

FIELDEND news

MAY 2015

Wildflowers

Thanks to Alison Dietz, we have obtained a quantity of Grow Wild seed packs from Kew Gardens (www.growwilduk.com) and designated suitable areas.

Several residents are already involved in planting the seeds and we will produce a map shortly.

Free!

Sally Stones has a garden table to give away, rectangular hardwood - ANY TAKERS!

TIDY DAY

The next tidy day is tomorrow Saturday May 23rd 10-12, general litter picking, weeding, removing tree seedlings.

Tree surgery to be carried out on June 18th on the large plane tree behind no 34 - please keep cars clear of the area on that day.

Repainting Decision Made

The survey received an 85% response and the majority (24 out of 43) want the re-painting to take place in 2016, so we will go ahead on that basis rather than departing further from the Scheme of Management. It is also clear that residents are fairly evenly split between an immediate increase in the maintenance charge and a lump sum payment in 2016. Therefore, the Board proposes to offer choices for payment. We have also received offers to help in managing the painting from residents who are qualified to do so and we will get the best advice we can in planning the work and selecting contractors. We are also getting in touch with other Span resident associations to see if they can recommend suppliers.

We will give more details and keep you in touch with developments in the next newsletter.

Old aerials

The onward march of technology leaves many of us in its wake, and things get left behind too. Looking upwards there seem to be a few rusty TV aerials attached to dangling cables that may no longer be serving a useful purpose.

It would be great if we could tidy up Fieldend's skyline and, if you would like help in removing an old aerial, Roger Joiner (no.5) has offered to help.

New Residents

Welcome to our new neighbours
Rob and Robin at no. 21!

Parking permits & lines

Illegal parking has not been too troublesome lately but we are sure it will build up again, both in the summer when the work begins for Newland House, and then in the autumn when the new SMUC students and school parents arrive. Therefore, the Board has been preparing.

Fieldend's windscreen parking permits have now been printed and will be distributed soon. The aim is to discourage illegal parking by displaying the permits prominently in our own windscreens. Suitable 'Permit only' signs will be placed near the entrance once the permits are in use.

We will provide each household with permits for your own vehicle(s) and three visitor permits for your regular visitors - these permits are self-adhesive plastic. The permits will carry a simple code to identify the household and will remain FRAL's property, and we obviously don't want them to be given to people who are not *bona fide* residents or visitors.

We will also provide a quantity of paper day-permits for occasional visitors - these will need to be dated by the householder. The total printing cost of the permits was about £200 and this was funded by a windfall donation from a neighbour who needed a couple of hours crane access from Fieldend to his garden.

Yellow lines - as discussed at the AGM we have been talking to the Council about means of enforcing parking restrictions in Fieldend to support the existing No Entry regulation. We have arrived at the position where the council officers believe that we should be able to obtain yellow line restrictions on both sides of the Fieldend entry road - providing that a majority of residents support the request.

The proposal is to have double yellows down to the end of the parking bays and single lines (weekdays 8am - 5pm) from no. 1 down to the corner of the entry road by no.5. This would be periodically enforced by wardens and the officers' opinion is that it would keep the entry road clear and, combined with the existing No Entry signs, would be a significant deterrent to casual entry. Of course, it will not be a perfect solution and we will still have some intruders parking around the back road or in the square - but the permits will help us to identify them if they persist.

We are preparing a petition for residents to sign (or not) with a clear explanation of the background to the parking problem and the proposal. The yellow line proposal will involve no cost to Fieldend.

Thank You Thank you to everyone that helped Jane McCann (No 22) raise £90 for the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity.