for her time, combining her busy life as a rector's wife and mother with an unflinching pursuit of science. She may have found inspiration for her work from a local resident. The Hussey's knew Charles Darwin, and he was a visitor to the Rectory. Her brother, George Varenne Reed, became Hussey's replacement as Rector. George had an excellent relationship with Charles Darwin, who employed him to tutor his sons George, Francis, Leonard, and Horace. The boys would ride their horses over to Hayes from Darwin's house at Downe every morning to be instructed in Latin by Reed. George Darwin later remembered Reed as the kindest of teachers and had fond memories of 'the cake we used to have at 11 o'clock' each morning. There is a monument to Reed, partly in Latin, on the wall next to the Old Church Schools, opposite the Library Gardens and the Old Rectory, where he lived. You may have passed it many times without noticing. To find out more about the history of Hayes, look at the Hayes History Website. There are also plenty of books about local history to be found at Hayes Library. You can discover more about Anna Maria Hussey here.

www.artmeetsscience.co/anna-maria-hussey-women-in-mycology.

or about the history of The Old Rectory, now Hayes Library, on the Hayes Kent History website: <https://hayeskenthistory.org.uk/the-old-rectory/>

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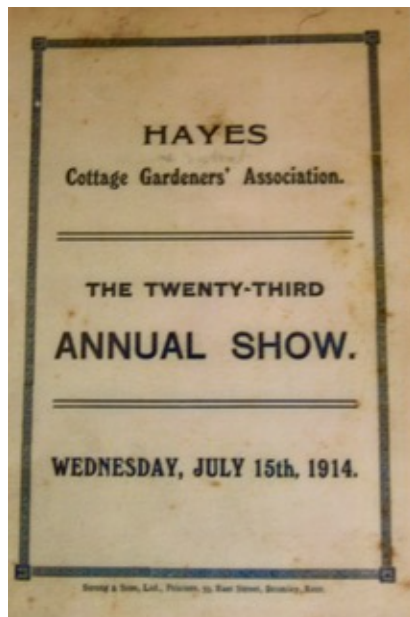
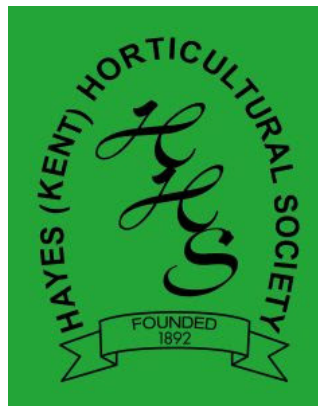
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Your space to breathe, reflect and reset this season

Hayes Horticultural Society

With our origin possibly rooted in the Hayes Fair of 1804 - featuring grimacing through a horse collar and the drinking of hot tea by elderly ladies - today's Hayes (Kent) Horticultural Society, officially dating back to 1892, has both blossomed and wilted in line with seismic changes in local life. The pre-World War 1 Hayes community of under 1,000 people, and around 200 houses, emerged from the conflict as a magnet for many blue collar workers seeking a rural retreat close to London. This led the local landed gentry to gradually sell their estates for housing. All of which is relevant to 'the difficulty of maintaining the society in the altered conditions of Hayes...' written NOT in 2026 but way back in in the 1920's when, even a name change from The Hayes Cottagers' Garden Association to the Hayes Village Industrial Association, bristling with new activities, failed to attract much interest in a July show. At least a committee of powerful gardening and community personalities did their best: the 1921 show, for instance, initially attracted many entries, including a leg of mutton for the best collection of four varieties of vegetables. But an inclusion of an open sports meeting in 1924 saw a further slump while a move from Wednesday to Saturday ran at a loss. In 1927 the society dropped the show altogether. The blame was firmly laid on the growing lack of professional gardeners by then living and working in the parish; and there was a further name change to the current Hayes (Kent) & District Horticultural Society. From 1929 onwards entries for shows and lectures in Hayes Village Hall, opened in 1927, were relatively small as was community support.



To complete the earlier quote from Arthur Collins of Baston Manor, it was thought it best that the society gave way to 'the modern movement for the extension of London and consider themselves no longer a rural community.' A small committee was appointed to at least keep the society in abeyance. But all was not lost. In April 1934 a suggestion the society should be resuscitated was taken up by Hayes Village Association. Lectures, such as How to Plan a garden, along with outings, whist drives and the inclusion of a baby show and 'bowling for a pig' contributed to a successful 1935 show. Sports and displays, Morris dancing and a play (by the now sadly defunct Hayes Players) helped to keep us on a roll well into the immediate post-World War 2 era and beyond until once more the cold blast from the past has seen us ponder on the future. But however much we rack our brains over the role of the current four shows, the solution lies not just with the committee and our members, many of which no longer exhibit, but the view of vital newcomers to Hayes. So, with the opening quote still ringing in my ears, I urge Hayes Review readers, especially the younger audience, to let the committee know what you see as attracting new members. Hopefully this will help see us through to 2126!

