

The Ethelburga Newsletter

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NEW ETHELBURGA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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A BIG THANKS to everyone who came to the residents meeting last month to explore the idea of Self Managing our Estate. For those that couldn't make it, over 100 people turned up representing over 20% of the Estate. After all the excitement you're all probably wondering **WHAT'S GOING ON?**

WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO DO?

It's very important that EVERYONE understands what we are trying to do and how it will benefit us all.

After years of being disappointed with ongoing maintenance issues on the Estate we feel, like many other estates in the area, that we can do a better and more cost efficient job ourselves, working as a Residents Committee in control of our own Management Company. An example of how well this works is the Goulden House Estate on Shuttleworth Road.

There is nothing special in it for Committee members, just a lot of unpaid hard work. We will be acting on your behalf to improve the Estate at every level, repairs, ongoing maintenance issues and keeping a close eye on the budgets to ensure that every penny is spent wisely.

At the recent meeting an overwhelming 94 of the 95 properties represented voted to progress this course of action.

The Council will continue to own and sublet 20% of the properties on the Estate and will remain very involved with our management decisions.



ETHELBURGA GARDENING CLUB

If you are interested in forming and joining a Gardening Club, please come to a Tuesday Clinic to sign up!

ANY QUESTIONS? COME AND MEET US

This coming TUESDAY 2nd November and every TUESDAY until Christmas we will be holding clinics in the COMMUNITY CENTRE where you can come and discuss anything about this plan and about the Estate, or your flat, with representatives from the Committee. Please take advantage of this opportunity to have everything clearly explained and to witness at first-hand how SELF-MANAGEMENT will make your life better.

Clinic Hours: every Tuesday—mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm and evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

UPCOMING MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL

Very shortly the Committee will be holding a round table discussion with the Council to come to an agreement on how we move forward in partnership. We already have the full support of senior members of the Council and our local Councillors. We will let you know the outcome of this meeting.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF SELF MANAGEMENT TO US ALL?

- ◆ The Management Company will have an on-site office open to all during normal working hours with 24 hour emergency cover.
- ◆ We live on the Estate so know the problems – and will fix them fast.
- ◆ We will not just react but plan a proactive ongoing maintenance schedule for such items such as drains, landscaping and decorating - thus saving money in the long term.
- ◆ The Committee have the energy and experience to make things happen.
- ◆ We will be available to all residents and will action decisions quickly.
- ◆ Leaseholders and tenants alike will benefit from an enhanced sense of community and a safer environment.

The New Ethelburga Residents Association (NERA) Committee is made up of leaseholders and residents.

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