



Welcome to Moor Park (1958) Ltd -UPDATE Issue 61– 29th April 2026

## Moor Park (1958) Ltd AGM ...

A reminder that the 2026 AGM of Moor Park (1958) Ltd will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7pm in the Exam Hall at Merchant Taylors' School.

Formal notice of the AGM will be sent to voting members in due course.

## Introducing our new Director, Caroline Adamou ...

Caroline has been a proud resident of the Moor Park Estate for 26 years, raising her children locally through Merchant Taylors' and Northwood Prep schools. Having always embraced the Estate's wonderful family-friendly environment, from walking her dogs through the grounds to watching her family grow up here, she has a deep personal connection to the community that Moor Park 1958 represents.

Her husband has been a member of Sandy Lodge Golf Course for 26 years, further cementing the family's long-standing ties to the area. Professionally, Caroline brings 20 years of experience in drinks distribution, and she is eager to put this commercial expertise to good use as she joins the Board of Moor Park 1958.

## Manager's Report ...

### Entrance Plinths

I am pleased to report that project to improve the entrance plinths at Astons Road and Sandy Lodge Lane have now been completed, following the works at the MTS barrier over the Easter period.



## Verges

While in most cases the verge and footpath between your front boundary and the road belong to the Company, by long established practice each property owner maintains the verge and the footpath alongside their frontage or side boundary. This practice has arisen because it is a more cost-effective method than paying money to the Company, who in turn would employ contractors for maintenance. Thus your maintenance of the verges and other front areas helps to keep the annual frontage charge as low as possible.

## Moor Park Trees ...

*This article for BiteSize has been written by a resident which means it is not an 'official' pronouncement but is an expression of the views of a long-time Moor Park householder. It is not a 'company' line but a statement of independent opinion by a tree-lover.*

'Woodman, spare that tree  
Touch not a single bough  
In youth it sheltered me  
And I'll protect it now'

Moor Park's trees are both 'spared' and cherished. One of the many attractions and pleasures of living in Moor Park is its tree-lined roads, spinneys, woodlands, generous verges, flowering shrubs. But Moor Park wasn't always tree-stuffed. An estate map of 1919 shows Moor Park to be barren, open grassland, tree-free. The change came in the 1920s when Lord Leverhulme sold plots of land for new houses to be erected. The first roads to be built, on Sandy Lodge Road and Main Avenue, were lined with horse chestnuts and London plane trees. Oaks had dotted the landscape in the days of the Mansion's aristocratic owners and new oaks were planted on the verges of the developing estate. Many of Moor Park's verge trees are therefore a hundred years old and in many cases their age is showing. So they need constant attention.

How many trees? The numbers are staggering. There are approximately 2800 trees on the Estate's verges. Add on the trees in the woodlands and spinneys and the total comes to 7200 trees - all managed by Moor Park (1958). That's a forest. Add on again - trees in householders' gardens - say another 2000. Two forests then. The variety is also impressive: oak, lime, beech, birch, hornbeam, rowan, ash, London plane, sycamore, maple, pine, fir, cedar, cypress, alder, spruce, cherry, poplar, - name it, we have one - or fifty. Moor Park is a tree-lover's paradise. Many of the trees are in the large spinney that lies between South Approach and the railway line through which a path has been laid for strollers to appreciate this green paradise - if you ignore the noise of speeding trains. In this spinney some fallen trees have been piled to become 'insect hotels', a most intriguing phrase. However, the woodland that lies between North Approach and the railway is not Moor Park (1958) territory - this woodland belongs to Transport for London. In addition the woodland known as the Withey Beds, a rich environment of bushes, streams and animals - and a few hundred trees - is owned and managed by Three Rivers District Council as a protected nature reserve.

However, there is a cost. Trees have to be inspected, treated, taken down when aged or diseased, sprayed to deter insect infestation and new trees planted. In an Annual Report it was stated that in 2023 Moor Park (1958) spent £63,360 on inspection, tree maintenance and felling. In some years costs have been and may again be higher to include spraying the horse chestnuts to combat the deadly leaf miner insect and removing the ruthless, rampaging moths that attack oak trees. Aggressive moths? An implacable and vindictive foe? Well, so they say.

Is this cost worth it? Of course it is worth it. Moor Park's ambience and tree-stuffed attractiveness has to be safeguarded and a price has to be paid.