With thanks to the late Trevor Woodman, a personal friend, historian and author, as the main source of our history. See the Hayes History Website for more here <https://hayeskenthistory.org.uk/>

John Ruler

Hayes Groups

Friends of Hayes Parks

The Friends of Hayes Parks (FoHP) have been busy across the Autumn/Winter period continuing to keep the parks we all love in good shape. This includes the ever continuing picking up of litter and retrieval of discarded items from ponds where accessible, the trimming back of brambles, nettles, etc. and opening of footpaths. The unusual weather resulted in rapid growth of plant life that should be lying dormant ready for winter. Our motto of "Seeing it needs doing, do it" has seen us undertake some big tasks, including pruning back of the Beech hedge down the western side of the Knoll (no mean task) and the clearing of the path behind the top pond in the Knoll. These are not five minute jobs and have only been achieved with the dedication of our group. We have received nothing but praise from the folk who live nearby and those using the park. Those who put their phones away, take time to enjoy the flora and fauna, explore the many paths, and enjoy the peace and tranquillity it brings in their busy lives. So, get out there and enjoy it too!

Debbie Palmer

Friends of Pickhurst Park

The Friends of Pickhurst Park (FoPP) have been busy with activities such as clearing fallen branches ripped from trees by the sheer weight of the seeds that were produced as a rapid response to a drought ridden spring and summer. One such branch (half a tree) crashed down covering the seat at the top of Cupola Woods, hiding the seat from view. This work resulted in a huge pile of wood which was removed from the park. Work was started and undertaken on cutting back the hedge along the path beside the allotments and pruning and clearing of shrubbery at the top entrance in Pickhurst Lane. This seemed to spur others on to get a tractor cutter to do all the remaining hedges around the park. Litter picking continues and will along with path and ditch clearance on Pickhurst Green. The leaf drop after the long hot summer continued and during the autumn/winter period they still fell, so time and effort has been spent clearing the path down through the woods to the bottom entrance of the park. This park is very well used by dog walkers and parents with young children, who love to use their scooters down the long sloping path, even if Mum or Dad has to carry the scooters back up. So come to the park, enjoy it, take those pods out of your ears, speak to others without a phone and listen to the sounds of the young enjoying themselves. Hear the sounds of nature, the calling of birds, and the hooting of owls, or is it the call of the play engine that used to grace the playground?

Debbie Palmer

Bigfoot Cycle Club (for adults)

It all started with a bike ride to Paris in 2004, organised by Bigfoot Bikes at 50 Hayes Street (now Panagua Bikes). It went so well the group formed a club to bring together people in the area who enjoy cycling, whether for leisure, commuting or sport. A couple of hours out with friends in the countryside does wonders for health, fitness and mental well-being. The club encourages members to improve skills and confidence, and there are year-round Saturday rides catering for six different levels of ability ranging in distance from around 25-75 miles.



Members also take part in gravel rides, a summer time-trial series and trips away in the UK and abroad. 2026 destinations include a session on the Lee Valley Velodrome track and a club visit to the Isle of Wight. Whether you are a leisure bike rider, a commuter looking to explore further, returning to cycling after break or a seasoned rider, we'd love to hear from you. Get in touch and find how to get started. Contact us at membership@bigfootcc.co.uk or see our website at www.bigfootcc.co.uk.

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Young Hayes

Bigfoot Youth Cycle Club (for children ages 4-17)

We are an established Hayes-based all-ability club that introduces children to the world of cycle sport. Affiliated to British Cycling (through their “Go-Ride” programme), we develop fitness and bike handling skills in a fun, friendly and safe environment. Run by volunteers, we offer:

- Coaching sessions delivered by qualified coaches;
- Rides for children and parents / carers;
- Optional introduction to age-appropriate races, regional level competitions and transition to the adult club (for our youth sections members).

We’re proud to have coached a future Junior Women’s National Hill Climb champion. We offer Saturday morning sessions for primary school-age children (including those who have yet to learn to ride). For secondary school children we meet on Monday and Thursday evenings. Rides and races are usually at weekends, including our famous “Bigfoot to Brighton” annual outing for aspiring and more accomplished riders. With a diverse membership, we welcome new members, plus volunteer helpers. Email: info@bigfootyouth.cc. There’s lots more on www.bigfootyouth.cc.

