

Spring 2011



Fieldend News

Green Fieldend: ...Sustainability Workshop

On 10th May, FRAL hosted a workshop with James Ritson of Kingston University who came to answer questions about how Fieldend residents can be more sustainable.

James explained the difference between saving energy and lowering emissions, but acknowledged the fact that most people are also interested in saving money - all these things are possible, you just need to prioritise.

If you would like further information about sustainability at Fieldend, contact Joanna O'Sullivan at No.31.

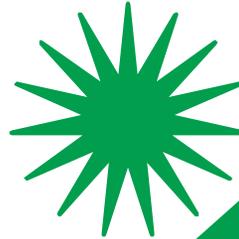
In the meantime, here are James's top tips for making your Fieldend house more energy efficient...

Top 5 Tips for a Green Fieldend

1. Insulate your hot water tank;
2. Install cavity wall insulation;
3. Draft-proof your windows (don't forget curtains!)
4. Double-glaze your windows
5. Get a new A-rated boiler

... only once you have done all of these should you consider a high-tech solution like photovoltaic electricity generation or solar water heating.

Remember, your neighbours are your best resource for sustainability ideas so consider participating in our next Green Fieldend event...



...Come Green With Me

Following on from our successful sustainability workshop, we are looking for volunteers to participate in a *come green with me* evening of silliness, snacks, and sustainability.

In the style of TV's *come dine with me*, this event will involve visiting each other's houses for a little nibble, a drink and discussion of how each resident has made energy efficient changes to their home (and where they could do more). This will be an opportunity to share our experiences of renovating Fieldend houses and generally be nosy.

If you would like to participate please contact Joanna O'Sullivan at No.31.

If you have any other ideas for future Green Fieldend events, please let us know



The Maintenance Corner



- **Let There Be Light!** We are replacing the three up-lighters in the East Square.
- **The Big Freeze:** FRAL has purchased a salt-hopper, spreader and salt supply ready for next winter. These will live by the garden refuse area at the West side of the estate.

Rectangle Play Area

You may be wondering where all the kids have gone and why so much noise is coming from the northeast corner of Fieldend...

... it's because new play equipment has arrived in the Rectangle!

The equipment was paid for by donations from Fieldend residents and

FRAL has arranged for the equipment to be insured. We will also be posting some signs informing people that the equipment is for residents and their visitors only.

We are hoping to install more equipment as funds become available and welcome any donations and fund-raising ideas.

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If you have any questions, comments, or items for the newsletter, please email us or put a note through any of our doors.

Buildings Insurance: are you covered?

It has come to our attention that all buildings insurance policies are not the same and may not be providing the cover you think they are. The problem is our beautiful and architecturally-

significant flat roofs which some insurance companies do not cover.

Before you learn the hard way that you are not covered, give your insurance company a quick call.

Fieldend Events Update

Royal Wedding Picnic

The sun was shining and the bunting was flying on 29th April as Fieldend celebrated the wedding of Wills and Kate. The best-dressed prize goes to Claire and Olivia at No.44 with their mum & daughter wedding dresses. Bravo ladies!

Fieldend Summer Party

If you can't get enough street party action, here's another date for your diary: **Saturday 9 July**

There will be kids' games in the afternoon and an adults' party in the evening. More details to follow.

The Garden Corner



Spring means spring-cleaning!

Please feel free to use the 3 green bins around the estate for your garden rubbish but remember...

Green bin

- Grass cuttings
- Leaves
- Twigs
- Hedge trimmings
- Garden prunings
- Weeds
- Plants
- Flowers
- Fallen fruit

Green-bin

- Soil
- Stones
- Wood
- Food
- Rubble
- Animal waste
- Glass
- BBQ ash

... and finally: if anyone knows the whereabouts of the 2nd gazebo Steve Abbs (No.34) would like to know.