

FOUR OAKS ESTATE NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME.....

Welcome to the first Four Oaks Estate newsletter. This newsletter is designed to keep you informed of what is going on around the Estate.

This first edition will be sent by post to every house on the Estate, but in future will only be sent by e.mail or available through the Estate's website. If you do not use e.mail and do not have access to the internet you can request a paper copy.

Do we have your e.mail address?

Please send an e.mail to stuart.tullah@pennycuick.co.uk to make sure your e.mail address is 'in the system'. Future newsletters will then be sent to you automatically.

The Estate's Website: www.fouroaksestate.com

Road re-surfacing

The road re-surfacing works in Hartopp Road, Bracebridge Road and Ladywood Road **will commence on 25th April** and take around two weeks. Traffic management signage will be erected, but please expect some minor inconvenience.

The re-surfacing on Hartopp Road is from Four Oaks Road to the Tennis Club and will include removal of the carriageway narrowing peninsulas and replacement of the speed bumps. In addition the bell mouths of Cliveden Coppice and The Moorlands will be re-surfaced.

White Lining

An exercise will be carried out shortly to renew the white lining on all speed bumps and at all road junctions.

Footpaths, Verges and the Parking that ruins them!

The footpath & verge improvement programme has been ongoing for over a year and significant improvements have been made across the Estate. Recently footpaths in Bracebridge Road have been re-covered with Breedon gravel and the grass verges have been re-instated. They look very smart and improve the appearance markedly. Unfortunately though some verges have been ruined by inconsiderate parking, especially in wet weather.

This photograph was taken last week. The owner of the house was on holiday! Inconsiderate parking of this nature is commonplace and can completely ruin a newly laid verge.



Please make sure any visitors or contractors at your house do not park on the verges.

The image above is the only known image of Four Oaks Hall which was demolished in 1898. Reproduced from 'Lost Heritage – Demolished Country Houses of England'. (www.lostheritage.org.uk)

Strategic Review

At last year's AGM the Chairman, Ron Forrest, announced that he was planning to set up a strategic review. This is designed to create a vision for the Estate and lay out a clear plan for the future. The first meeting was facilitated by Sir Michael Lyons and important news coming from this meeting will be presented at the AGM (see box opposite). **Please attend the AGM as this news will shape the future of the Estate.**

Sir Michael is an Estate resident and formerly Chief Executive of Birmingham City Council and Chairman of the BBC Trust. The board would like to express their thanks to Sir Michael for giving freely of his time to assist in this important project.

Civil Engineer? The strategic review would benefit from the services of a civil engineer. If you a civil engineer, reside on the Estate, are willing to get involved and share your expertise please contact the Secretary.

Refuse Bins

One of the biggest causes for complaint around the Estate is refuse bins being put out for collection on the wrong day or being left out after the collection. This can make the footpaths look very unsightly. Please put all refuse receptacles on the frontage as close as possible to the collection – either the night before or early on collection morning – and please remove them as soon as possible after collection. This will really improve the Estate's appearance for everyone.

Estate AGM – a date for your diary

This year's AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th May at the Tennis Club and 'papers' will be sent out a few weeks beforehand.

There will be a free buffet at 7pm – so please arrive early.

Lots of issues will be discussed so please come along.

Works to Estate land

Residents often ask what land is owned by the Estate and what land is their responsibility. The Estate owns the footpaths, verges, driveway crossings and roadways and no works to any this land can be carried out without consent. With formal prior consent however residents can carry out improvement works to their frontages, providing that the exact nature and standard of the works are agreed prior. All enquiries in this respect should be directed to the Secretary.

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