Andy Ivy



Front Cover Competition

We are running a competition for Under 18’s to design the front cover of our Spring and Summer editions of the Hayes Review. Your design should be in portrait and suitable for A5 size. It should be a drawing, painting or photograph of somewhere or something in Hayes, appropriate for the Spring or Summer seasons. The deadline for the Spring edition is 15 March and 15 June for the Summer edition. Please submit your entry by e-mail to hello@hkva.org.uk clearly stating your full name, road, school (if appropriate) and confirming you have the permission of your parent or guardian. All age groups are encouraged to enter. The winner will be selected by the editorial team, and their image will be delivered to 4,000 residences across Hayes.



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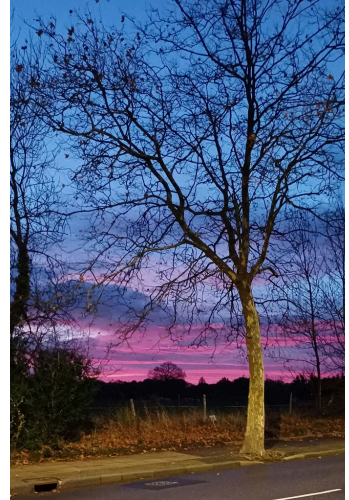
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The front cover picture of Hayes Street Farm from Hayes Lane was taken early morning on 12 November 2025 by Charlotte Wallis and was posted on the Photographs of Hayes (Kent) Facebook Group.

If you run a community group in Hayes, we may be able to feature you in a future edition of the Hayes Review. Please contact us at hello@hkva.org.uk. Also, feel free to post on our Facebook page.

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The next edition of the Hayes Review is planned for Spring 2026.

Hayes Review Key Dates

- Spring Edition submissions by 15th March for delivery from 1 May.
- Summer Edition submissions by 15th June for delivery from 1 August.
- Autumn Edition submissions by 15th September for delivery from 1 November.
- Winter Edition submissions by 15th December for delivery from 1 February.

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Barnet Wood Short Mat Bowls Club	Every Tuesday 1.30pm – 4.30pm at Warman Sports Club.
Hayes Men's Fellowship	1st Wednesday of the month 2.45pm at Old Church Schools
Sitting Keep Fit	Every Thursday 10.30am – 11.45am at Old Church Schools
Hayes (Kent) Flower Club	2nd Friday of the month (not Aug & Dec) at 2.00 pm
Ladies Lunch Group	First Monday of every month at Hayes Free Church
Men's Group	Usually the evening of the third Thursday of each month at Hayes Free Church
Friendship Group	Tuesdays in term-time at 2.00pm at Hayes Free Church
Warm Space	Every Thursday at 12.00 noon at Hayes Free Church
Hayes Library Opening Hours	Tuesdays & Thursdays 9.30am – 1.00pm and 2.00pm – 5.30pm Saturdays 9.30am – 1.00pm and 2.00pm – 5.00pm

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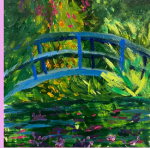
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Date	Group	Event	Time
Wed 18 February	St.Mary's Parish Church	Ash Wednesday Services	10.30am & 7.00pm
Thu 19 February	Hayes Free Church	Music Quiz	8.00pm
Sun 15 March	St.Mary's Parish Church	Mothering Sunday Service	10.30am
Thu 19 March	Hayes Free Church	Music Extravaganza	8.00pm
Thu 26 March	Hayes Village Association	Annual General Meeting at Hayes Village Hall	8.00pm - 9.30pm
Sat 28 March	Hayes Library Gardens	Easter Egg Hunt	TBC
Sun 29 March	St.Mary's Parish Church	Palm Sunday Service	10.30am
Thu 2 April	St.Mary's Parish Church	Maundy Thursday Service	7.30pm
Fri 3 April	Churches Together in Hayes	Walk of Witness - Procession from Hayes Village Hall Service at Hayes Free Church	9.30am 10.30am
Fri 3 April	St.Mary's Parish Church	Good Friday Services	12pm & 2pm
Sat 4 April	St.Mary's Parish Church	Easter Eve Vigil Service	8.00pm - 9.00pm
Sun 5 April	St.Mary's Parish Church	Easter Day Service	10.30am
Thu 16 April	Hayes Free Church	"Another day at the office"	TBC



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