

FOUR OAKS ESTATE NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME.....

.....to the fifth newsletter. These are designed to keep residents informed of what is going on around the Estate, but useful further information can be accessed at www.fouroaksestate.com.

Tom Thursfield

After thirty one years' service to the Estate, Tom Thursfield has retired. He served as Secretary from 1986 to 2000 and as Planning Advisor until March. Tom attended his last board meeting in March and was presented with a framed and dedicated print of Four Oaks Hall. Many residents know Tom and we can say with confidence that he will be missed. We would like to record our thanks to Tom for his many years of signal service.

CCTV Cameras on Trees

We have been contacted recently by Birmingham City Council's Tree Officer with regard to CCTV/security cameras being mounted on trees. This practice can be injurious to the tree's health and can be hazardous if unplanned or urgent works to the tree are required (this is common after stormy weather). For the cameras to be operative electrical cabling is usually attached to the tree and this makes it unacceptably dangerous for tree surgeons to carry out emergency works. We are informed that as two cameras of this nature have recently been spotted by the Tree Officer checks will be carried out and fines may be issued.

Four Oaks Tennis Club

We have been in discussions with Four Oaks Tennis Club and have negotiated a special discounted rate for new social members. For 2017/18 residents of the estate will be offered a 50% discount – that makes the subscription just £20 for a year's social membership (up to 30/4/18).

For those of you who attend the AGM, I'm sure you will agree the Tennis Club is a welcoming and cosy place to enjoy a drink in the heart of the estate. The bar will be open on a more regular basis during the spring and summer months.

A representative of the club will be on hand at the AGM to give further details of this excellent offer.



Works to Estate Land

It is very important to remember that no works to Estate land can be carried out without prior consent.

Estate land includes:

** Footpaths & Verges * Driveway crossings * Roadways*

If you see any works being carried out and are uncertain whether or not they are authorised works, please contact the Secretary.

Road Sweeping

Over the last few years Estate roads have been mechanically swept on a quarterly basis. We have been able to work with our grounds maintenance contractors, Edges & Hedges, to find a more economical way of carrying out these sweeps and from now on they will be carried out more frequently. With immediate effect these sweeps will be on a bi-monthly basis and additionally after stormy weather.

The Fordrough Footpath

As most residents will know, the Fordrough footpath (the footpath that leads from Hartopp Road to the park – adjacent to The Moorlands) has been closed on safety grounds and will be re-opened as soon as possible. We apologise for any inconvenience and will ensure that residents are kept advised by e.mail.

The Moorlands

The fence that runs alongside the footpath and the pavement in The Moorlands suffered serious storm damage recently and will be replaced shortly.

Sunday Working

There is a restriction in deeds of covenant restricting external building works to 8am – 6pm on weekdays and 8am – 1pm on Saturdays. **This means that works of this nature, which cause inconvenience and nuisance to neighbours, are not permitted on Saturday afternoons, Sundays or bank holidays.** This is re-enforced in the enclosed Residents Guide Book. There have been cases recently of works being carried out on Sundays, including the parking of multiple contractors' vans, causing nuisance to residents. **Please respect this restriction.**

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