



Watling Gardens Newsletter

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Produced for & on behalf of the Residents of Watling Gardens & Claire Court

YOUR ESTATE - YOUR BOARD - YOUR SAY

Letter from the Chairman of the TMO Board, Mr. Ray Wells.

Dear residents, We need further nominations for new board members. At the moment the TMO is moving in a new direction. We are applying for charity status (CIO).



This would allow us to apply for funding to improve the estate and its facilities. This is a very exciting prospect and would set out a new direction for TMO funding. The council are obliged to give us annual funding within our management agreement but the funding we receive gets smaller every year. As a non-profit making organisation all monies from charity funds would be spent directly on projects for the estate. We now need more board members to help pass motions and vote on them. We are asking people to spend just two hours, once a month to attend the Board Meetings. So PLEASE could you consider becoming a Board Member and help the community you live amongst. Remember this is your home and environment we are trying to improve and you can

have a say in it. If you need more information don't hesitate to phone the office and talk to Catherine the Estate Manager.

Application for Charity Status

Your TMO Board have initiated a new policy to convert the present TMO from a non-profit business organisation to a full charity business. This will greatly assist the TMO in its provision of housing services to the estate, by having access to a greater source of possible funding grants. The TMO Board have retained the services of a professional fund manager, to guide the TMO through the whole process.

Meet Your Local Police Team

Another Police Liaison Meeting, has been arranged for; **SATURDAY 29th JUNE 2019** Between **3pm - 4pm** Come and discuss your concerns with the people who really can make a difference.

Membership Recruitment

Your TMO Board is always ready to welcome residents to join us on the Board. Your opinions and views on matters or issues affecting residents of the estate. Your TMO Board has four co-opt members, whom we would like

you to elect to full Board Membership status, at the arranged Open General Meeting.

ASB & Police Liaison

Back in April this year, the TMO Board arranged an Open Meeting, for residents, to meet with the local policing team, to discuss any Anti-Social Behaviour matters, that residents felt that has affected them or the estate. Lots of ideas and suggestions were discussed, and the meeting was assured, that the police would continue to monitor the estate, but required the residents to play their part, by keeping the police informed. The police even gave details for residents report ASB anonymously. The Estate Manager will be attending monthly meetings with the Police on ASB issues. Please help us to help you, by ensuring that you report any ASB.

Crime Stoppers

Speak up – Stay safe
100% Anonymous – Always

0800-555-111

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org>

Online Watch Link (OWL)

Brent Council has launched a service called OWL to give information to residents about crimes in your area, direct from local police and council officers.

News about burglaries, rogue traders and other incidents. The emails should be relevant, because they can send updates and appeals for information on a road-by-road basis. They may also use OWL to ask for help in locating missing people or in the event of emergencies, such as flooding. To sign up to OWL, visit: www.owl.co.uk.

Kilburn State Of Mind

(Small Office Block A)

The old office space is being rented out to Alan Medley & Kate Gleeson. They have proposed to use the space as two studios. As well as a hub for business and charity work. Studio1 will be used for I.T learning and administration. Studio2 will be an acoustic music and creative arts studio for the benefit of tutorials, production and music practices. Tutorials in both studios will be free for people who live on the estate and a charge will be made for people from outside the estate. Alan is a well-known local musician who has been playing and recording acoustic music for the last 20 years. Kate also has been working and singing in the area for more than 10 years.

The idea is to help residents and local community with both a learning and creative space, helping to overcome Information & technology barriers and gain skills, as-well as having the opportunity and facilities to fulfil creative and artistic ambitions and curiosities.

They would also hope to help with residential events.

There will be weekly workshops, these will be listed on a calendar on noticeboards with contact details for residents who wish to enlist. Some examples of the workshops are below, however residents are encouraged to offer opinion and advice to help with designing and choosing which workshops would be most beneficial to the residents of Watling gardens.

Just drop by or email Kilburnstateofmind@gmail.com.

There will also be weekly drop in days, on which residents are welcome to pop by to discuss projects or for advice.

- * Basic & Intermediate Computer & IT training.
- * Understanding and getting the most from your iPad, tablets and Smartphones.
- * On-line shopping, bill paying and banking - Understanding & Tips.
- * Researching & understanding the internet for beginners.
- * Music Production.
- * Video Production.
- * Percussion with Parents.
- * Piano, Guitar, Singing & song writing - Learning how.
- * Many more workshops tailored to resident's needs.

Universal Credit

As residents will be aware that the introduction of Universal Credit is now being rolled-out. Please do not feel that you are alone, the TMO Office Staff have been trained to assist you through the new process. Please do not hesitate to contact the TMO office if you are feeling overwhelmed by the change.

Also, The Kilburn HUB provides housing advice, employment support, money management, wellbeing, universal credit help along with other benefits, food bank access, digital inclusion and more. It is based at the old Kilburn Housing Office on Albert Road. Opening Hours are every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm.

Community Fibre Broadband

Community Fibre has installed fibre broadband on the estate. As part of this installation programme, the company will also be providing an I.T training package available to all residents of the TMO. We are working together to agree the best way to conduct the research for these sessions to ensure that they are tailored to

reach as many local residents as possible, especially the Digitally excluded.

Dementia Café

The Dementia Café is up and running, and is open every Wednesday (11am – 1pm) Please come along for a cuppa and a chat.



Do you have any questions or a matter that you need to get sorted? Either way just pop into the TMO Office, and let us know.

The office is open Monday to Friday, 9:00am till 4:30pm.

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