

NEWSLETTER

View from The Chair

Fellow Residents,

I'd like to start by issuing a sincere apology to everyone who pays the Annual Charge by Direct Debit for the unauthorised collection of monies at the beginning of February. Although the Trust were not responsible for the payment being taken, we clearly are accountable, and measures are being put in place to ensure this doesn't reoccur. Whatever our ultimate solution will be, we will have it in place by the time the next Annual Charge is due on 1st April 2020. I'm very grateful for the patience and understanding that many of you have shown whilst we resolve this.

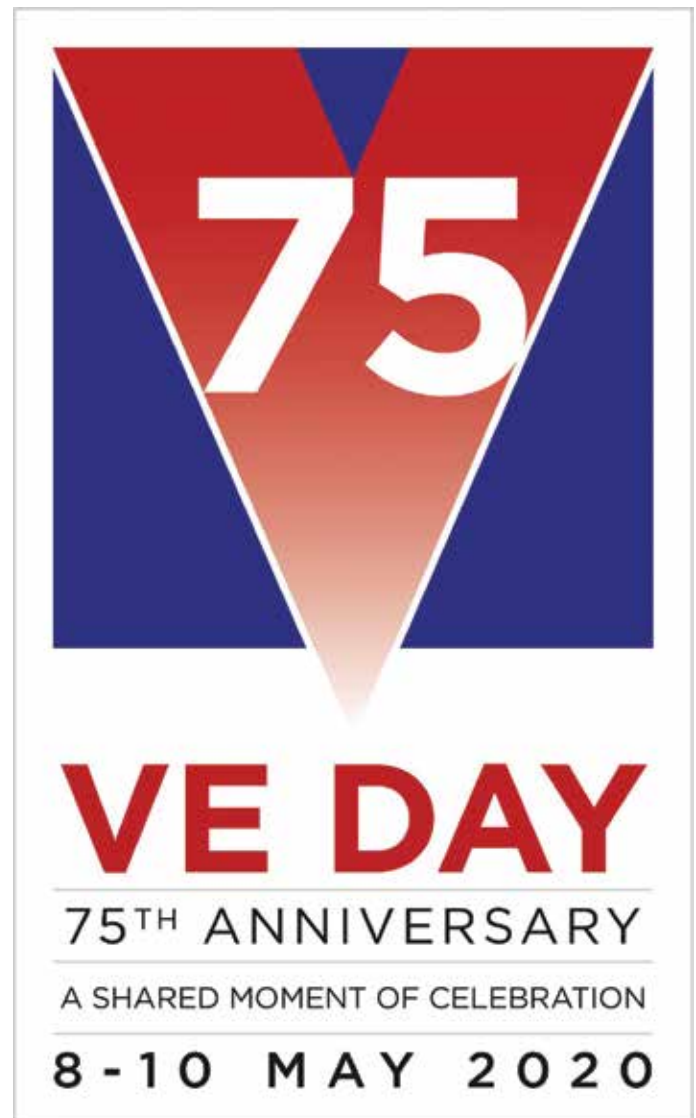
I am absolutely delighted to welcome Lee to our grounds team. He joined us in early January, expanding our grounds maintenance crew, and is showing great enthusiasm and pride for the work he undertakes. I'm glad to hear that many of you have already extended a warm welcome and expressed the same gratitude to Lee that you do to Peter and Sam when you see them out and about on Elsea Park.

The long-awaited footpath linking Bourne Heights with West Road has finally been built after a considerable period of discussions with the developers, LCC and SKDC. Our wonderful grounds maintenance team are formulating a plan for landscaping the area when the season is right and like me, I'm sure you look forward to seeing this area fully established.

Picnic in the Park is taking a break in 2020. Don't panic though! In its place, The Trust are organising a VE Day Celebration on the afternoon of Saturday 9th May to commemorate its 75th anniversary. If you weren't aware, the Early May Bank Holiday has been moved to Friday 8th May this year as part of a national three-day weekend of events. Brief details are shown on the poster included in this issue, and further details will follow.

