



Redgrove Park Newsletter



Winter 2022

Welcome to the latest newsletter ...

Compliments of the season to all ... 

Certainly, Autumn is now well behind us with the dramatic drop in temperature over the past few days and the first snow of Winter.... what a difference 24hrs makes!



Saturday 10th December



Sunday 11th December

Although there have been few major issues in the past year, we have continued to look to make improvements where appropriate and to carry out any necessary repairs. At our next board meeting in February 2023 the directors will be considering the company budget for the financial year April 2023 to March 2024. We would welcome suggestions from members for any ideas that they may have regarding improvements to the estate. Please send any proposals by email to grant.cozens@btinternet.com before the end of January 2023 for discussion and consideration.



Improvements to the Estate

Perimeter Fences

In 2021 a part of the unsightly perimeter fencing adjacent to Hatherley Lane was replaced by metal railings.

It has now been decided that the railings will be extended to the gates of the estate. This work should be completed within the next few months.

Roads & Pavements

All identified repair work to kerb stones and pavement edges have been undertaken and regular monitoring is undertaken. It is still planned that the gutters and gullies will be cleaned although we have experienced difficulties in finding contractors willing to undertake the work. Ash & Co are continuing their research.

Fast Fibre Broadband

Earlier this year, on behalf of our residents, the directors approached CityFibre to enquire regarding its plans for the installation of fast fibre broadband to properties within the estate. We were advised that they would undertake a survey, probably in September, regarding the viability. Subsequently, in June, sub-contractors for CityFibre installed ducting throughout the estate. Whilst we have no further information regarding their plans, we have just received a request from CityFibre requesting a wayleave agreement to allow them to install their fibre throughout Redgrove Park.

At the same time as our approach to CityFibre, we also contacted BT-Openreach. However, their response suggested charging RPMC for installation of facilities for the estate; not what was required. We shall contact BT-Openreach to advise of CityFibre's work and ask if their plans have been updated.

Trees and Woodlands

The Woodland Trees

We all know that we had an exceptionally dry summer this year. This has meant that a few of us have had to water our new trees and I am pleased to say that the Holly, Prunus, Crab Apple and Ginkgo have survived. However, we do seem to have lost the Yew tree. Thank you, Steve Harris (No. 10) for helping with the watering.

We have parted company with Greenfields, who reorganised their business. We had a tree audit by Chris Arnold this year which has again identified a lot of Ash die-back and work is needed on the Poplars on the main drive. We put this work out to tender and have decided to use Cheltenham Tree Services, who will begin work on 17th April 2023. We will use them for next year's audit as well.

Our policy is to replace every tree that is cut down with something suitable. However, it appears that we can actually nominate a sapling in the vicinity if one is growing strongly, instead of planting a new tree. This will help with watering as a tree that has planted itself should be able to look after itself.

The triangle by lamp 12 was replanted last year. Unfortunately, due to the dry weather and that it gets no light in the summer, the shrubs appear to have died. There should be daffodils and bluebells in the spring and the ground cover plants seem to be healthy. We have asked Tim Evans for his advice, and he has suggested some interesting plants to replace those that don't recover in the spring.

Home Security

A reminder to all residents to secure their property and any access points and perhaps consider improving security e.g., locking side gates, door entry cameras, CCTV etc. Please also remember to secure your vehicles because sadly the estate is not immune to opportunist thieves prowling to steal cars and/or their contents.

Estate Security

It has been agreed that CCTV will be installed on the main drive into the estate. A survey has been carried out regarding the location of two cameras and a price has been agreed. Currently we are undertaking further research on technical issues, such as power supplies and data protection compliance. It is anticipated that the work will be completed in the next few months.

Board of Directors

Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed two new directors to the Board, Iain Moore (No. 6), and Annette Carey (No. 37). Sadly, in August our valued Secretary to the Board, Roger Hennessey (No. 29) passed away. He will be much missed for work behind the scenes and his in-depth knowledge of the Estate.

Polite Reminders

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. Please do not leave poo bags in the woods. This results in a hygiene issue for our gardener when mowing/trimming etc.



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 Chair, Grant Cozens (No. 40). Dates of forthcoming meetings are 8th February, 15th May, 7th August & 6th November 2023.

AGM

This will be held in October 2023 and invitations and relevant papers will be sent out to all members.

Board of Directors

Mr Grant Cozens (Chairman)	(40)
Mrs Karen Belcher	(39)
Mrs Annette Carey	(37)
Mrs Liz Coke	(30)
Mr Iain Moore	(6)
Mr Peter West	(66)

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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. To be able to access all information, you will need to register. www.redgrovepark.co.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

Alison Watts has taken on responsibility as our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for any Police news or alerts about news of criminal activity. Please let Alison 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
December 2022

