

November 2022 Newsletter

Thank you for attending our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in September, it was one of the best ever attended AGM's. The Board has since met and discussed how to progress CCTV and plans for lobby floors improvement.

There are conflicting views on what type of **CCTV** we need, how it should be funded and managed. The Board has agreed that the best way forward is to set up a 'working group' of residents to work on this & report back to the Board. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Siraj on 020-718-5355 or email wcomanager@outllok.com or talk to a Board Member.

Lobby floors improvement – The Board is seeking quotes from contractors; and we are still waiting for permission from Southwark Council. Residents will be updated in due course.



“WCO’s vision is to create a clean, welcoming and friendly place to live with excellent services”

“WCO welcomes your views on how we can make improvements at Wrayburn House, our home.”

Garden Update - Grant to Green Up! As advised previously the Board was successful in receiving money to make improvements to the communal garden and do more greening up to make Wrayburn look more beautiful. Works will commence next year around February ready for the spring. The Gardening & Social Group approved plans for improvements and a new garden area by the area where cars use to park close to the garages.



Here’s a taste of what to expect:

Community Garden (east of the block): the wooded planters will be replaced by new galvanised steel ones. We will hopefully be able to transfer plants over and have budgeted for new plants & flowers. A new Herb Garden (north block): this will include new galvanised steel planters and large round tubs.

Improvements to both entrances: with new planters with evergreen plants. If you’d like to get involved and help with improvements or would like to grow your own vegetables and herbs then please contact WCO Manager Siraj, David, Larry or any Board Member.

Intruders are gaining access to the block and loitering on 4th and 5th floor of North Block. If you see anyone please report to this to Northbermondsey.SNT@met.police.uk or call 101. Please also let the TMO Manager know that you have reported this matter to the police.

Update on locking the gate to stop dogs



We now have permission from the Council to lock the gate of the grass area used by unknown dog walkers by Bevington Street.

WCO will be making improvements - planting of daffodil & tulip bulbs and areas for play for children. We have also agreed to let St Michael's College use the grassy areas for fire drills. Dog owners are being asked to find alternative areas for exercising their dog/s.

WCO website has been revamped but we are still working on the contents. It has important information about the Wrayburn WCO/TMO and other services available to residents. You can also report non-urgent repairs and report any anti-social behaviour issues too: <https://wrayburncommunityorg.co.uk/>

If you have any comments or suggestion, please contact the TMO Manager.

If you are affected by rise in **cost of living**, do not suffer in silence. If you are a Council tenant and struggling to pay your rent, please contact the TMO manager and discuss your case.

Help is also available for emergency need, food, childcare and energy costs. You can apply for Southwark Council cost living fund via councils website:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-support>

***** IMPORTANT UPDATE ON RATS *****

Food Waste, Bins & Rats - There is a rat infestation around the block that the Council pest control team is trying to deal with. **To help, all residents must ensure all rubbish bags are sealed properly before putting down the chute or depositing in the correct bin.** If the bags are too big for the chute, please carry it downstairs & deposit carefully in the recycling bin or in general waste bins. **Please do not dump bags on the floor, it will attract vermin such as rats & we don't want cockroaches too here too!**

Removal of Bikes in Corridors - Residents are not permitted to keep bikes in communal areas. Bikes are causing an obstruction for residents and our cleaner. It also attracts criminals into the block. Please contact WCO Manager if you want to sign-up for a space in the bike new bike lockers - free of charge. Notices will again be displayed on bikes to ask owners to remove from the stairs. Southwark Council contractors will enforce removal of bikes in December.

Help for vulnerable residents - If you are a vulnerable person (or know someone who is) and need help, please contact the TMO Manager or phone Southwark Council on 0207 525 5000 and choose option 3 or log on www.southwark.gov.uk Southwark's NHS 24-hour mental health telephone support line is available for people who are experiencing mental distress in Southwark on **0800 731 2864**. If you are feeling lonely and isolated and need a friendly chat, call the **Samaritans** on 116 123.