We were hoping to have the 3G Artificial Grass Football Pitch completed by now, but a design problem stalled the project for several weeks. Unfortunately, once this obstacle was overcome, the severe heavy rainfall and subsequent ground conditions prevented work from recommencing. We've been in constant contact with our consultants and the contractors who have conducted numerous site inspections over the last few months. Hopefully Storm Dennis was the last extreme weather we'll experience, and the ground conditions will hopefully improve to allow work to restart. We remain optimistic that the facility, including the new pavilion, will be open before summer.

If you've spent any time reading the Section.106 Agreement or Articles of Association you'll realise that they are not the most interesting of reads, but they do stipulate the aims and objectives of the Trust. Using these documents as the inspiration, the Trust have established a Mission and Vision statement and Set of Values that defines what we do and



what we aspire to achieve. Visitors to the Centre will soon see these displayed, which will afford a visual representation of our identity and where we're going.

The previous surveys and consultation regarding the shuttle bus proved inconclusive, so we've decided that a four-week trial will take place in the next couple of months. Preliminary discussions with a local taxi firm have been held and plans for how this will be implemented are being formulated. You'll find further details inside and we'll keep you updated via the website and social media during and after the trial. We will really value your feedback during the trial and once the trial has been completed.

Don't forget to keep up to date with all the latest developments and information on the Trust's website (www.elseapark.co.uk) or the official Facebook page (@elseaparkcommunitytrust).

I look forward to seeing you all at the VE Day Celebration in May, if not before.

Jono Brough - Chairman

Elsea Park Community Playgroup

Have you heard about Elsea Park Community Playgroup?

The playgroup was first established in 2013 to cater for the ever-growing number of families with young children who were moving onto Elsea Park. In the beginning, Lincolnshire County Council supported residents in setting up and managing the group and it has grown from strength to strength.

Over the years, the responsibility for running the group may have changed, but the idea of offering a local friendly environment where adults and children can interact together and meet new families remains the same. Today, playgroup continues to draw in regular attendance every week, from mums and dads to grandparents to local childminders, we enjoy seeing the regular faces but also welcome new families who have only just discovered us.

Elsea Park Playgroup runs every Thursday morning at the community centre from 9.30 - 11 am. There is a small fee of £1.50 per family which helps the group to provide refreshments for both adults and children and goes towards purchasing new resources from time to time.

Playgroup is aimed at children aged 0-4 years and provides a range of activities suitable for those different ages; soft baby nests, toys and activity gyms for very young children to homemade playdough and craft activities for toddlers and pre-schoolers and much much more. Weekly updates are made to various local Facebook groups detailing what activities will be on for that week in order to maintain support for Playgroup.

If you are interested in attending playgroup please join our Facebook page, just search for Elsea Park Community Playgroup. You can get updates, news and other information on local events which may be of interest.

Clare



Our Gang of Three.....

As Jono mentioned in View from The Chair, the dawning decade found a new member of staff on our grounds crew with the arrival of Lee.

Although Lee only recently joined us full time, he'll be known to many residents because he's been a member of the wider Trust team since joining us as The Centre's weekend caretaker early in 2019.

But Lee is a man of many talents, and when we decided to move our grounds maintenance work "in house" last summer when we dispensed with the services of our contractor, Lee agreed to expand his efforts at the weekend to include grounds maintenance. And we knew he wouldn't need much in the way of training, because his full-time job was as a groundsman at a prestigious school in a neighbouring county.

With his actions speaking much louder than his words, we soon realised that we need look no further than Lee for the full-time position on the grounds team that we needed to fill in the new year. A further feather in Lee's cap was that he is qualified and experienced in the maintenance of synthetic sports pitches, so we all know what he'll be getting involved with when the 3G pitch (finally) opens later this year.



Pete, Lee, and Sam. (left to right)

Elsea Park Community Trust

Our Mission:

To deliver the objectives of the Articles of Association, promote sustainability and enhance the environment for the benefit of residents and the wider community.

Our Vision:

To create and sustain a vibrant community atmosphere, delivered through collaboration with residents and our participants.

