

RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Your Holly Lodge Residents Association is directing all its efforts into supporting the vulnerable on the Estate. We are working closely with the Holly Lodge Community Centre, Holly Lodge Estate (HLE) and Highgate Newtown Community Centre (HNCC).

- We have set up a Block Rep system where all 32 blocks of flats have at least one volunteer to check on and help vulnerable residents. HLE has set up a similar scheme for the houses, Street Supporters. These volunteers will make themselves known to you but you can find out who your Block Rep is at hollylodgera@gmail.com and who your Street Supporter is at manager@hle.org.uk.
- The Community Centre is a food hub for HNCC's food parcel service which provides fresh fruit and veg and other essentials to families and individuals facing hardship on our Estate. Our Block Reps are ordering and home-delivering these vital, nutritious food parcels. HNCC also provides a meals-on-wheels service. To access these services, please contact your Block Rep or ring direct to HNCC on:
07551 798 767
07748 091 604
Or order online: <https://forms.gle/LLarim5hZhwYQP1y6>
- The food parcels are for those in need so, if you can afford it, please ask your Block Rep to shop for essentials and pick up prescriptions for you. There is a Coronavirus Fund that can be accessed by your Rep through the Community Centre manager, Mike Towers. This is a loan for residents who may be unable to access their money due to self-isolating. Please don't hesitate to ask your Rep for this assistance.
- The Community Centre is the central donation point for non-perishable food and other essential items (dried food, tins, hand sanitisers, loo rolls etc). These are delivered to HNCC's food bank and made up into the food parcels distributed to the Estate and the Highgate area. The bright yellow bin is outside the Centre, 30 Makepeace Avenue.



Finally, the Committee of the HLRA would like to thank all those wonderful Volunteers who have stepped forward in this crisis to help their neighbours. We have 62 Volunteers on our books who are doing magnificent work caring for the vulnerable residents on the Estate.

When we first appealed for Volunteers, in the middle of March, we said: “This is a time for us to show kindness and good neighbourliness. We are sure that Holly Lodge is not lacking in these qualities”. You have more than vindicated our faith; you are showing that Holly Lodge is overflowing with kindness and good neighbourliness.

THANK YOU !