

FOUR OAKS ESTATE NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME.....

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The Estate's website is: www.fouroaksestate.com

Tennis Club – Social Membership Scheme

At the AGM, the Club's Membership Secretary, Chris Bentley, outlined a discounted social membership scheme for Estate residents that offers a 50% discount for 2017/18, making the fee just £20. To join, simply e.mail Chris at membership@fotc.co.uk and ask for the application form.

2017 AGM

It really was 'standing room' only at the AGM on 18th May. There were well over 100 people in attendance and we are sorry that there was a lack of chairs. We will make sure this is remedied for next year's AGM. This excellent turnout ensured a very busy and constructive evening and we are grateful to **R.K.Harrison Insurance Brokers** and **Harveys Estate Agents** for providing a very good quality buffet.

The Minutes of the interesting and lively meeting, and the company's 2015/16 audited accounts, are now available on the website.

Parking in connection with Building Projects

Over the last few years there has been an increasing number of major building projects across the Estate and at times this has led to nuisance and inconvenience to some residents due to contractors' vehicles parking on Estate roads. On occasions there have been over twenty vans parked in one stretch of road! As well as inconvenience, this level of parking can cause serious damage to verges and footpaths. To try and eliminate this problem, and the inconvenience it causes, vehicle parking on Estate roads in connection with building projects is now prohibited and will need to be within the grounds of the house. There may be occasions when prohibiting all parking is not possible, and in these cases limited parking may be permissible subject to agreement over the level and times.

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.

Grounds Maintenance matters

Several residents have asked that bins are installed for depositing dog waste. The Grounds Maintenance Committee will look at the potential of installing these and the best locations for them.

The Estate will be fully swept in both June and August to ensure it is as tidy as possible over the summer months.

All drain gulleys across the Estate are regularly cleared and the next exercise will be carried out in early July.

All trees across the Estate have been 'feathered' (removal of epicormic growth) to ensure their long term health.

BT cabinet on Four Oaks Road

Several residents have complained that turning right from Ladywood Road onto Four Oaks Road is hazardous due to the siting of a BT cabinet on Four Oaks Road that 'blocks' the line of sight. This has been taken up with Birmingham City Council and a response has been received to say that as there have not been any "injury collisions" at this location, and as the cabinet has been in place for five years, no action can be taken.

If you are concerned about this junction please e.mail the engineer at the council (karl.randall@birmingham.gov.uk), including as much detail as possible. Please copy the e.mail to us (stuart.tullah@gmail.com) so we can monitor the matter.

Broadband

As reported at the AGM we are investigating the potential of a full 'fibre-to-the-premises' broadband scheme as coverage across the Estate is inconsistent. We appreciate the importance of this matter and will keep residents advised through this newsletter.

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