Our Values:

Accountability

We hold ourselves accountable to delivering for residents, providing lasting results in our actions and maintaining sound financial management.

Integrity

We pride ourselves on openness and honesty in all our actions and maintain the highest standards in professionalism and ethical behaviour.



Respect

We value the diversity within our community. Residents, contributors and our environment are held in the highest esteem and personal circumstances will be treated with sensitivity.

Saturday 9th May

Elsa Park Community Centre

SAVE THE DATE!

12 PM - 6PM



V E D A Y

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

P+N Catering services 5*
Elsa Park Primary school choir
Rose haunts

Buffet
Reasonably priced bar

? Tickets for the day
£5 to include either free larger, cider or bottle of wine

Tickets on sale from
march

The Annual Charge - Why Does it Exist?

We're occasionally asked by residents why they should have to pay an Annual Charge at all and a recent email from a resident of Bourne Heights read "I would love to know what our direct debit contribution is for, given that I couldn't be any further away from Elsea Park & have no understanding of why we actually pay contributions?"

I responded by saying that the costs of operating Elsea Park Community Trust and managing the public open space and community assets for which The Trust is responsible falls equally to everyone who owns a property on Elsea Park. I added that Bourne Heights is not far from Elsea Park at all; it's part of it, and that's why The Trust recently spent some £18,000 providing a safe route from Bourne Heights to West Road (and that's before the cost of the landscaping works that will be undertaken later this year are taken into account).

There are some who don't think they benefit directly from the community assets that we all share. Residents who have never set foot in the Community Centre don't see why their annual charge should subsidise it; some members who don't have children can't understand why their money should fund the maintenance and upkeep of the equipped play areas; some who don't live immediately next to amenity land and public open spaces don't think they should pay to have the grass cut. The list goes on and on.....

Please remember that the volunteer Directors and Trust staff didn't establish Elsea Park Community Trust nor determine how the charge would be set, but they are obliged to operate under the legal framework and rules that they inherited. If you're in any doubt what the responsibilities of The Trust are, or where the money is spent, you'll find it all on the website at www.elseapark.co.uk

Shuttle Bus Trial

The possibility of trialling a shuttle service within Elsea Park was first discussed at the Annual General Meeting held in October 2009.

According to the Section 106 Agreement, a shuttle bus was to run "to and from the bus stops on the A15 at hourly intervals between 7.00am and 9.00pm Mondays - Fridays and 8.00am to 9.00pm on Saturdays and Sundays".

The then Chairman advised that he'd approached several local providers to run a two-week trial, most of whom were not interested in operating the service. Indeed, only one firm was prepared to provide a quote, and residents were aghast to hear that the quote was £285 per day.

With the trial coming in at a fraction under four thousand pounds, it was suggested a vote be taken, and residents voted unanimously against the trial, both on cost grounds, and that with the development being relatively small at the time, take up of the service was likely to be extremely low.

In the previous Newsletter, with all hope of a scheduled bus service along Raymond Mays Way being dashed by LCC, we asked residents for their views on our revisiting the idea of some form of internal shuttle service within Elsea Park. We had very little in the way of feedback, and at the subsequent AGM in October 2019, the general feeling was there was little support for the introduction of the service.

However, we appreciate that there are some residents who might really benefit from some form of service, and it is planned that within the next couple of months, we'll run a mini "Call Connect" type service for four weeks within the development to help us gather some initial data on how such a service might be used and indeed if it is viable.

Negotiations with the supplier are expected to be concluded by the time this reaches you, and if the negotiations are successful:

A six-seater vehicle with a wheelchair ramp will operate within the Elsea park boundaries between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday.

Residents will be able to dial a dedicated number that will be live during the trial and request that the transport collect them from any Elsea Park address or easily identifiable location within the development. The number will only be in operation between 9am and 3pm and will not accept voicemail.

