

FOUR OAKS ESTATE NEWSLETTER



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Lighting Improvement Plan – Update

As part of our Lighting Improvement Plan, Bracebridge Road columns 1 & 4 (between Lichfield Road & Wentworth Road) have been replaced and ten columns have had upgraded LED lanterns installed (six in Ladywood Road and four in Wentworth Road). We have received very positive feedback and have arranged for 24 more columns to be upgraded, including eight in Hartopp Road (the other four have already been upgraded) and all the columns in Luttrell Road, Stoneleigh Close, Kenilworth Close and Cedar Bridge Croft.

Roadway re-surfacing postponement – Bracebridge Road and Ladywood Road

We had planned to carry out some roadway re-surfacing in Bracebridge Road (between Ladywood Road and the tennis club) and in Ladywood Road (between Bracebridge Road and Knowles Drive) this month. Unfortunately, we have had to postpone these works as we have discovered that Cadent Gas are planning to replace some mains gas pipework around most of the Estate sometime this year. This will involve drilling test holes to locate the exact positioning and condition of the mains and then replacing those in need. These works will involve significant excavation of some roadway surfaces and any works other than pothole repairs will have to be deferred. At this stage Cadent Gas cannot be any more specific than telling us that the works are scheduled for some time this year.

Grounds Maintenance matters

- * A second bench has been installed in the triangle.
- * The triangle was re-barked in January.
- * Our roads were mechanically swept in January and will be swept again later this month. An email is sent to residents the day before asking that the roads are kept clear.
- * Our drain gulleys were mechanically cleared in February.
- * The leaf clearance operation was completed in January and in total around 350 tonnes of leaves were collected.
- * All works identified in the 2023 Tree Survey have now been completed. These included eleven fellings.
- * A 'round of works' under the Footpath & Verge Improvement Plan was completed in February. This included refurbishing frontages in Hartopp Road (near Four Oaks Road) and in Ladywood Road.
- * Six damaged speed bump bollards have been replaced.

Parking charges in Sutton Park

We are aware that Birmingham City Council is proposing to introduce car parking charges to Sutton Park from 2025. We appreciate that there is a real risk that this would lead to a significant increase in unauthorised parking around Hartopp Gate and the Fordrough footpath. We will look into what action can be taken to eliminate this risk. Action may include new signage, the installation of double-yellow lines and/or the temporary use of barriers and cones.

At the AGM on 16th April we will be pleased to hear from potentially affected residents about this matter as we understand this is a concern for many.

2024 AGM – Tuesday 16th April

Our AGM will be held on 16th April at the tennis club at 7.30pm and there will be a free buffet at 7pm. The meeting notice, agenda and Four Oaks Estate Ltd's 2022/23 audited accounts will be circulated around four weeks prior to the meeting.

Garden Waste Red Bags

This service is operated by Edges & Hedges with Monday and Friday collections. We asked in our December newsletter that residents place the bags out for collection the evening before a collection or early in the morning to avoid unsightly piles of bags on footpaths. Some residents are not complying with this and we would again request that this is complied with.

Neighbourhood Policing Drop-in Surgery.

The local Policing Team continue to hold monthly Thursday evening drop-in surgeries at the tennis club. To ensure these continue we would ask as many residents as possible take advantage of this initiative. On each occasion an email is sent to residents around a week prior confirming the date.

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This newsletter will be sent in a format that allows easy reading on a mobile device/ tablet. A PDF version will be uploaded to the website and is available by email.

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