



FIELDEND NEWS

SUMMER 2014

Parking

The FRAL Board has been in touch with Mr A Darvill at Richmond Council to explore the potential for new ways to discourage miscreants from parking in Fieldend.



Meeting with CPO

There has been a worrying increase in the number of flat tyres caused by embedded nails at Fieldend. Because of the safety implications of this and further instances of vandalism to cars at Fieldend, the FRAL Board is arranging a meeting with our local Safer Neighbourhoods police officer - who regards this as a serious matter - to explore appropriate deterrents. Please contact Helen M-P (no 26) if you have any matters that you would like raised at this meeting.



Fieldend party 2014

We were lucky to have fabulous weather for the Fieldend summer party. Many thanks to Lars and Gili for organising the games, and to Laura for the set-up and decoration.



For lots more photos see the Fieldend website.

Garden corner

Keeping Fieldend beautiful during the summer months

Many thanks to Allen and his team who worked very hard indeed to ensure Fieldend looked ship-shape for the summer parties. They will get particularly stretched during the summer months so, if you have noticed that bindweed or other weeds appear to be taking over a shrub near you, and you have a bit of spare time, please help out by doing a bit of weeding. Please, also, keep an eye open for shrubs that are crying out for water, especially if they are looking a bit sad or wilting. If each of us could keep an eye on the shrubs near our houses, we should be able to avoid losing any during the hot weather.



Tidy day - Sunday 31 August

Set aside Sunday 31 August (10am-1pm) for one of our regular garden tidy days. Please come to help us maintain our beautiful environment; it is also a great chance to meet your neighbours. If the weather is fine, we'll have a picnic afterwards on the East Square; bring your own picnic.

Tree survey

Out There Trees (OTT) have completed a comprehensive survey of all the trees at Fieldend. The company's schedule - subject to Council approval - includes urgent works over the next couple of months, including pruning and removal of dead wood where needed; then intermediate remedial works (over the next 6-12 months) and more long term works (over the next 2-3 years) to raise the canopies of some trees and to prune others. There will also be a programme of tree planting in the Autumn, including the replacement of lost trees on the triangle. We should soon see the benefits around Fieldend.



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Maintenance update

Fieldend external lighting

The upgrade of the fittings in the post lights has now been completed, and are now all converted to take LED bulbs. There are six of these on the estate and the upgrade has improved the quality of the light and reduced our running costs. Many thanks to Ian McCann, who has continued to take the responsibility for overseeing the lighting works, and to George Hammond, our electrical contractor, who provides advice and carries out all the necessary work.

Use of electricity in Fieldend garages

There has been a recent spike in the use of electricity in the garages. The electricity bill for the garages is paid by FRAL on the understanding that it is used only for lighting and occasional use. If you are running a fridge, freezer, tumble dryer, de-humidifier or similar high-use item, please contact the FRAL Treasurer, Colin Hatton-Smith (no 6) so that arrangements can be made to make an extra contribution for this use.



Garage safety

Although the garage circuits are protected by circuit breakers, it is really important that each garage owner regularly tests the units, as advised by the manufacturers. It is also important that any appliances running continuously should be safe and in a good state of maintenance, especially bearing in mind that garages are used for the storage of all kinds of materials, some of which are flammable.

Announcements corner

Does anyone need any doors?

Helen Middleton-Price (no 26) has two original Fieldend doors; one is a small door (a kitchen under-stairs cupboard, with original handle); the other is a bedroom door (without handle). They are free to anyone who wants them.

Table top sale

There were too many other activities to have a table top sale on the same day as the summer party. If you would like to take part in a sale later in the summer to get rid of your unwanted bric-a-brac please let Helen Middleton-Price (no 26) know, and we'll set a date.

Collection for Christian Aid

Christabel Davies (no 2) made a collection during Christian Aid Week back in May. She is delighted to report that the total donated was £150. Many thanks to all those who contributed.