The transport will drop off at any address or location within Elsea park; we envisage popular pickups and drops at such places as Bourne Heights (for Bourne Heights residents or anyone wanting to take a bus to Stamford etc), the bus stop near the Aykroft Play area for scheduled services north or south on the A15, the Coop, The junction of Quayside West and Tilia Way (for those wanting to visit The Sugar Mill or Lidl etc), the corner of Bluebell Way (for Tesco), Elsea Park School, and The Centre etc.

The service will be limited to residents of Elsea Park, and will be free of charge (funded from the ring-fenced Green Transport monies that were received from Allison Homes / Kler).

Residents will need to be aware that no journey can begin before 9am and that all journeys must be concluded before 3pm, that the shuttle may already be out on a journey when they want to use it, and that there may already be other people waiting for a pick up. We really will have to play it by ear and perhaps adjust how it operates during the trial.

Once we have exact dates for the trial and further details, we will advise everyone via our website, social media, and on notices placed at strategic points around the development. So please keep an eye out!

Michael Maren - Vice Chair



Encouraging Cycling - We're Doing Our Bit...

Working with PCSO Graeme Parrott and Neil of "All Geared Up" we recently ran a three-hour session at The Centre offering postcode marking and safety checks / basic adjustments free of charge to anyone who wanted to drop in with their bike. The Trust were also selling heavily discounted "Immobitag" electronic security devices that can aid the recovery of your bike in the unfortunate event of it being stolen.

This was the third or fourth time we've run one of these sessions, and it was the best attended by far. Neil tells us that he carried out many "minor tweaks" but that two bikes he checked were close to major breakages. He also took the opportunity to service the ten bikes owned by The Trust that can be hired by residents at extremely low prices (further info on our website).

Graeme claims he was so busy with his post coding kit that he barely had time for a cup of tea, and we'd like to thank everyone who supported the event, but especially Neil and Graeme, who made it all happen.

The photos show Neil and Graham in action, along with some of the bikes that are available for hire via the Trust Office.



The Centre @ elseapark

Time	Activity	Cost	Contact
MONDAY			
09:30 - 10:30	Smart-FITT	£5.00	Amanda Abbott Tel: 07535 788756
10:30 - 11:30	Prime Time Active	£5.00	Amanda Abbott Tel: 07535 788756
18:00 - 19:30	Cubs (ages 8 to 10)	£38.00 per term	Email: elseaparkscouting@gmail.com
17:30 - 18:30	Beavers Boys & Girls (ages 6 to 8)	£30.00 per term	Georgina Email: georginaorlowskyj@gmail.com
18:30 - 20:50	Scouts	TBC	Email: elseaparkscouting@gmail.com
TUESDAY			
10:00 - 11:30	Dance for Life followed by refreshments in the lounge	£4.50 if prepaid or £5 pay as you go	Sarah Hill Tel: 01778 421 229 or 07789 483 873
18:15 - 19:15	Peterborough Freestyle Karate	Please enquire	Clifton Findley Tel: 07788 476478 Email: cliftonfindley@yahoo.co.uk
19:45 - 20:45	Beginners Yoga	£5.00	Karen Tel: 07951 081259 Email: karenborekci48@gmail.com
WEDNESDAY			
10:30 - 12:30	Drop In (Elsea Park Residents)	50p for tea, coffee, and biscuits	Run by residents, who meet and socialise over a cuppa
12:45 - 14:00	Cardiac Rehabilitation & Exercise	Please enquire	Laura Langdon Tel: 07894 033 709
14:30 - 16:00	Extend gentle exercise followed by refreshments in the lounge	TBC	Sarah Hill Tel: 01778 421 229
17:00 - 18:30	Elsea Park Youth Group (ages 7 to 12)	50p	Niki Tel: 07960 472910
19:00 - 21:00	Elsea Park Youth Group (ages 12 to 18)	Free	Niki Tel: 07960 472910
THURSDAY			
09:30 - 11:00	Elsea Park Community Play Group	£1.50 per family	For 0 to 4 year olds - All welcome
09:30 - 10:30	Rise & Shine (adult dance)	£4.50	Sarah Hill Tel: 01778 421 229 or 07789 483 873
11:00 - 14:30	ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) Term Time		Kate Maltby Tel: 07771 638603 Email: kate.maltby@lincolnshire.gov.uk
18:30 - 19:30	Clubbercise	£5.00 per session	Nikki Healey Tel: 07500 862412 Fb clubbercise bourne with nikki
19:40 - 20:30	Fitness Pilates	£24.00 for 4 week block	Nikki Healey Tel: 07500 862412 Fb @bodyfitnikki
FRIDAY			
Last Friday every month	Family Film night Doors open 17:00	Free	Open to all. Just turn up. Drinks and snacks are on sale. Contact 07960 472910
SATURDAY			
10:00 - 13:00	Tiska Karate Classes age 4 years plus	£6.00 Inc two-week trial & Instructional DVD	Joanne Mason-Lee Tel: 07983 445 375
Please note that the activities may be subject to changes or cancellations			



