

*Making Highgate a Better
Place to Live and Work*



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Community and Environment



The Highgate Society was founded in 1966 by local people who had successfully fought plans to route heavy traffic through the heart of Highgate demolishing much of the village.

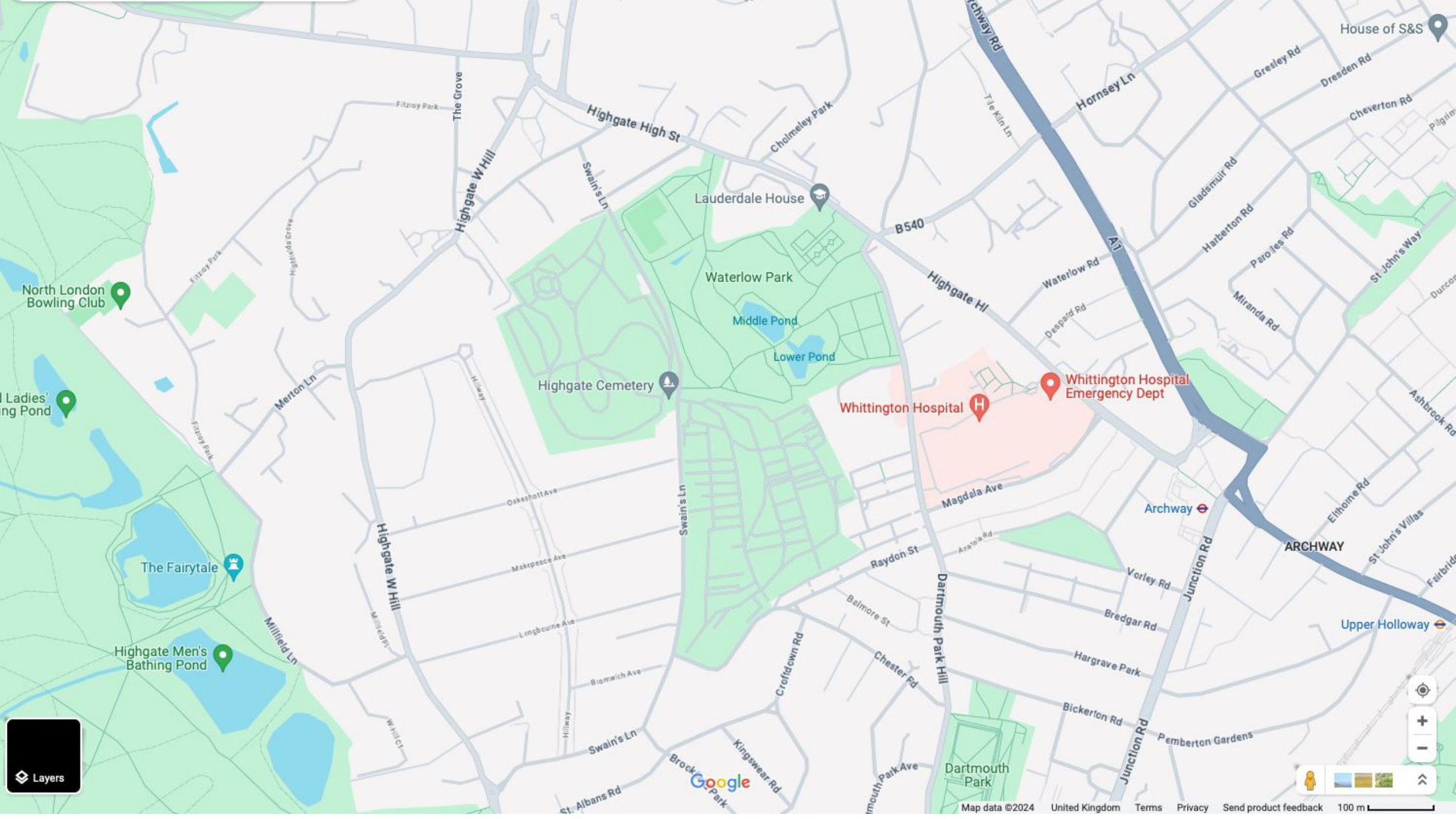
Our activities cover the whole of Highgate, and reach into four boroughs: Haringey, Camden, Islington and Barnet.

