



November 2023

Chairman's Blog



Helen Jones

November saw us partake in Remembrance Sunday, with services in Radlett and Letchmore Heath. The Radlett Reform Synagogue hosted a community reception, allowing us to warm up after a cold and wet morning. As ever, it is heartening to see so many members of the community attend and pay their respects.

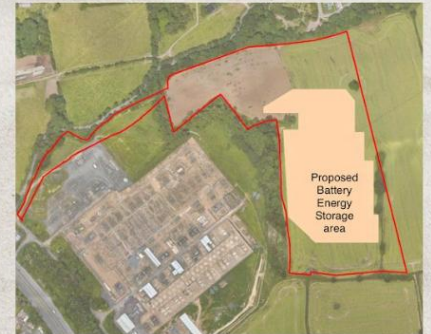


Neil Payne

It is with much sadness that we received the news of the passing of Neil Payne, who for many years served this community as a Parish and Borough Councillor, as well as five years as Chairman of APC. For him to give so many years of public service shows how much he loved the area and its people, a sentiment reflected at our Full Council meeting where several councillors who had served with him paid tribute to his kindness and all mentioned the support he had given them as they started as councillors. We observed a minute's silence and send our sincerest condolences to his family.

Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

At this month's Full Council meeting, APC discussed the planning application for a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) (23/1508/OUT) in Letchmore Heath and voted to object to the proposal. Not only would there be a loss of greenbelt but this form of energy storage has risks attached, most particularly in the case of fire. APC has formed a working party to write its objections and invited various local groups to join. If you wish to make any comments on the application please go to www.hertsmere.gov.uk/planning and send a copy of your comments to APC on adminos@aldenham-pc.gov.uk to help understand residents views. Please note the deadline for comments is 5 December 2023. It will be discussed by APC at their Planning Committee meeting on Monday 4 December at 7:30pm.



Winter Fair

APC's annual Winter Fair was held on the 19th November and was once again a great success, with lots of festive fun and fabulous stalls for all. It was wonderful to see so many people attend, especially for our light switch on with Dame Dotty and our competition winner, Hridhaan, from Edge Grove School. The Radlett Youth Council manned a very successful tombola and raised £330 for Cancer Research – well done all! I would like to thank the APC office and open spaces staff for organising and running the entire event; without all their hard work it wouldn't be possible to run this event so smoothly.

Phillimore Recreation Ground Improvements

The works to the children's playground are coming along well at the rec. The existing spring mobiles have been carefully broken out, the existing multi play unit has been removed and the foundations set in place for the new one. The swings have been relocated to their new positions as part of this redesign by age, and the existing roundabout removed. APC hope to create a unique space for the whole community to enjoy for generations to come.

