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Community Trust

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newsletter





Fellow Residents,

So here it is. Our final printed Newsletter.

The Newsletter has always been a vital source of communication and it's grown considerably over the years. The importance of the Newsletter remains the same, but how it's produced and shared will be changing. We will be improving the digital format so it can be viewed on more devices offering better access. Plus, we will still offer a printed copy to those that prefer to receive them this way. See inside for more details.

With the increase in land the Trust is now responsible for, in addition to the areas we'll soon be taking on, we have expanded our grounds maintenance team. I'm delighted to welcome Ben to the Trust family, and I look forward to seeing his enthusiasm reflected upon the open space we cherish greatly. Please say 'hello' to him if you see him around.

This additional land will be subject to the Trust's established habit of making improvements where we can. Each area is unique and will require bespoke plans for ongoing maintenance and improvement work. Please do bear with us whilst we assess what can be done. Certain work, such as planting trees and shrubs, needs to be done when the season is right, but rest assured, we will put our mark on these spaces and maintain them to our high standards.

England's win at the Women's European Championships was a remarkable achievement and made even sweeter by beating Germany. The Lionesses have shown just how far the women's game has grown in recent years and much of their success is a result of the investment at the grassroots level. We are very fortunate to have such an amazing facility in the AGP and I hope many young girls have been inspired by this accomplishment. If your daughter is wanting to take her first steps in a pair of football boots, then why not get in touch with us for advice on what options are available locally? It really would be incredible if a future trophy-winning player came from such humble beginnings right here on Elsea Park.

Lastly, I'd like to offer my sincere gratitude to everyone that attended the Jubilee Festival. It is your attendance at these events that make the many hours of effort that go into the planning and set up worthwhile. It was a truly fantastic turnout despite there being so many great events going on elsewhere and I hope you and your family had a great time. It certainly seemed so from where I was.

Stay safe, take care and I look forward to meeting you soon.

Jono Brough
Chairman



Way back in 2001, prior to the construction work commencing on Elsea Park, the plans to manage such a large development were formulated and this led to the Section 106 (S106) Agreement being established.

The S106 stipulates the provision of a shuttle bus for the development to connect with the bus stop on the A15. When the Trust came to implement the service, the residents were consulted to ascertain the desire for this to be provided. It was determined by residents, at an AGM, that there would be little use for this and subsequently not worth the expenditure, so a formal vote agreed that this should be deferred to a later date.

We broached the subject again a few years ago, and we were just about to launch a trial service as

COVID-19 restrictions came into effect. Now that the restrictions have lifted, we believe we are at a point to try again. We have, however, re-evaluated our approach and we need the assistance of residents to inform the actions we take.

We've put together a short survey to ascertain your views on whether this is needed and, if so, what this service should look like. There would be no cost to use the bus each time you wanted to, but it would be funded through the Yearly Payment. As we are currently embarking upon a process to re-baseline the Yearly Payment, we need to determine the anticipated costs to run the bus and ensure the fees we pay cover this. For this reason, we need your valuable input to guide the action we take; after all, it's the service you'll be using and paying for.

You can find a link to the survey on our website www.elseapark.co.uk/shuttle-bus-survey or by scanning the QR Code below.



RESIDENTS' CORNER

If you'd like more information, or if you have an idea for a submission in a future Newsletter, please contact the Trust Chairman at jono.brough@elseapark.co.uk.

Residents' Corner is your chance to communicate with every resident on Elsea Park, and with us moving to a digital Newsletter, that could be a much wider audience. Other than a bit of your time, it is completely free, so it's ideal for promoting your business, club or event.

It's open to anything, well almost anything, so perhaps you'd like to introduce yourself to fellow residents, maybe one of your children is a budding writer or would like to talk about an interesting school project. There are so many possibilities.

ECOMMS REGISTRATION

Our eComms registration has been live for some time now and the uptake so far has been really good. As many residents had stated that they preferred to hear from us via email, we took action to accommodate this.

With our Newsletter going digital from hereon, we'll be emailing a link to those registered once the latest edition has been published on our website, as well as providing notification via Facebook.

It's a really simple process to sign up; just go to our website (www.elseapark.co.uk) and select 'eComms Registration'. Your details won't be shared with any third parties, and we will only send important correspondence. We also offer paperless invoicing through the same process. You'll also have the option to opt-out at any point.

We appreciate some residents may still desire a printed copy to be delivered and we're happy to accommodate this.



Just send an email to admin@elseapark.co.uk or give us a call on **01778 423062** and we'll add you to the distribution list.



CHARITY QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT



Elsea Park Community Trust are hosting a charity quiz and curry night on **Saturday 10th September at the Community Centre. There's a prize of £250 for the winning team and all proceeds from the event will go to Don't Lose Hope.**

£10 per person is required to enter, with a **£5 per person non-refundable deposit** by 3rd September. A maximum of 6 people per team. Limited places are available. Doors will open at 5pm with the **quiz starting at 6pm.**

There will be **free curry and rice** (vegetarian option available) served during the intermission. The bar will be open serving alcoholic and soft drinks, as well as tea and coffee.

If you have any questions, feel free to email us at events@elseapark.co.uk

Scan the **QR Code** here to book your place at this event.



Charity Quiz & Curry Night

at Elsea Park Community Centre

10th Sept 2022 Doors open at **5pm** - Quiz starts at **6pm**

Free curry & rice served during the intermission

(vegetarian option available)

£250 cash prize for the winning team!

