

## Hartley Wood.

An application for village green status on the Southwark owned section of Hartley Wood was made to KCC last year.

A meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> May to inform and raise support for the application. It was attended by over 130 people. They listened to a presentation by Councillors outlining the position Hartley is in with regard to the Application. They heard that after 2 panel meetings held by KCC, where both Hartley and Southwark Councils were represented, it was deemed that the matter should be resolved at a non-statutory Public Inquiry to be sure that any decision was legally safe. This Inquiry is due to start on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008 and will be held at All Saints Church Centre, Ash Road. The Inquiry may last for up to 4 days, but for residents unable to attend during the day, an evening session will be held on the first day from 6.00p.m. - 8.00p.m.

The great majority of those who attended the May meeting were in favour of the application and signed a petition to that effect. We have also received over 100 evidence forms, over 230 signed slips returned from the previous newsletter, photos, and other useful information to support our application should it be needed at the Inquiry.

The Parish Council's legal advisor is seeking, at Southwark's request, to try and resolve the matter with them before the Inquiry takes place, as this will obviously save everyone a lot of money.

The Parish Council is determined to ensure that Hartley Woods will remain accessible to Hartley residents in perpetuity.