



## SCHOOLS BENEFIT FROM COUNCILLOR'S GRANTS

As councillors we can award small grants to assist local organisations, schools or groups that are based in the Ward. We have recently given Ruislip High, celebrating its tenth anniversary a grant for bursaries to the most deserving pupils as they progress to University.

Utilising our ward grant money we are always keen to help our schools that provide much needed services to the community. To that end, it won't be long before the Lady Banks sports team will be wearing specially designed sports outfits paid for from our budget. We have also begun discussions with Sacred Heart School. If you know of a group that may be able to benefit from this scheme then please contact us.

Says **Cllr Mike Markham**, "We are fortunate to have good schools, both Secondary and Primary in our area and we are delighted that we can assist them further."



## IMPROVEMENTS TO LOCAL FOOTPATHS



Earlier on in the year we were contacted by our pedestrian residents who use the Jim O'Neill Walk (next to Ruislip High which links Sidmouth Drive to Victoria Road) to try to speed up their journey to get to Ruislip Gardens station, shops, schools or simply walking the dog.

Residents were struggling with the path flooding whenever there is heavy rainfall at any time of the year. This area, which is part of a flood plain, has been granted funding from the Conservative Hillingdon's Chrysalis programme to improve the pathway for all seasons and work is scheduled to take place during the next few months.

**Cllr Susan O'Brien** commented, "This path upgrade will help our residents to get on with their journeys and sustain this vital environmental area."

## IMPROVING THE WIDER RUISLIP AREA

Ruislip High Street - Although not in our ward but heavily used by Manor resident's the High Street carriageway has just been completely rebuilt and resurfaced. We are pleased to say that this was ahead of schedule and we now have a road safe from further subsidence and without potholes.

Ruislip Lido - a new parking scheme is now in force that gives free parking to residents using their Hillingdon First card and charging those from out of Borough if they wish to use the main car park. So make sure you have your **Hillingdon First** card with you.



## YOUR RUISLIP MANOR WARD COUNCILLORS



CLLR MARKHAM



CLLR MILLS



CLLR O'BRIEN



# MORE PITCHES FOR YOUTH FOOTBALL



Wealdstone Youth Football Club (at Grosvenor Vale) has over 300 young boys & girls regularly training and involved in League matches. Nearly 80% of these children have a Ruislip postcode.

Their success meant they had outgrown the number of pitches that they used and having started to book pitches outside of Hillingdon, they were putting at risk many of the local connections they had established.

Using our local knowledge and influence with the decision makers at the Council, we have persuaded the Council's Green Spaces team to reconfigure a number of pitches at New Pond Playing Fields, (Sidmouth Drive) ensuring that the club can continue to coach and support the many Ruislip Manor families whose children are keen to be the next Wayne Rooney or Jodie Taylor.

## UPDATE ON RAF NORTHOLT

We are aware that residents are concerned about the unfounded speculation about RAF Northolt regarding the runway. The runway is to be resurfaced and when completed it will still be too short to take large commercial aircraft. There is no terminal capable of dealing with standard passenger flights and no intention to build one.

**Cllr Douglas Mills** said, "I fully understand the concerns of residents to what is being talked about but I have personally spoken with the Group Captain at the base and he confirmed as well as being home to the RAF, Northolt is home to 32 other military units and is regarded by the MOD as of strategic military importance for the security of London."

Your ward councillors are supportive of RAF Northolt and its armed forces residents and would not want this to change.



## SHENLEY PARK RECEIVES GREEN FLAG



Shenley Park has won another international Green Flag award. Thanks to the hard work by the Friends of Shenley Park and the Council's Green Spaces team, the park won the award for being an attractive and environmentally diverse green area yet one that also attracts young and old residents who make full use of the park, the playground and the outdoor gym.

Says **Cllr Douglas Mills**, "Following this year's competition and for the fourth year in a row, Hillingdon Council has 47 parks and open spaces awarded with Green Flags, more than any other borough in the whole of the United Kingdom."

## HELPING LOCAL PARENTS AT ST PAUL'S

Like many churches, St Paul's Church is doing terrific work in supporting the local community. We are helping by using funds from our ward budget to cover the cost of building a new 'buggy park'.

This will mean that mums with prams and those using wheel chairs or motorised buggies can leave them in a safe and dry area. We are also covering the cost of new tables that can be used by the numerous community groups who are using the church hall on a regular basis.

**Cllr Mike Markham** said, "St Paul's Church is an integral part of this community and does a great deal to support residents in lots of ways. We are delighted to be able to provide assistance to help it carry out its community work".

