



## **The Manor Fields Estate Limited**

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### **Newsletter – June 2019**

**To: Shareholders, Leaseholders and Tenants**

#### **SAFETY & CONSIDERATION**

##### **Learner Cyclists**

We appreciate that the roads on the estate provide the perfect quiet space for learner cyclists and young people on their scooters. However PLEASE can parents and caregivers always ensure that children are supervised, that they do not go near parked cars and that the approach road to North House and other main entrance ways are avoided.

##### **Speed Limit**

The Board and the office are receiving further complaints regarding vehicles exceeding the speed limit on the estate and are reluctantly considering the introduction of one or more additional speed bumps on the main drive of the estate. If residents witness vehicles speeding please ask the driver to slow down if it is suitable to do so.

##### **Parking**

In addition to the obvious places where parking is not permitted and can block access, please do not park across the individual entrance ways to each of the Houses.

##### **Summer Regulations**

Please can all residents acquaint themselves with the regulations that are posted on the boards in the hallway of each house and have been sent to each resident. These are intended for the benefit of everyone living at Manor Fields - please alert all members of your household. If you have tenants in your property, please ensure that they are fully briefed on these regulations.

#### **GARDEN AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

##### **Bees**

We are delighted that the beehives have now returned to Manor Fields and the bees are enjoying the two new hives on the newly refurbished area above the Glenalmond underground garages. The bees are particularly attracted to the Cosmos flowers recently planted around the estate; they are so busy and productive that we hope to have honey for sale at the summer party!

##### **Roses**

The roses are in full bloom at the moment and looking and smelling beautiful. A small number of residents with good gardening knowledge and experience are authorised to carry out minor gardening activities including dead heading the roses – a task that is very time consuming but

vital in order to encourage re-flowering throughout the season. Jo is most grateful for the volunteer support at a very busy time in the gardening calendar.

### **Pond**

Additional surface and bottom plants have been introduced to inhibit algae blooms and to increase surface shade to protect the fish from over-exposure to the sun. With a bit of luck, we may be able to get by this year without specialist algae inhibitor or vegetable dye products previously needed.

### **Herb Garden**

A reminder that there is a broad selection of herbs available for use by all Manor Fields residents from the Herb Garden (in the orchard between Newnham and Somerville Houses) – rosemary, bay, oregano, marjoram, sage, savory, thyme and mint. Parsley and basil will be available a little later in the summer. Please only take what you need at the time and do use scissors as hand-picking or tearing off leaves can damage the plants. Our thanks to Valerie Ferguson for keeping the herb garden so beautifully for the benefit of us all.

## **PROPERTY**

### **Railings Repair**

Many residents will be aware that there was a dramatic bus accident recently which destroyed part of the surrounding boundary wall and railings near the Green Man. Thankfully no one was seriously injured, and the wall has been repaired with new bricks and new railings were recently fitted (at no cost to the Estate).

### **External Building Repairs**

Phase Two of the external refurbishment work is in full swing. Rosewood Limited are proceeding on schedule and Selwyn House residents are emerging from their scaffolding chrysalis. We have received many positive comments regarding the quality of workmanship and the friendly and courteous staff - so whilst we appreciate that the work has been intrusive, we hope the end result will justify the disturbance that this has caused – thank you to all impacted residents for your patience.

And finally, the communal front doors around the estate are all gleaming having been recently re-oiled.

## **SECURITY**

### **Guards**

We were all sorry to say goodbye to our long-standing security guard, David and his lovely companion Pebbles, when he retired earlier in the year. Aramis Security are now covering the evening and weekend guard duties and their regular staff are enjoying getting to know the residents and the estate.

### **Gate Locks**

There are new combination locks on the gates at the bus stop and Heath gate. The codes for both locks are the same and hopefully they will not be as prone to malfunctioning as the previous key locks.

## **COMMUNITY**

### **Summer Party**

A reminder that the annual Manor Fields summer party will take place on the main lawn on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. All residents are welcome to attend and bring the family. Any books for the charity book stall in support of our nominated charity can be dropped into the office.