



Redgrove Park Newsletter

Spring 2021

Welcome to the latest newsletter ...

A season of changeable weather!

We started the year with lockdown 3.0, shorter days and a sprinkling of snow in January. Children were soon out and about building impressive snowmen and we managed to capture a few images before they melted. Little did we know that snow would appear again in April, thanks to the Arctic winds.



Patrick from No. 26



Improvements to the Estate

The Main Footpath

As you will see, the edges of the pathway have been cleaned in readiness for resurfacing of the path. Abbey Surfacing will resurface the path from the entrance through to the electricity sub-station building. They will start work on Monday 26th April and they estimate completion by Friday 7th May. However, the path will be fully available over the Bank Holiday 1st to 3rd May. The work will be completed section-by-section to minimise disruption to pedestrians. During the works pedestrians will need to use the woodland path or roadway as an alternative. Both pedestrians and drivers will need to take extra care and be more cautious approaching the area.



The Woodland Path

A walk through the woods is a delight. Each month brings its own joy with snowdrops in January, early daffodils in February, wood anemones and celandines bloom in March alongside the Spring blossom and now the bluebells are just starting to emerge this month.

We have had wood chippings spread at the top end of the path and ordered some more for the bottom half.



The Woodland Trees

The woodlands are looking beautiful at the moment. During the last 6 months we had to have a poplar tree cut down that was leaning dangerously over a house in Colesbourne Road. The planting of new Cherry Blossom trees last year are now in full bloom and look beautiful.



We have also had four oak saplings donated and planted which will be magnificent in 50 years' time! Two more specialist trees are on order; an Acer ginnola and Ginko biloba.

Detached Dwelling to Rent

Some of you may have noticed a large bird box at the top of the woodlands. This has been positioned to attract Tawny Owls. It was kindly donated to the estate by a resident in Robert Burns Avenue who has seen owls in the area.

Tawny Owls certainly occupy the woodland between our estate and Manor by The Lake and are regularly seen and heard by residents.



In the same area, Buzzards and Ravens are also nesting in the Redwood trees. Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Nuthatch and Jays are also prevalent, in addition to the usual garden birds.



Lampposts

The estate lampposts are currently in the process of being repainted subject to time and weather conditions.

Topical News

Earlier this year, a resident had the misfortune of petty theft from their car parked on the driveway, but which was inadvertently left unlocked. Please do remember to secure your vehicles and property because sadly the estate is not immune to opportunist thieves prowling.

Polite Reminders

Planning Permission

When owners purchase a property on Redgrove Park, a Deed of Covenant is signed. An element of this is regarding alterations to properties. The idea behind it is to help us all maintain the attractive nature of our estate. Broadly speaking anyone owning a property on Redgrove Park who wishes to carry out alterations to the exterior of their houses must obtain planning consent. The same applies to the lopping and felling of trees.

This should first be sought in the normal way by requesting permission from the planning department of Cheltenham Borough Council. If this is granted, consent must then be sought from the Redgrove Park Management Company. The policy of the Company is, as it has always been, to maintain the high quality of the general environment of the Estate, in everyone's interest. Hence the Directors need to be satisfied that any alterations will not threaten the general ambience and visual presentation of our pleasant and attractive surroundings.

Several alterations have been approved over the years, evidence of the general success of that policy. Any communications involving RPMC should be made in the first instance with Sarah Bird at Ash & Co, the Estate managers, to whom all details, plans, etc. should be sent.

Litter

Litter continues to be evident, particularly along the woodland walk. There has been plastic, cans, glass, used face masks, sweet wrappers amongst other items. Thanks to all volunteers who regularly litter-pick on the estate.



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.



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.



Sewage Disposal

Whilst the pumping station is the responsibility of Severn Trent Water, please continue to observe the rule that only human waste and toilet paper should be flushed down WCs. Items such as incontinence pads, nappies, sanitary products, and cleaning wipes should be disposed of through normal refuse waste



Company Matters

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 10th May and 2nd August 2021.



AGM

This is scheduled for Wednesday 13th October and will be held at The Pavilions (if allowed) or by Zoom depending on Covid-19 restrictions.

Board of Directors

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

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Website

Our website contains lots of useful information for members and residents, such as latest news, minutes of board meetings, advice for obtaining planning consent.
www.redgrovepark.co.uk



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
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