



# Harrogate Neighbours NEWSLETTER

July - September 2018

## *A note from Sue...*

No one can complain about the Summer in 2018 – it has truly been glorious. A huge ‘well done’ to all the staff across Harrogate Neighbours for working under quite hot and challenging conditions and keeping everyone in our care safe and hydrated.

I am delighted to see the results of the mini refurbishment plan at Heath Lodge – a great job has been done with the colours, flooring and new chairs. We will continue to look at other areas of the home in the next 12 months. It was also lovely to have such tremendous support from families at the Garden Party at the end of August – an annual event I think!

The Cuttings is nearing completion at last! We have tackled many challenges on the new site, but I am delighted to say the de-watering pumping station is now in and working and the groundworks can be completed in time for the big Head Office and tenant move in mid-October.

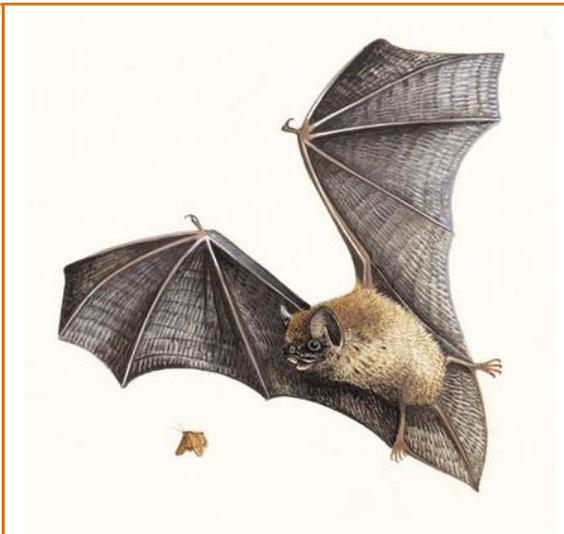
We are only a few weeks away from our annual Hand in Hand Ball and we anticipate a great night of fundraising for the organisation. This year we have received some fantastic support from local businesses in not just sponsorship but auction and raffle prizes.

There is to be a ‘Farewell to Greenfield Court’ party on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> October from 3pm – 6pm. We extend this invitation to all staff, families and supporters of Harrogate Neighbours. It is the end of an era but the beginning of a new one at The Cuttings.

As you are aware, Harrogate Neighbours celebrates 50 years in 2018. A programme of events to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be released in early November. Thank you for your continued support of Harrogate Neighbours.

*Kind regards,  
Sue Cawthray  
Chief Executive*

Since June, ecologists have been surveying the Greenfield Court site for bat activity. They have visited the site on several occasions - late evenings and early mornings. They recently completed their last survey and reported that they found two individual bats roosting in two different locations in the buildings. Both bats are common pipistrelle and as the name suggests they are the UK's most common species. As a side note, they also encountered three hedgehogs on the site near the bungalows. Apparently, this is quite a rare occurrence and they suspect it was a little family. Surveys by citizen scientists show hedgehog numbers have fallen in the UK by about 50% since the turn of the century. Figures suggest the animals are disappearing more rapidly in the countryside, as hedgerows and field margins are lost to intensive farming. But there are signs that populations in urban areas may be recovering.



Congratulations to the Food Angels team as they have been shortlisted for the NACC Meals on Wheels Award. The winner will be announced at the NACC's gala event on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

The NACC Awards are a real cause of celebration for care catering. They recognise those that continually demonstrate excellence, dedication, innovation and exceptional service across the sector.

### GOOD LUCK TEAM!

If any Food Angels volunteers would like to help with the move to The Cuttings, please speak to Gill or Gaynor.

