



# Battersea Fields Newsletter

Winter 2020



Welcome to our Winter 2020 edition of the Battersea Fields Residents Organisation newsletter, here to inform you, the residents of Battersea Fields of what's happening on your estate.

## General Meeting Invitation

All residents are invited to attend the next Battersea Fields General Meeting which will take place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the estate office. Please make every effort to attend as it's an opportunity to raise any concerns about the Estate to the Board and staff. And remember, new members to the organisation are always welcome!

## Rubbish chute blockages at Atkinson House, Walden House, Dresden House, Macdonald House and Berry House

Despite letters going out to residents in these blocks, blockages to the rubbish chutes continue to be an issue. In order to keep the bin chutes in operation, prevent damage to the internal lining of the chute, reduce blockages and help with fire safety we ask all residents to follow these guidelines.

### BAG IT

Please ensure that all items thrown down the chute are bagged and tied. This ensures items do not get stuck in the chute. **Bags should be easily placed through the bin chute door, if it needs to be forced through the opening then it's too large!**

### LARGER ITEMS

Do not throw any unusually large or long items down the chute (e.g. pizza boxes, appliance boxes etc.), these types of items can get stuck and cause the rubbish to build up which creates a foul smell and attracts flies. Please place larger items directly into the bins on the ground floor, items must not be left next to the bin chute or outside on the landings / communal areas.

### RECYCLING

Please place any recycling (paper, plastic, glass or cans) into the designated recycling bins on the ground floor.

**The photos pictured show a toilet seat wedged half way down a chute in Walden House and laminate flooring and building rubble being put down the chute in the middle of Macdonald House. The estate office is investigating who the culprits might be.**



## Anti-social behaviour

### Cannabis

The office has received a number of complaints of individuals smoking cannabis in communal stairwells of a small number of blocks. The Police have identified a couple of individuals and action has been taken against them. The Police are increasing marked and unmarked patrols on the estate and inside the communal areas of the blocks. If you witness this type of criminal behaviour, please report it to the Police by calling 111, you can do so anonymously.

Whilst on the issue of cannabis smoking, the Police have also identified a couple of flats where residents are smoking inside their flat with the smell permeating into the communal areas, causing a nuisance for others. The Police have recently issued four Section 8 – Misuse of Drugs Act. 1971 warning letters and will continue to monitor the flats in question.

### Dresden House

On the evening of the 17<sup>th</sup> December residents were shocked to find pork sausage meat smeared over the glass panels and handle of the main entry door of entrance 1-22, the door handle was also tampered with. The Police were informed and sent photos of the door the day after the incident. If you have any information on this incident, please contact the estate office.

### Fly-tipping

Please be aware that it is not permitted to dump rubbish including bulk items on and around the estate including footpaths. Wandsworth Council enforcement officers now have the power to issue £400 fixed penalty notice on-the-spot for fly-tipping.

Wandsworth Council can collect and remove bulk items for as little as £19 for four items. Please visit the Council's website if you need to book a collection.

### Neighbourhood Watch

The Battersea Fields RMO Board are very keen to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme for the Estate with the assistance of the Police and Wandsworth Councils Community Safety Partnership. Since our last newsletter a small number of residents have registered their interest but we need more! If you are interested in being part of Neighbourhood Watch contact the office to register your interest.

As Neighbourhood Watch's mission statement says... *"Bring neighbours together to create strong, friendly, active communities"*

### Christmas Event

Battersea Fields RMO held our annual Christmas Event here in the estate office on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. Fun and games were had by all with children tucking into some Christmas treats, having their face painted and receiving an early Christmas present from the one and only... Santa!!



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