

# FOUR OAKS ESTATE NEWSLETTER



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## **WELCOME.....**

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## **Potholes & Gritting**

Needless to say, Estate roads suffer from potholes from time-to-time. There is a regular pothole repair exercise and recently this has included some significant 'patching' in Cressington Drive. In case of adverse weather this winter there will be a gritting service on standby – hopefully it will not be called on too often!

## **2017 Tree Survey**

Every two years the Estate commissions a tree survey that is carried out by a firm of arboriculturalists. This is essential to ensure the long term health of the tree stock' which is a defining feature of the Estate. The report covers over 400 trees and is available for residents to view/download on the website.

This year's report recommends the felling of twelve trees, for safety and arboricultural reasons, and the re-plantings will be carried later in autumn in accordance with the Tree Strategy that has been agreed with the Tree Officer at Birmingham City Council.

## **Road Closure Trial – Wentworth Road**

As per the recent e.mail circulars, a trial closure of Wentworth Road was undertaken from 7.30am to 9.00am on four mornings from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Vehicles travelling from the Lichfield Road roundabout were stopped at the junction with Bracebridge Road and directed to turn left to re-join Lichfield Road. Residents were of course allowed through. This resulted in a decrease in 'rat run' traffic of around three quarters! The results of this trial will be used in the formulation of a long term strategy to reduce unauthorised traffic on Estate roads which causes a considerable nuisance to many residents and contributes significantly to the 'wear and tear' of the road surfaces. We are grateful to the many residents who voiced their support for this initiative.

## **Defibrillator**

The Tennis Club will shortly be installing a defibrillator and the Estate has agreed to contribute part of the cost. It will be located on the front of the clubhouse, near the front steps, so that it is clearly visible to residents and covered by the club's CCTV. It will be easy to use with step-by-step instructions. We would like to thank the officers of the Tennis Club for this excellent initiative.

## **Grounds Maintenance matters**

Further to requests from residents three dog waste bins are about to be installed. These will be located near Hartopp Gate, outside the Tennis Club and at the top of the Fordrough footpath.

The Estate is now fully mechanically swept around the end of every month to ensure as high a standard of tidiness as possible.

The fence in The Moorlands that borders the Fordrough footpath has been replaced with a new, smarter fence that has significantly improved appearance.

## **A message from the Squash Club...**

Four Oaks Squash Club, which is situated on the corner of Wentworth Road and Kenilworth Close, now has a brand new, air-conditioned gym complete with multi-gym, free weights and a range of cardio equipment.

Cost to residents is just £255 per year (just over £20 per month). If a partner or spouse also joins there is a 20% discount off both - and there's no joining fee.

Access is via a key fob and so the gym is available 24/7. Membership is inclusive of access to the squash courts and member's bar and lounge.

For more information and a free tour please contact Graham Murray, Membership Secretary, on 07903 761477 or e.mail [membership@fouroakssquashclub.co.uk](mailto:membership@fouroakssquashclub.co.uk).

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