We have over 1,300 members. Nearly 85% of members are in Haringey and Camden with Haringey forming the largest portion. Islington is about 7% of members and Barnet about 4%.

We communicate with members and the Highgate public through: local press, noticeboards, our email newsletter which circulates to 1,650 residents with a record 66% who open it, website news, social media: X, Instagram, and Facebook. We also publish *buzz* a members magazine.

The Society has groups focused on:

- Traffic, travel, walking and cycling
- Pollution and air quality
- Sustainable Living



House of S&S

North London Bowling Club

Ladies' Bathing Pond

The Fairyale

Highgate Men's Bathing Pond

Lauderdale House

Waterlow Park

Middle Pond

Lower Pond

Highgate Cemetery

Whittington Hospital

Whittington Hospital Emergency Dept

Archway

ARCHWAY

Upper Holloway

Dartmouth Park

Brook Green

Kingswear Rd

Helping to Make a Healthy Neighbourhood

Travel, transport, walking and cycling

1. High Street, junction with South Grove and old bus stand
2. Highgate Hill (between Bisham Gardens and Dartmouth Park Hill)
3. West Hill junction with South Grove and the Grove
4. West Hill and Merton Lane
5. Swains Lane



1. High Street, junction with South Grove and old bus stand

Junction of South Grove and is High Street excessively wide



Former bus stand and junction of South Grove and High Street

Issues

Wasted space at the heart of Highgate Village

Narrow pavements and lack of outside seating create an inhospitable High Street environment

Pollution and traffic in High Street

Non-compliant zebra crossing dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists

Cramped northbound bus stop

Illegal and dangerous parking



Former bus stand and junction of South Grove and High Street

Opportunities

Reclaim road and bus stand for community use

Revitalising High Street shopping environment

Streetscape? – area is bordered by gastropub, two restaurants and takeaway sandwich shop

Farmers market?

Seating?

Safe pedestrian and cyclist friendly space

Possible traffic restrictions

– raised entry treatment?

– road narrowing?

– exit only?

– road closure?

Relocation of bus stop

Little loss of parking because existing area is Zebra crossing and related zigzags



