

Houndwood Community Group

Newsletter

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Houndwood website

Have you had a scroll through our *new* website? We are excited to have launched our fresh new website. Not only does it look great, it now includes additional information specific to residents on the estate - such as instruction manuals for appliances for both Barratt and Crest homes. The Gardeners have their own gallery & other pages have been renewed.

Start exploring now!



Rooting for 2021!



Although the winter weather has put many areas of our gardening team's endeavours on hold, the team has continued to play a vital role in showcasing the best of our estate's natural spots. Last year's autumnal colours brought with it a mound of falling leaves, which our gardening team has diligently been clearing. You may have

also noticed that many planted bulbs are now making an appearance, with snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses poking their heads up across the estate, and we hope to see some bluebells as we head towards Spring. The team has lots of exciting plans for when the weather improves and hopes to replace some of the old plants with the potential introduction of a herb bed. Last season,

the gardeners collected many seeds from the plants growing in our thriving community greenhouse ready for re-seeding.

If you have newly found green fingers or are a budding pro, our friendly gardening team would love you to **get involved!**
getintouch@houndwoodcommunity.org



Seeking Residents for the Houndwood Community Group

Would you like to have a say in how our estate is cared for? If so, you could be a valuable addition to the Houndwood Committee. If you are interested in influencing estate care, supporting your neighbours or bringing the neighbourhood together through local events, such as the summer fete, then please get in touch! The Houndwood Community group is a team of

volunteers that was developed from **an ambition to turn a housing estate into a community**. The committee is open to all residents, homeowners and renters alike. In the past, we have built a gardening group, facilitated events, arranged litter picking and acted as a collective interface between estate organisations, such as Premier Estates and

Livewest. In all, the committee is whatever the residents of the estate need it to be and we welcome any budding members, feedback and suggestions.

If you have any questions about membership and supporting your community, then please email us at getintouch@houndwoodcommunity.org



To find out more about your community - visit www.houndwoodcommunity.org

Here's a cup
of tea on
us....

Notice for AGM ~ Come and have your say!

COVID has stopped so many things for so many people and we at Houndwood were no exception. Our Summer Fete and a bigger and better than ever Creepy Cavern at Halloween had to be postponed as you know and we also had an Open Meeting and AGM planned for last year too.

We have held a couple of Open Meetings for residents over the years – running surveys about the issues that matter most – and in November 2018 that also included our AGM. As a Community Group we have to ensure we are operating fairly and inclusively and this includes working within our constitution and electing people to be our Committee Members, as well as Officer roles; Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

We will be doing this again on 24th March – on Zoom so we will be COVID safe – and would love you all to come along...virtually!

We'll keep the business stuff to a minimum and we are expecting some interesting guests to tell us more about the history and environmental ethos of our estate and also how to tempt pollinators into our gardens and green spaces. And we always want to hear from you about what matters most to you about living on Houndwood.

Here's a cup of tea on us. Biscuits, to go with your cuppa, will be delivered through your front door once you have requested the Zoom link!

We look forward to seeing you then...

...register online
for the
open meeting
to get your
BISCUITS!

Open Meeting

~ for the residents of the Houndwood / Icon Estate

Wednesday 24th March 2021 at 7:30pm

Meeting on Zoom:

- ◆ Meet your neighbours and get involved
- ◆ Discuss what we can do about issues on the estate
- ◆ Hear about the history and environmental ethos of Houndwood

First a few formalities:

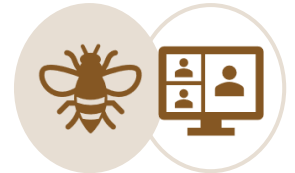
- ◆ Election of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee Members
- ◆ Hear what we have been doing in our Annual Report
- ◆ Review/amend the constitution

If you want to come along to the meeting please register online at www.houndwoodcommunity.org/AGM to receive the meeting link via email.

If you would like to stand for election to join the Committee please email us or drop a letter into 20 Couture Grove by 10th March 2021

To learn more about what we do see <https://www.houndwoodcommunity.org/>

(To view the constitution see <https://www.houndwoodcommunity.org/Committee/Constitution/>)



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At Houndwood.....



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Around the Estate ~ have you noticed the changes?

Some of the eagle-eyed residents amongst us on the estate may have noticed a few changes over recent months....

I think that many residents are aware of the plethora of items that make up the 'snagging list' for both Barratt and Crest areas of the estate. It is therefore

quite a joy to report that some of these jobs have now been completed:

- * The pavement has been re-laid in Couture where tree roots had deformed the path
- * Posts which had been knocked down in Lime Tree Square have been replaced
- * Rotten wooden planters in

Nova Quarter have been restored

- * Posts at the vehicle entrance to Torlon Grove have been reinstated
 - * Repairs have been made to the two paths that cross the nature area
 - * Trees have been replaced in the crescent on California Parade.
- A good job well done!*



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