*Happy Birthday!*

Special staff birthdays during the quarter:



Lauren Akeroyd – 18

Charley Thrush – 20

Leah Valdez – 30

Mandeep Kaur – 30

Gayle Gaffney – 50

### NEW STARTERS DURING THE QUARTER



**Vivian Osarenmwinda** – *HL Waking Night Carer*

**Rita Osazuwa** – *HL Waking Night Carer*

**Dorcas Onyeji** - *HL Waking Night Carer*

**Aiza Thomas** – *Community Care*

**Sarah Murthick** – *GFC Housekeeper*

**Linda Broadhurst** – *HL Housekeeper*

**Tracy-Anne Durrant** – *GFC Carer*

**Chanelle Titchener** – *Hospitality Assistant*

**Martyn Chenery** – *GFC Carer*

**James Guneyogullari** – *HL Hospitality*

**PLEASE NOTE:  
MEALS ON  
WHEELS  
WILL START AT  
THE CUTTINGS  
ON MONDAY  
22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER**

### Summer Garden Party at Heath Lodge Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Although summer seems to be over now, Heath Lodge residents enjoyed a lovely afternoon of activities, food and entertainment at the 'Indoor' Garden Party. The afternoon raised a total of £200. Thanks to everyone who came along and helped make the afternoon such a success.





THE LOCAL LOTTO  
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# WE'VE LAUNCHED OUR LOTTERY PAGE

Buy Your Tickets From Our Page - We Get 50%

THE LOCAL LOTTO is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in the Harrogate District. All good causes supported by the lottery will benefit Harrogate District and its residents.

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6-digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2-6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT! Please remember to purchase tickets from the Harrogate Neighbours page in order for the money to benefit Harrogate Neighbours directly.

<https://www.thelocalotto.co.uk/support/harrogate-neighbours-housing-association>



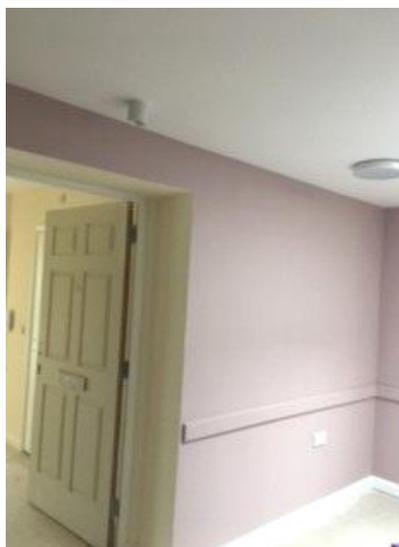
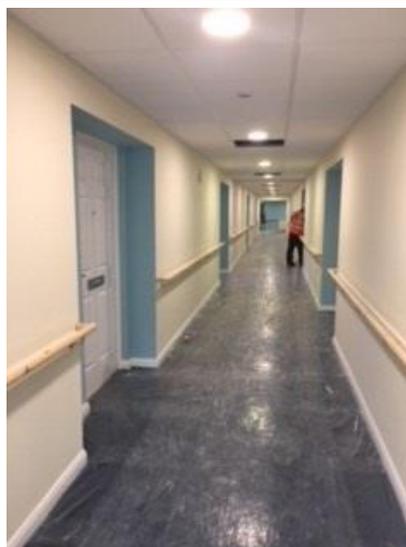
HNHA applied for a community tree pack for The Cuttings through the Woodlands Trust. We are pleased to announce that we were successful! HNHA are now the proud owners of 270 hedge and tree saplings. Delivery will be later in the year when we move to the new site.

**There is a new interactive activities board at Heath Lodge. Staff can choose daily activities to share and interact with the residents.**



**Paying your Harrogate Neighbours invoices is easier as we now accept card payments.**

**Please call the finance team on 01423 880487 for further details!**



## **Update on The Cuttings...**

**We are nearly there now and ready to move to the new building in October!**

**Finishing work continues and Engie are almost ready to hand over the keys. We are still on track to move the offices and all tenants as planned. Thanks to everyone for their patience - it will be worth the wait!**

**All the necessary groundworks have been completed and the water pumping station installed.**

**Landscaping the grounds has now begun with just a few outdoor tasks to complete after the move. Remember, we have 270 tree and hedge saplings to plant!**

## **Greenfield Court**

### **Leaving Party**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**3.00pm – 6.00pm**

**If anyone would like to attend, please let us know:**

**Food Angels Volunteers speak to Gaynor or call on 888083**

**Relatives speak to Louise or call 888777**

**Staff, please speak to Gill or Louise**

