



Redgrove Park Newsletter

Spring 2020

Welcome to the latest newsletter ...

Covid-19 Lockdown

The coronavirus pandemic has brought about a “new normal”, with the rules on social distancing impacting us all. Within the estate it seems to have engendered a great community spirit with the Thursday #clapforNHS, #clapforCarers #clapforTom evidencing this. You may have noticed a couple of handmade rainbows adorning our lampposts.

The Reddings Residents Association has launched its Essential Shopping Service to help those who are self-isolating, frontline workers or with childcare issues preventing them buying food. You should have received a flyer last week with details about this service and other support groups available. Within our estate we have 3 points of contact; Caroline Topham at (No. 73), Jo and Stewart Davies (No. 44), Amelia Mullins (No. 85). They can also be contacted via the Redgrove Park Facebook group.

Caroline Topham is also organising local Food Bank collections and there is a collection box outside her home (No. 73).

VE Day celebrations

Many residents were able to connect with each other by celebrating in their front gardens, ensuring compliance with social distancing at all times. Thanks to those who started the ball rolling in each area of the estate.



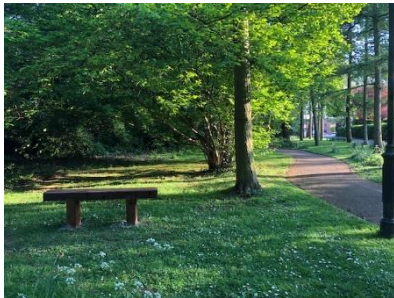
Improvements to the Estate

The Entrance

The much-delayed work on the stabilisation of the pillars has now been arranged and is due to start in the next few days. Please take care when entering and leaving the Estate as the road may be partly blocked. Once the work has been completed, we shall be able to proceed with the replacement of the caps, concrete bases, and ball finials on the pillars returning them to their former glory.

The Woodland & Lawns

You may have noticed the emergence of a woodland walkway. This is progressing well and continues to be extended when wood chippings from felled trees becomes available.



You will see that there is now a wooden seat next to the main footpath. This was kindly donated by Peter Walker. A second is on order and we hope to have it installed shortly.



Tim Evans, our estate gardener continues to work hard to clear some of the unsightly undergrowth and re-establish some of the grassed areas.

With the help of a number of residents, several thousand spring bulbs including snowdrops were planted. All of the work recommended in the 2019 tree survey was completed 2 months ago.



In addition to the replacement of trees felled, around a dozen new trees have been planted (including 5 replacement cherry trees on the right of the drive as you leave). There is a residents' rota for the watering of them.

Planting will continue and in the autumn we will be planting 4 oak tree saplings. Liz Coke is the point of contact for all tree queries.



The 2020 annual tree audit has just been completed with all the major trees having been renumbered. We are in the process of preparing a new guide to the trees in Redgrove Park and this will be available to view on the company website.



Infrastructure

Roads and pathways

The majority of the maintenance and repair work in our rolling 5-year programme has now been completed ahead of schedule. Consideration is now being made for further work to be carried out in year commencing April 2021 including the replacement of the main footpath.

Streetlighting

The condition of the paintwork on the lamp standards is deteriorating and we have arranged for these to be repainted in the next few weeks. The lanterns are showing their age and already 13 lanterns have been replaced. Our lighting contractor have been able to obtain a small stock of second-hand lanterns and another 13 lanterns will be replaced. The remaining 22 need to be cleaned and our contractors will undertake this work. Should you note any lighting failures then please report them to the estate managers, Ash & Co.

Drainage

The pumping station continues to be the responsibility of Severn Trent Water (STW) and any problems arising should be reported to Ash & Co who will ensure corrective work is undertaken by STW.

Whilst sewage disposal is now an STW matter, please continue to observe the rule that only human waste and toilet paper should be put into WCs. Items such as incontinence pads, nappies, sanitary products, and cleaning wipes should be disposed of through normal refuse waste i.e. the green wheelie bins.

Previously we used to hire Cheltenham Borough Council to undertake cleaning of gullies. However, neither the council nor its contractors can offer their services. Therefore, we are arranging for new contractors to carry out this work.

Communications

Newsletter

We are delivering a printed newsletter to every household and we will continue to do this at least twice a year; however, we are mindful of the need to keep residents up to date in between these publications.

Website

A website was created for Redgrove Park Management Company Limited, www.redgrovepark.co.uk. This contains lots of useful information for members and residents such as latest news, minutes of Board meetings, advice for obtaining planning consent, Neighbourhood Watch bulletins etc. It contains an archive of past newsletters, Board Meeting minutes and AGM reports.

Board Meeting Agenda Items

Please see below for the dates of Board Meetings. These are now taking place online to maintain social distancing rules and If you would like to raise any topic for discussion, please notify one of the directors and this will be tabled for the following board meeting.

Resident Facebook Page

Although not connected to RPMC Ltd, this is just a reminder that there is a Facebook group which provides a forum for Redgrove Park residents. This was created by a resident to facilitate discussions between homeowners. In particular there have been a number of residents' initiatives relevant to climate change and other related issues. Caroline at No. 73 has been very active in providing suggestions and would welcome additional support and input.

Polite Reminders

Bins & Recycling

The refuse collection schedules are working well with most residents placing bins for collection on appropriate days. See Cheltenham Borough Council website for public holiday arrangements www.cheltenham.gov.uk. Please withdraw your bins from the property frontage to maintain a clean and tidy appearance.



Estate Speed

The Estate has adopted a maximum speed of 15mph throughout the estate to respect children, animals and areas without pathways. This is usually well observed, but not always by visitors. Please ask your visitors to respect this speed limit. Residents should also ensure that children are aware of the traffic risks when playing. The directors are investigating the possibility of installing a vehicle activated speed sign on the drive.



Dogs

Would residents please ensure that they keep their dogs under control whilst within the common areas of the estate. Some residents have a fear of dogs and have become nervous outside their homes.



Planning Permission

Solar panels: Residents should be aware that they may not need to seek consent from Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC), it is nevertheless a requirement that consent is sought from RPMC Ltd and this will not normally be unreasonably withheld.

Extensions: Similarly, whilst permission may not be necessary from CBC, it is still required from RPMC Ltd and the impact on neighbouring properties must be duly considered by the board.

Company Matters

Annual General Meeting

The next AGM will be held at The Pavilion, Hatherley Lane on Wednesday 14th October 2020 at 7.15pm. All homeowners are very welcome. And will receive formal notification in due course (subject to Covid-19 rules)



Board Meetings

The Directors meet quarterly, usually on the first Monday in February, May, August and November. Items for the agenda are always welcome. Please send these to the Secretary to the Directors, Roger Hennessey (29). Dates of forthcoming meetings are 3rd August and 2nd November 2020.

Board of Directors

The current Company Directors are:

Mr Grant Cozens (Chairman)	(40)
Mrs Karen Belcher	(39)
Mrs Liz Coke	(30)
Mr Peter Mansion	(64)
Dr Peter Walker	(07)
Mr Peter West	(66)
Mr Roger Hennessey (Secretary)	(29)

Estate Manager

Sarah Bird is the Estate Manager and can be contacted as follows:

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Accountant & Company Secretary

Simon Sheldon, Harper Sheldon Accountants

Neighbourhood Watch

Liz Coke continues to be our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for any Police news or alerts about news of criminal activity. Please let Liz know if you would like to be added to her email distribution list for this information.



Your Feedback

Please let us know if you have any comments, queries or suggestions for items to include in the newsletter, on the website or to add to the Board Meeting agenda.



Your Board of Directors

May 2020

