

BLOCK 10 ASHLEY GARDENS LIMITED

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Block developments – April 2017

Dear Residents,

The warmer weather is starting to arrive although intermittently though we remain hopeful that this will be a rather more permanent feature for the next few months. However it looks like it will be well into next month, at the earliest, before the communal heating is turned off.

Information over the last month

Over the previous month the board has been in touch regarding several matters:

- A reminder about security in the block, especially with people trying to gain entry through the front door.
- CARG's petition regarding the use of Thirleby Road as a *rat run*
- The updated 2017 Residents' Information Pack has been distributed – please see me if you wish to have a physical copy
- In my absence, Barrie Collins left a notice downstairs informing leaseholders about the change of staffing at HML Hawksworth with Mark Eddlestone and Charlotte Wright our representatives for the time being

All letters sent are also put on our website: www.block10.co.uk with the password for the protected areas being *ashley*

Hellos and goodbyes

We recently welcomed Christine Lauterwasser and Tiago Lourenco into 144a on the sixth floor – please do say hello if you see them.

On a slightly different note Vanessa Stuart in 139b will shortly leave us after many years in the block. I am sure you will join the board in wishing Vanessa a very happy transition to her new life outside London.

The new resident of 139b will be Mr Chris Tuite and we look forward to welcoming him.

Everything is Connected sign

The application for a temporary licence of two years, after the request for a ten-year licence was withdrawn, was rejected by Westminster Council. Westminster stated that:

Because of its illumination, size and elevated position the Art Work would harm the appearance of this building and fail to maintain or improve (preserve or enhance) the character and appearance of the Westminster Cathedral Conservation Area

Rubbish disposal – further difficulties

The board appreciates that with not having external dustbins of our own the disposal of rubbish can be a little more difficult than in other types of buildings. We ask that residents are careful with the times that they put rubbish and recycling outside the front door and, because of the carpet, that no liquids which are likely to spill are put in the bags. There have been many occasions when a ‘liquid trail’ which often starts as a puddle in the lift and ends up downstairs has occurred – do please try to minimise the amount of liquid in the bags. Supermarket plastic bags deliberately have holes in them so are also inappropriate for rubbish disposal.

Recently various established residents have put bin bags outside their front doors at times when there was no collection – in each case the early afternoon or weekend. Porters do not take rubbish before 8pm Sunday to Thursdays as there is no collection until the next morning and there is nowhere to store it before we are allowed to put it outside on the pavement in the early hours. Please do think of your neighbours before doing this and if you are away in the evenings please make your own arrangements to dispose of rubbish and recycling outside of the block. If you have a cleaner it is definitely worth passing this message on. We thank you for your co-operation.

Wigram House

Proposals for the development of Wigram House into a residential space are likely to be resubmitted soon and the developers held an open evening to discuss their plans. As part of this they produced some information which I have attached to the email

this letter came with. There are various points raised which we will discuss with CARG, the Cathedral Area Residents Group, a group which has a fair amount of influence. A director attends these meetings most months on your behalf and to ensure Block 10's voice is heard in the area.

With best regards,
Michael

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