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NEWSBEAT

Phoenix Surfacing have recently commenced **remedial works on all roads and footways** that Kier are responsible for to the south and east of The Centre. Kier apologise for the inconvenience that will undoubtedly be caused to residents and their visitors and will notify individual households directly if access to their drives or garages will be denied due to the works.

To facilitate the work, Phoenix will be siting temporary compounds on some areas of land owned by The Trust, and this has already happened adjacent to the Anglian Water pumping station off Heartsease Way. Given the extremely wet ground conditions, the grassed areas will suffer extensive damage, but Kier have promised these will be fully reinstated when the works are completed.

The works is expected to take approximately five months, and once complete, and deemed acceptable for adoption, the roads and footways will be immediately transferred to Lincs County Council Highways Department and will become maintainable at the public expense. We expect that soon after, most (if not all) the streetlights thereon will be converted to Part Night Lighting.

If you witness any vandalism or accidental damage caused by vehicles to Trust Property, please report it to 101 and let The Trust know.

We've recently suffered **extensive damage to our notice board** near the Coop caused by a reversing vehicle that is likely to cost several hundred pounds, and grass verges and public open space are sometimes damaged by vehicles parking on them when the ground is particularly wet.

Work has now commenced on the **car park extension** at The Centre which will be required when half the existing car park (the half owned by Kier) is lost ready for the development of the land between The Centre and The School for new homes.

Much of the work will be carried out without affecting the existing parking, but for a period lasting around two weeks, parking will be severely limited whilst the old and new sections of the car park are linked together. When this happens, parking will be reduced to around ten spaces, so will be strictly reserved for Centre Users.

We will try and give as much notice as possible, but timing will depend very much on the weather and construction progress.

Once again, we'd like to ask everyone to show consideration to their neighbours and fellow residents by:

Parking with care and consideration so as not to cause danger or inconvenience. Parking in a manner that denies easy access to the emergency services or hampers SKDC refuse collections is unacceptable.

There is an increasing amount of **public open space** distributed across Elsea Park so we respectfully ask residents to ask their children to bear this in mind. If it's noisy or involves a ball, please ask your kids not to play immediately next to homes if possible. This makes for a more pleasant environment for those living next to the public open space and reduces the chance of you being liable for accidental damage caused to cars or property by your children.

We're deploying more **litter bins** across the development whenever we get the opportunity, and whilst we hope they will help to reduce littering, they are being increasingly used by residents as overflow for their domestic waste. We currently empty the bins at least twice a week, and don't have the capacity to handle household waste that residents should be disposing of themselves.

If you've got a dog, please pick it up. Not the dog; the stuff it sometimes leaves behind.

Barratt David Wilson Homes have just advised us that they will be soon be **submitting the Reserved Matters Application** for a combined Barratt Homes / David Wilson Homes development on Zone 8 (the area surrounding the livery yard and large gravel pond).

We understand **Persimmon Homes are finalising the plans** they have already shared with residents for the development of Zone 7, and with Kier and Taylor Wimpey commencing their builds within Zone 9, this will leave Zone 10B (to the south of Bourne Heights) as the final development zone at Elsea park.