Looking after our trees is a small team. In the office, Steve Mulrooney and Gill Colton deal with everyday problems assisted by Bill Metcalfe, who has been a resident in Moor Park for over 50 years. Another member of the executive team is a current Moor Park (1958) director. The external consultants are Tim Moya Associates who have been with us for many years. Their

officers visit and walk the Estate, inspect the trees, and in an extensive, detailed report they recommend action such as felling, re-planting, spraying, whatever. The task of obtaining estimates from fellers and planters then passes to Steve Mulrooney who supervises subsequent action. For major work such as tree-felling, three quotations are obtained from experienced, contracted external tree-fellers. If residents have a query about trees, the spinney, woodlands or anything green, they should raise their concerns or interests first with the Moor Park (1958) office staff. Residents should also be aware of restrictions on felling trees in their gardens: Moor Park is protected as a Conservation Area and permission from Three Rivers District Council is required before any felling is started.

The Victorian poet's plea still holds firm then, perhaps with a new verse:

'Woodman, cut down that tree  
Every single bough  
The moths run free  
So knock it down, do it now'

## **Moor Park Residents Association (MPRA) Update ...**

### **• Moor Park Residents Annual Dinner and Golf - Monday 15th June 2026**

Time flies and summer is almost here. Once again, this year's Dinner and Golf event will be held at Moor Park Golf Club. Residents, their families, and non-golfers are especially welcome. This year, the main focus will be the Dinner—a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow residents and continue building our strong community spirit. Highlights of the day include:

- Golf on the High Course – Teeing off around 12:30 PM
- Pre- Dinner Drinks Reception at 6.00PM
- 3 Course Dinner at 7.00PM

Costs for the day will be:

- Moor Park Golf Club (MPGC) Members will only pay for drinks reception & dinner.
- Non-Members of MPGC will need to pay a guest green fee of £50. They will be signed in as guests by MPGC Members.
- Drinks Reception & Dinner: £42 per person for everyone

For further information please contact Hans Patel by email [hans@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hans@hotmail.co.uk) or by phone 07860 688853.



### **• Community WhatsApp Group – Knit & Natter**

Each month we aim to feature one of our Community WhatsApp groups to share how they are nurturing and growing an increased sense of community for Moor Park residents. This month we feature the Knit and Natter group.

The members of the Knit and Natter group meet monthly to discuss projects they are working on and to help each other to develop new skills. As you might expect, there is a lot of 'natter' with bits of knitting and crochet thrown in. A key focus for the group work is creating toppers for the Post Box on Main Avenue. The latest topper was unveiled yesterday ( 28<sup>th</sup> April) with a theme of Dancing around the Maypole to welcome the coming summer months.



As well as creating toppers, the group has also introduced crochet classes for local residents who were keen to learn. The classes have been a great success, and we now have 10 learners who managed to acquire a new skill including the youngest, aged 9, who can now confidently make a granny square.



If you fancy having a go at knitting, crochet or just a natter, select Knit & Natter on the Community WhatsApp or email the group at [moorparkres@gmail](mailto:moorparkres@gmail.com)

- **Summer Picnic – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Save the Date**

Following the success of last year's event, we are delighted to announce another community picnic on Sunday 28 June, from 3–6pm. Bring along friends and family for a relaxed afternoon in the beautiful grounds of Merchant Taylors' School.

Everyone is invited to bring their own picnic and mat. A selection of soft and alcoholic drinks will be available to purchase on-site. Fun games and activities will be organised, with something for all ages to enjoy.

We look forward to seeing you there for a great community afternoon.



- **Opportunity to join as a Governor at Eastbury Farm Primary School**

Eastbury Farm Primary School is located nearby on Bishops Avenue, Northwood. As with all maintained schools, its Governing Body plays a vital role in providing strategic leadership, supporting the Headteacher, and ensuring the school continues to thrive.

The Governing Body is currently seeking a new member, and they have asked if any residents of Moor Park might be interested in the role as they would warmly invite applications for rewarding opportunity. The role involves attending meetings, contributing to decision-making, and offering constructive challenge and support to the leadership team.

The school is particularly keen to appoint someone with health and safety expertise and/or experience in estates or building management. These skills are invaluable in helping the school maintain a safe, well-managed environment for pupils and staff, and in guiding decisions about premises, compliance, and future development.

If you are interested in contributing your knowledge and playing a meaningful part in the life of a local school, please contact Rebecca Workman, Headteacher, by email on [admin@eastburyfarm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@eastburyfarm.herts.sch.uk) to find out more.