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# WARREN FARM: STILL

# NOT SAFE

Marijn “Council needs to finally commit and save our local wildlife and green space”

Good news from local campaign group Warren Farm Nature Reserve who received £4000 of funding through a donation which has been matched by the Council. Marijn explains “we are not out of the woods yet. **Without joined up thinking from the Council**, we may still see the destruction of precious habitat for wildlife”.



Sian Berry and Marijn at Warren Farm

Samantha from campaign group Hanwell Nature adds “what we really need is for everyone who uses and loves Warren Farm to **have a say about its future**. The first step would be for the Council to commit to protecting the area by making it a nature reserve”.

**Campaign groups are working together to try to get the Council to listen**, and have already submitted a petition reaching over 10,000 signatures, but the urban meadow at Warren Farm has still not been given Local Nature Reserve Status, and the Council are considering allowing a local sports team to use the land.



**Permanent signs and new gates to be put in, and old fences removed**

# GOLDS GYM: MORE TOWERS

Neil “Council promises change but now has to act”

Developers want to build on the Golds Gym site on Uxbridge Road, Hanwell. The proposal is for a 9 story tower. “**This is a good site for housing but once again it’s too high**, and with no three bedroom flats, it’s not what we need for local people” Neil explains. “The Council has issued new guidance on tall buildings- it needs to now **do the right thing and reject this application.**” Local churches are also concerned about the impact on the light and use of their buildings.

Let’s see if the Council will keep their promises to act in the interests of local people, not developers.

# SAVE OUR NHS: DAY OF ACTION 26<sup>TH</sup> FEB

**Local NHS Doctor Kate Crossland: Ealing Save Our NHS needs all our support**

Local campaign group Ealing Save our NHS are holding a **rally outside Ealing Hospital from 12 noon to 1.30pm on Saturday 26th February**. The organisers, which include Ealing Trades Council, are **demanding emergency funding for the NHS and pay justice for staff**.



**Dr Kate: “we need urgent action to save the NHS”**

**Dr Kate Crossland fully supports the campaign**, adding “this is part of a nationwide Day of Action. Campaign groups and trade unions are working together as a new group, called **SOS NHS, which I am sad to say is much needed**. It’s great to see events being held in Ealing to raise awareness of the issues”

Visit the website for lots more news on NHS campaigns: [www.ealingsaveournhs.org.uk](http://www.ealingsaveournhs.org.uk) and sign up to the newsletter to stay up to date with all the news, plus plans for the day of action.



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## RESIDENTS CALL FOR ACTION ON STREET DRINK AND DRUG USE

**Neil: We know more funding is needed to provide outreach support**

Our 60 second surveys completed by local residents show us again and again that street drinking and crime in the area is a big worry. Neil knows that for the Police to be able to help, they have to know where the problems are. **“If there is a particular problem in your area, you can let the police know by calling 101**. This helps show our local police where to patrol.”

We’ve also heard from local residents concerned that housing for people with drug and alcohol problems is being built in the local area. Local expert Louise Graham explains **“we do really need this kind of housing to help people recover- but it must be done in the right way**, with staff on site to provide the support that’s needed”. We are trying to confirm exact details of the plans with the Council.

## WEST LONDON OUTDOOR POOL?

**With no action on Gurnell Leisure Centre locals love the idea of new outdoor pool!**

A new volunteer-led campaign is looking for support to create an **outdoor swimming pool** in West London. The West London Lido campaign are hoping to raise enough support and money to build an affordable, accessible Olympic size pool.

The group recognises that **we need new alternatives to cheap flights abroad**, and that having good local facilities helps make holidays close to home great. The Council’s refusal to re-open Gurnell Leisure Facilities adds to the need for leisure facilities.

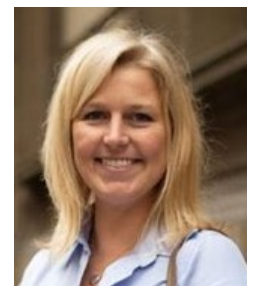
Find out more here: [www.westlondonlido.com](http://www.westlondonlido.com)

## INTRODUCING OUR TEAM



**DR KATE CROSSLAND:** Kate is a palliative care doctor, with 15 years experience working in the NHS. Kate is chair of her local Residents Association.

**MARIJN VAN DE GEER:** Marijn works in communications for an ocean conservation charity. Marijn is a trustee of a local charity.



**NEIL REYNOLDS** Neil is a secondary school teacher and has been a school governor. He has lived in West Ealing for over ten years.

**NEIL, KATE AND MARIJN: WORKING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE AND OUR PLANET**