

FIELDEND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION LTD

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The new plans for Newland House

As only one person from Fieldend was able to attend the second consultation meeting at the beginning of July, the architects have sent us a set of plans. If you'd like to see them do let Barbara know (8892 9442). Encouragingly, the plans have been changed from the ones presented at the first meeting and the buildings no longer come right up to our boundary fence. It's anticipated that these new plans will be submitted to the Council soon. Please do let us know your views.

Porches

As a number of you know, Barbara at No 38 has now had her porch glazed in white laminate glass. A1 Glass is preparing a price for Fieldend porches and details will be available from Barbara or from Alex at No 7.

The Wildlife Garden

This has not, unfortunately, turned into the wildlife meadow we had hoped. There has been some success – stag beetles which are rare these days, wild strawberries, butterflies and hedgehogs re-homed from a rescue centre, but despite this, we feel that better use could be made of this area. We are therefore going to start again from scratch, with Allen clearing the site in the autumn. We would still like to keep it as an area which will encourage wildlife but also one which is a little more structured and easier to maintain and we would welcome your own ideas. We are thinking along the lines of grass with fruit trees, bushes that attract insects, bird and bat boxes, log piles etc. Another suggestion has been to grow vegetables although these would need to be squirrel proof! Some small raised beds might be a possibility, as might designate areas for children to 'grow their own'. Marion (No 16) would really welcome your suggestions as to how we can achieve our objectives of a productive and attractive space, together with any offers of help.

Anyone for croquet?



If you can play, would like to try your hand or would just like to watch, please do come to the West Square on Sunday 30th August from 3.30 for a game of croquet. Tea, cucumber sandwiches and doubtless the odd glass of wine will be provided.

This will mean that just for this afternoon the West Square will be closed to the younger members of Fieldend but the East Square will still be available for you.

Photographing Fieldend

We have been asked by the Council's Conservation Team to make a photographic record of Fieldend's 51 houses. This record will be updated every 4 years and a copy will be held by us and one by the Conservation Office. Mike Firth (No 15) has kindly agreed to take the photos for us and will start fairly shortly. He will take photos of the fronts of all the houses and the rear views from the perimeter road. Please be assured that these photos will be for our and the Conservation Office's reference only and will not be made public.



Parking Bay Labels

You will have noticed that we have designated the parking bays at the entrance to Fieldend in a bid to deter 'rogue parkers'. Joyce (No 1) reports that the labels appear to be working – so much so that the bay with no post and hence no label is the only one to have been used by outsiders. We should though just point out that we have used Fieldend house numbers on the signs merely to act as a deterrent and that the position that no household or individual has a designated parking space still remains.

Alex has also put up new Children Playing and speed restriction signs around the perimeter road – many thanks, Alex.

Neighbourhood Watch

Following on from the earlier visit, PCSO Paul Spratley came to a meeting organised by Sally (No 17) on Wednesday 12th. He told us that two Neighbourhood Watch signs will be put up, one at the entrance to Fieldend and one (probably) at one end of the perimeter road. He also brought along some 'burglar proof number-plate bolts. Sally has these if people would like them.

Electricity in the garages

Just a reminder that, as the electricity used in the garages is included in the maintenance charge, anyone who makes more than basic use of the electricity in their garages, for example by running a freezer, is asked to make an additional contribution. It is sometime since we have reviewed our records so could we ask all Residents who have freezers or who make regular use of other electrical appliances in their garages to get in touch with Colin at No 6 – many thanks.