



Redgrove Park Newsletter



Winter 2023

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. Following last month's AGM, this is an update for all residents.

Improvements to the Estate

Perimeter Fences

In 2023 the remaining part of the chain-link perimeter fencing adjacent to Hatherley Lane was replaced by strong green metal railings.

Roads & Pavements

The gutters and gullies have been cleaned by new contractors. At the request of residents, two new drop-kerbs have been installed to improve pedestrian access.

Fast Fibre Broadband

In 2022 sub-contractors for CityFibre installed ducting throughout the estate and we agreed to their request for a wayleave agreement. This allows them to install their fibre throughout Redgrove Park, although no further contact has been received.

Defibrillator

Last month a new defibrillator was installed on the wall adjacent to the electricity substation. It is housed in an illuminated, temperature-controlled box which does not have any lock so immediate access is provided to all. With that in mind, should you notice the door is open, please be good enough to close it.

When the defibrillator is switched on, audio guidance will be provided. Additionally, there is a 'Rescue Reference Guide' poster with instructions located in the box.

You can also **download the Operator's Manual** from this URL: [9650-000750-12-SF E.book \(zoll.com\)](https://www.zoll.com/ebook/9650-000750-12-SF)

Pages 12 to 18 specifically include detailed guidance on how to use the equipment in an emergency situation.



Estate Security

CCTV cameras have been fixed to lamppost 13 on the main drive into the estate. There are 3 cameras. (1) points towards the estate entrance gates (incoming traffic) (2) points in towards the estate (outgoing traffic) and (3) is an ANPR camera. Live installation has not yet been commissioned.

These deliberately do not pick up any images from private households, and data will be saved on a password-protected hard drive located in the secured box located on the wall of the electricity sub-station. Remote access is only available to **view** livestream by named, authorised individuals. Only 30-day rolling data is saved onto the hard drive at any time.

Access to recorded data is not accessible remotely (i.e. via online access) and is only available for **download** directly from the hard drive and can only be downloaded to a USB device for the specific purpose of being sent to the Police to support an alleged crime. Again, only named, authorised officials will be able to perform this function and who have been provided with access to the secure box keys and hard drive password.

The Directors are currently liaising with A&E Fire & Security Ltd regarding an appropriate service agreement (to include the maintenance of the equipment) and they have all the necessary security credentials. All authorised officials will be named in the final RPMC Data Policy and normal GDPR regulations will apply. Signage will be installed on the estate prior to the system going live.

Home Security

Following the clock changes, Gloucestershire Constabulary have issued advice about protecting your home against burglary by installing a 'WIDE' combination of security devices.



Detailed guidance is available for download from their website:

<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/police-forces/gloucestershire-constabulary/areas/gloucestershire/campaigns/burglary/>

Alison Watts, our Neighbourhood Watch coordinator still has a supply of window stickers for those who would like to display these in their porch. She would be happy to receive more names and email addresses for her regular newsletter so please do provide this information to her if you would like to be included. See back page for her contact details.

Trees and Woodlands

The Woodland Trees

Cheltenham Tree Services (CTS) completed the removal of dangerous or diseased trees in April 2023 and some logs were chipped into bark to replenish the woodland pathway, whilst others have been stored within the woods to support biodiversity and bug life.

CTS then recommended that any decision around re-planting be deferred until all trees were in full leaf so that suitable locations offering optimum light conditions could be identified for new trees. CTS also liaised with RPMC and the Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC) Tree Officer regarding suitable species. Subsequently it was agreed that 7 new trees be purchased and planted before March 2024.

CTS will be cutting down a further 5 trees (identified in the 2023 Audit) and working on dead branches and crown lifts on 5th & 6th December 2023.

Tim, the estate gardener has identified & reported minor gaps/thinning in the perimeter laurel hedges and will purchase suitable replacement plants to address this. The small, planted island by lamppost 12. Is under review for improvement in 2024. This suffers from low light and poor soil and previous efforts to plant this area have had little success.

Gritting Provision

The estate holds only a limited supply of salted grit in the 2 locked boxes by the electricity sub-station. In the event of poor weather, this will be spread in the worst areas.

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. Please pay particular attention on the first main bend of the estate where estate traffic may be joining the main route. We've ensured improved visibility by clearing low shrubs and seeding the whole area with grass.



Parking on kerbs

Please could residents (and their visitors) refrain from parking motor vehicles on the pavement because this weakens the sub-structure of the pathway and inhibits residents who may need to use mobility aids and/or pushchairs.



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.



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/strimming 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) grant.cozens@btinternet.com Dates of forthcoming meetings are 5th February, 13th May, 5th August & 4th November 2024.

AGM

This will be held in October 2024 and invitations and relevant papers will be sent out to all members.

Board of Directors

Mr Grant Cozens (Chairperson)	(40)
Mrs Karen Belcher	(39)
Mrs Annette Carey	(37)
Mrs Liz Coke	(30)
Mr Iain Moore	(7)
Mr Peter West	(66)

Estate Manager

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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.

Email: alisonredgrove@gmail.com



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 2023