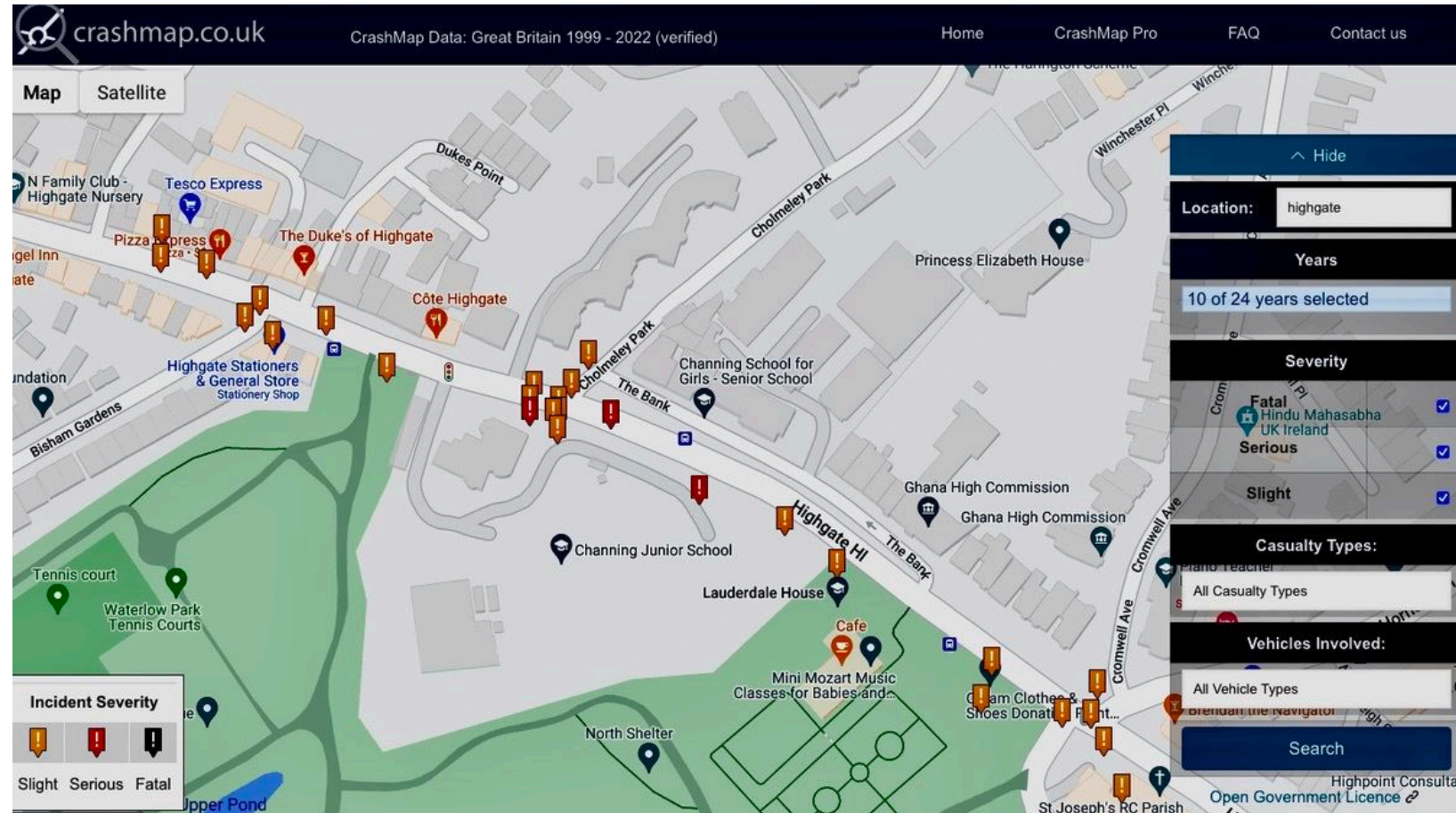
Ideas from 2007 were much the same

see <https://highgatesociety.com/271-bus-stand>



2. Highgate Hill (between Bisham Gardens and Dartmouth Park Hill)

Crash data





Highgate Hill
(between
Bisham Gardens
and Dartmouth
Park Hill)

- Excessively wide pelican crossing separates the two sides of the Hill
- Narrow pavement
- Compare how the road has been narrowed in Hampstead High Street and Dartmouth Park Hill

Some quotes from local residents who have written to us

“Every single day and night many drivers are doing in excess of 40mph. Last week I saw a motorbike wheelying up the hill at probably in excess of 50 mph.” LP

I live at xx Cholmeley Park, N6 5EL, since 1975. and have a small car, which I use sometimes through the junction, though more often I walk up Cholmeley Park and turn right at the junction.

The junction is dangerous, and building out the pavement and removing the parking places as proposed would be significant improvements.

There is the danger of excessive speed of vehicles coming down the hill, which may need to be addressed more generally. TH March 2024

It is more than a shame that the scheme for a safer junction outside Channing School on this section of the Hill has not been implemented. It is positively dangerous. Please try to get it implemented.

Further down, at the junction with Hornsey Lane and Dartmouth Park Hill, traffic is ignoring the banned right-turn signs and turning right onto Dartmouth Park Hill from Highgate Hill. I have checked Google’s satnav and they give this as an allowed route! I have notified them but no change has been made and traffic is still making this banned, dangerous turn. Please can you help? KR March 2024

3. West Hill junction with South Grove and the Grove

Issues

- No pedestrian crossing for walking line of desire between South Grove and the Grove
- Poor visibility for vehicles emerging from South Grove
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4. West Hill and Merton Lane

- Wider pavement needed on West side of West Hill
- Pavement needed in Merton Lane



5. Swains Lane

- Narrow pavements in Swains Lane are not pedestrian friendly
- Busiest pedestrian section is between Bisham Gardens and South Grove where traffic is two way – at least theoretically
- Significant pedestrian traffic near cemetery entrance at weekends

Dartmouth Park Hill entrance to Waterlow Park

Railing serves no purpose!





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