



# Watling Gardens Newsletter September 2019

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

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## **TMO AGM**

A Residents Open Meeting (AGM) will be held on;

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
at 7pm,  
In the Community Hall.**

This meeting is open to all residents of Watling Gardens & Claire Court, to come and meet the members of the TMO Board and express your views and opinions.

At this meeting, we will be welcoming 6 new full members onto the TMO Board. We are always happy to have more willing residents join the TMO Board.

## **Security across the Estate**

The TMO Office & Board are aware of the small groups of anti-social behaviour, around the estate, and as such have been proactively engaging with residents and police. Two resident meetings, have already been held with the police, in the Community Hall, and the Estate Manager, is in regular contact with the Police and Brent Council.

You can play your part, **anonymously**, to help keep our estate safe by contacting Crime Stoppers or Brent's own

anonymous reporting system OWL ([www.owl.co.uk](http://www.owl.co.uk))

## **Coach Trip to Southend**

A residents coach trip to Southend was arranged in August, which was organised by Kieran Bradley. All who attended, say that it was a great family day out. Well done Kieran.

## **Creative De-Café Tea Party**

A 'Tea Party' was held in our Creative De-Café on the 9<sup>th</sup> August. All who attended had a good time, and lots of prizes were won by the lucky contestants. A small video has been produced by Kefale Alemu, showing the highlights of the 'Tea Party' Well done Kefale.

The Creative De-Café is open to all residents, on Wednesdays from 11am-1pm. Please come along for a chat and a cuppa.

## **TMO Status**

At the moment the TMO is being managed as a 'not-for-profit' organisation. It has been decided by the TMO Board, that we should now apply for full charity status, to try and better serve the residents of the TMO.

## **Visitor Parking Permit**

A new style Visitor Parking Permit, will be introduced in April 2020. As many residents who own cars, will understand the problems that we all face with the shortage of parking spaces on the estate. We are hoping that the new style Visitor Permit, will help to reduce the problems with parking and the spaces available

## **2020 Borough of Culture**

This is a resident led event and will need the support of all TMO residents The Mayor's London Borough of Culture award is a new initiative by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to celebrate the wealth of creativity across every corner of London. The two winners of the inaugural London Borough of Culture awards were Waltham Forest, who won the title for 2019, and Brent Council, for 2020.

The London Borough of Culture title will put Brent on London's centre stage in 2020. This will be a brilliant opportunity to celebrate life here, tell the rest of the capital what we're about and create a cultural programme which leaves a lasting legacy. Watling Gardens

would like to take to come forward with ideas and their help to make this event a success. Please come to our AGM on 25 September 2019 where this item will be discussed

### Huber sponsorship for our Creative De-Café

Huber the company who is developing the car parking areas in and around Wembley Civic Centre are interested in sponsoring our Creative De-Café. They came to visit our café on Wednesday 21 August 2019 they took part in the creative activity and are very keen to help us. Collection boxes were decorated by the café users and are due to be collected by Huber week commencing 16 September 2019. Hopefully this financial support will help us fund another year for the café from April 2020. We will keep you informed of the outcome.

### I.T. Classes

Based in the old office, residents are already enjoying the facilities and expertise of the volunteers and co-ordinators who are helping with learning I.T.

Beginning with a number or workshops where residents are invited to come and meet and chat with the mentors, explaining what they would like to learn. There has been an excellent response so far. There will be two days of a 'Drop- In' Centre.

Tuesdays from 12 - 6pm and Wednesdays from 2 - 8pm.

Residents are invited to come by at any time to ask any questions and receive tuition with anything I.T related. There will also be regular specialised workshops that we will be advertising that residents can attend. These will require

residents putting their name down for, either at the TMO or the old office where KSOM are based and where the workshops will take place.

Within the next month there will be Piano lessons and guitar lessons taking place at the studio in the old office, beginning with group Piano workshops for beginners. These are FREE for residents of Watling gardens. Email: **Kilburnstateofmind@gmail.com**

### Claire Court External Works

Brent Council have informed the TMO that Major Works for the external refurbishment of parts of the buildings for both blocks at Claire Court, will be starting within the next four weeks. The following works will be carried out:

1. Roof repairs or renewal (the roof will be surveyed once the scaffold is up)
  2. Fabric repairs to the building as necessary
  3. Resurfacing of the private balconies to renew the waterproofing to stop damage to the metal reinforcement to the concrete
  4. Washing down and cleaning all window frames and sills
  5. Preparing and painting all previously painted surface
- A letter will be going out to all Residents of Claire Court informing them of the proposed works. All Claire Court residents are invited to a consultation meeting with Brent Council that has been arranged for;

**Tuesday 1st October  
at 7pm,  
In the Community Hall.**

### Rubbish Chutes

The continuing problem of residents, trying to force large items of rubbish down the rubbish chutes, that clearly will not fit, is still causing

inconvenience and difficulty to other responsible residents, wishing to use the rubbish chute. We have had reports of broken chairs, ironing boards, large cardboard boxes and old flooring being forced into the rubbish chutes. The rubbish chutes were designed and constructed, many years ago, simply to take only 'shopping carrier bag' sized household rubbish, not even today's 'black bags' will not fit down the rubbish chute. We ask, that you please act responsibility, with the disposal of your rubbish.

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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Speak up – Stay safe  
100% Anonymous – Always

**0800-555-111**

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