



FIELDEND NEWS

WINTER 2013/14

Fieldend carol singers — record achieved!

Many thanks to Roger Joiner for organising the Fieldend carol singers on Sunday 15 December, and to all those who took part despite the inclement weather. And a big thank you to all of you who gave so generously to the collection for The Shooting Star Children's Hospice; we raised £168.73, which is a record. Well done, everyone!



Thank you!

Fieldend Residents Association

Fieldend diary date: Fieldend AGM

The Fieldend Residents' Association Limited (FRAL) Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place at 8.00pm on Thursday 6 February 2014, at the Alexander Pope Hotel in Cross Deep. Fieldend house owners are all shareholders in FRAL, and have the right to let the FRAL Board know their views. The AGM is one of the opportunities to let your voice be heard, so please put the date in your diaries.

If you would be interested in contributing to the life of the Fieldend community by serving on the FRAL Board, please contact any of the existing FRAL Board members.

Email communications

FRAL is drawing up a list of Fieldenders' email addresses so that we can send out communications by email. This list will be used if we need to contact people urgently, and will *not* replace the current paper newsletters/leaflets from the FRAL Board. It will be used strictly for FRAL business only, and if you chose to register your email address, you can opt out at any time. Please email Joanna O'Sullivan if you wish to join the list.

Garden corner

Bulbs

Thanks to all those who helped planting bulbs around the common areas of Fieldend. We can look forward to a fabulous display in the Spring.



After the storms

Special thanks to Allen, who helped clear up the debris and fallen branches after the storms. Sadly, we lost one large tree in the triangle which will be cleared in the next few weeks.



Tree survey

Following the storms, a number of residents have expressed concerns about the threat from large trees. Sally Stones, the Fieldend Gardens Director, will be reviewing the tree survey and is instituting a rolling programme of maintenance to ensure the trees are kept healthy.

Green waste bins

Many residents have noticed that the green waste bins have not been emptied for some time. This was due to an oversight by the Council. We now have a third bin and fortnightly collections have been resumed.



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If you have any questions, comments, or items for the newsletter/website, please email us or put a note through any of our doors.

Maintenance update

Doors project

The doors project has finally finished, and the Fieldend front doors are looking wonderful. Particular thanks to Jim Strike, who drove the project to successful completion under very trying circumstances.



Perimeter fences

The recent powerful winds have taken their toll around Fieldend, in particular knocking over the already weakened fence by the southern perimeter road. FRAL has been working with residents of Teddington Park Road and the fence is now ship shape once again.

Brick walls

A number of brick walls around the estate are undergoing repair. Some are privately owned, some are FRAL's responsibility. Either way, keep an eye out for any wall that looks unsteady and let us know.

Eyes on the Road

Having recently been asked to survey the tired old tarmac around Fieldend, LBRUT Highways Department and are making some positive noises about substantial repairs; let's hope so.

Announcements corner

The newsletter is published four times per year—in January, April, July and October. This section is reserved for Fieldenders' announcements. If you have one (eg: an item for sale), contact the newsletter editor, Helen Middleton-Price.

Security alert

During Christmas a house in Teddington Park Road was burgled; the thieves gained access through the Fieldend perimeter fence in the triangle area. It was a serious burglary with jewellery and a car stolen, so be extra vigilant and keep an eye out for suspicious activity on Fieldend, especially at night.

Perennial parking problems

Illegal parking in Fieldend, particularly by parents dropping off and picking up children at Newland House, continues to be a problem. Since Fieldend is *not* a private road, it is the job of the police to enforce parking restrictions; but if a resident sees



someone parking illegally, s/he is quite justified in challenging the miscreant. However, sometimes people make genuine mistakes and there have been several complaints from individuals (including one Fieldender) who have been challenged aggressively by Fieldend residents. Please take care to ensure that, if you question someone's right to park on Fieldend, you do it courteously, in order to support our good external relations with the wider community.