



# FIELDEND NEWS

AUTUMN 2014

## Parking

The sight of traffic wardens issuing tickets at the entrance to Fieldend at school drop-off times was a



welcome sight during the first weeks of the Autumn Term.

We are aware, however, that parking remains a live issue, in particular with more students attending St Mary's gym, and we are actively considering the next steps to address this. Several residents have also been looking at other possibilities, and the Board has invited two of those residents to the next meeting on 6 November.

Furthermore, we are moving towards getting a Fieldend residents' car sticker, and a design is currently under review.

## Visitors

One unfortunate new resident recently had a very offensive note stuck to his car. We are grateful to all those residents who take the trouble to ticket illegally parked cars, but please always use the standard format ticket and be careful about not jumping the gun in relation to newly parked cars.

## FRAL Board news

### Board changes

The Board regrets to announce that after ten years' service, Colin Hatton-Smith has resigned as Treasurer. His role will be taken over by Helen Middleton-Price. FRAL owes much to Colin for all his hard work over the years, and will continue to call on him for advice.

We are pleased to announce that Sarah Chudleigh (no 37) has joined the Board.

### Hearing the shareholders' voice

The FRAL Board has been considering ways to improve communication between the Board and shareholders, in particular in relation to ensuring the shareholders have opportunities to put their views to the Board.

**FRAL Board meetings**—From now on, the dates of the next quarter's FRAL Board meetings will be published in the newsletter. The intention is to encourage shareholders to contact the Directors to raise matters of concern to be included on the meeting agenda. If it is sufficiently of general interest and importance, shareholders will be invited to a part of the Board meeting set aside for this purpose.

The next two meetings are 6 November and 18 December.

**FRAL Annual General Meeting**—The AGM takes place in February each year, during which the business of FRAL for the previous year - as opposed to current business - is discussed. So in February 2015, the relevant period is October 2013-September 2014. After closing the AGM, a further short general meeting will be held to raise and discuss matters of wide current interest.

## Garden corner

### Fieldend Tidy Day

Thanks to all who helped out on the Tidy Day on 31 August. These days are a great way for everyone to contribute to the Fieldend community, to help get to know your neighbours and to help to keep our maintenance charges down. There will a further tidy and bulb planting day on 23 November.



### Toys

One of the joys of Fieldend is that it is a fantastic place for children to play in freedom and safety. Parents, please clear away toys at the end of every day so that the environment is maintained for everyone to enjoy. It will also ensure there are no accidents at night caused by unwary residents tripping over small objects!



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## Maintenance update

### Roof cleaning

Clearing the flat Fieldend roofs of leaves is an important but difficult and potentially dangerous process, the responsibility for which currently falls to individual residents. To address this, the Board is appointing a specialist roof cleaning company to conduct a trial in early December to clean and clear all the roofs and roof lights of houses 1-48 Fieldend and 14-18 Waldegrave Park. In this way we can achieve a great economy of scale, keeping the cost for this service down to a maximum of £3 per household per month. Because these new costs will be absorbed by FRAL, we will take a vote to continue the process at the AGM in February. Given approval, a second round of cleaning will take place in February 2015, the cycle then to be repeated annually. If anyone DOES NOT want their roof cleaned during this process, please contact Theo Williams.

### Fieldend garage roofs

Some Fieldenders have noticed that their garage roofs are leaking during heavy rainfall, probably around the seams in the corrugated roofing. Our roofs are still under guarantee, so a number of us intend to approach the roofing company to ask for remedial works. We would like to know how many residents have had the same problems, as we consider that a joint approach is likely to have greater effect. So please contact Isabelle Epps if you have a leaky garage roof.

## Announcements corner

### Collection for MND

Alex Bardzinski (no 17) has collected £15 for the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Congratulations to Alex and thanks to everyone who contributed.

### Has anyone got any matters they want to bring to the attention of Fieldenders?

If you have any comments, suggestions, or even gripes that you want aired in the newsletter, please do get in touch with one of the FRAL Directors. For obvious reasons, it is not possible to publish or respond to anonymous communications.

### Nuisance behaviour

Residents in Waldegrave Park have reported to us that a child—who identifies himself as being from Fieldend—is jumping out in front of cars travelling along the road, causing drivers to make emergency stops. It is only good fortune that has saved this child from injury, or worse. This has been reported to the police. Parents, please advise your children that they should not play in the road; it is extremely dangerous, both to themselves and to others.

### Car vandalism

FRAL is still waiting to hear from our Safer Neighbourhoods police officer, Tony Lovegrove, about recurrent vandalism to cars. In the meantime, some residents have installed CCTV cameras overlooking the spots where cars are parked. We hope this will act as a deterrent to offenders.