Teams of 6 (maximum)

£10 per person (limited places available)

Bar serving alcoholic and soft drinks as well as tea and coffee

Please email events@elseapark.co.uk to book your teams place (*£5 pp deposit is required before 03.09*)



QUIZ
Night

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

Wednesday
19th October
2022

7pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **Wednesday 19th October 2022** at the Community Centre. The doors will open at 6.30pm and the meeting will commence at 7pm. The Calling Notices will be sent out to Members a few weeks before, so please look out for these dropping through your letterbox or appearing in your email inbox.

As always, if you are unable to attend and wish to submit questions, you can do so by contacting the Chairman, Jono Brough, via email at jono.brough@elseapark.co.uk. These will need to be submitted no later than Friday 14th October 2022.

We look forward to seeing you there.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



The commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was a huge success throughout the town and Elsea Park played a big part in this.

The Jubilee Festival was one of our biggest-ever events, and despite there being so many options for everyone to enjoy on the day, it was great to see such a wonderful turnout. The hog roast was a big hit, and the kitchen was a constant hive of activity keeping up with the demand for food and drinks. The money generated at the event will be split equally between two great local organisations, The Butterfield Centre and Tiny Steps Petting Farm.

It was also great to see a number of residents hosting their own street parties and celebrating the occasion in their own way. Hopefully, it was also an opportunity to bring new neighbours together and strengthen the wonderful community spirit we have here.





We are very fortunate to live in a safe and welcoming community. There are countless occasions when our wonderful community spirit has been demonstrated to raise awareness of ASB (antisocial behaviour), criminal activity and other unwanted behaviour.



There's always more that can be done, so, by signing up to the Neighbourhood Watch Community Safety Charter, we're signifying our commitment to ensuring Elsea Park remains an area that does not tolerate unacceptable behaviour and we need you to be part of this endeavour. It's really important that any instance of ASB is reported to 101 and we strongly encourage residents to do this, even if you know someone else has already done so.

The aim of the Community Safety Charter is to involve a wider range of local organisations, charities, businesses and groups in crime prevention activity and extend the scope of this work towards a goal of eliminating harassment, antisocial behaviour, and intimidation experienced by anyone who lives, works, studies, or visits anywhere in England and Wales.

The Community Safety Charter is a means by which Neighbourhood Watch members, local residents, businesses, and organisations, agree to do whatever

they can together to provide an environment that is safer for everyone, and help us to meet this goal by committing to:

- Promote a culture that does not tolerate harmful language, antisocial behaviour, or hostility towards others.
- Enable others to identify and take an active stance against harassment, antisocial behaviour, and intimidation in your local area.
- Take seriously all reports and disclosures made to you or your organisation and actively encourage and support individuals to report harassment, antisocial behaviour, and intimidation. Share what you witness about these crimes with the relevant authorities.
- Do what you can to help individuals affected and signpost victims to relevant support agencies.



We are proud to support the COMMUNITY SAFETY CHARTER



We pledge to:

PROMOTE

Promote a culture that does not tolerate antisocial behaviour, harassment, intimidation and hostility towards others

ENABLE

Enable others to identify and take an active stance against these crimes and incidents

REPORT

Actively encourage and support those who experience or witness these crimes and incidents to report them to the relevant authorities

SUPPORT

Support those affected and signpost those who need further support to agencies who can help them

ourwatch.org.uk/charter

#BETHECHANGE

Neighbourhood Watch Network is a charity registered in England & Wales, CIO no: 1173349



We all value our open space, and we are very fortunate to have so much right on our doorstep. The well-equipped play areas bring a lot of fun and excitement to many families, which is great to see, and we want everyone to be able to enjoy them. For this reason, we do discourage certain activities.

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*



As a further reminder, the AGP can be accessed by residents for free on **Mondays and Fridays between 5pm and 6pm.**

We still need you to book in and accept the T&Cs, but it's a great opportunity to use this amazing facility.



Dogs should never be taken inside a fenced play area, unless they are service dogs. There are various reasons, such as allergies, fears and phobias, and of course the risk of Toxocariasis. We kindly ask that you keep your dog out of these areas for the safety and wellbeing of everyone.



Football can also be problematic in these spaces, more so with older children as they tend to kick the ball harder. This will often result in the ball leaving the confines of the play area, and inevitably hitting houses or parked cars. Nobody wants their property to be damaged, nor would anyone want the expense of having to pay for damage that has been caused due to a wayward ball. We recommend finding a more suitable location that won't become a nuisance to those living adjacent to a play area.

Tilia Homes have met with the chosen contractor for a further inspection of the roads and paths.

Their report has been sent to Lincolnshire Highways for their comments. Some of the older areas, such as The Gables and The Pollards should see work commence in September and further correspondence will be shared with the Trust for onward dissemination.

Jubilee Green play area has been sprayed up until August. Depending on the weather, the area will be rotavated in August or September, the grass matting will be installed and seeding put down. It is anticipated that the play area will be opened in October, but this is subject to the grass becoming established and a certified RoSPA inspection.

Jubilee Green, the space adjacent to the play area, is being frequently cut in an effort to suppress the weeds and encourage the grass to become established. It's having a positive effect so far, but it is likely that some areas will require rotavating and seeding, and any further necessary work will be assessed and undertaken accordingly.

The Local Area for Play (LAP) adjacent to Wincanton Way has been cleared and prepared for the next stage of work. This is anticipated to take place during August.

Work on the play area next to the AGP will commence as soon as the Jubilee Green play area is finished. Once this play area has been completed, the landscaping and remedial work will then commence on Ogrey Pool. This is likely to be started in September or October, but it is subject to the completion of other tasks and weather conditions.

Plans for the extension of Chequer Tree Walk, the land above the high-pressure gas main at Newton Abbot Way, will be jointly discussed between Tilia Homes and the Trust in due course.

You can stay informed of further progress through the monthly updates provided within the Board meeting minutes, which are provided on our website.



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