



Balmoral Estate Newsletter

March 2016

A Word from the Chairman

Hi, my name is Terry Brown and I am the Chairman of the Balmoral Resident Association; I have lived on the estate for the past 10 years and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the residents of this estate by building partnerships, bringing the community together and working with the other committee members to improve the Balmoral Estate. In case you were wondering the Balmoral Estate includes Brecon, Grampian and Blackdown.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our very first newsletter; I hope you enjoy reading it. A big thank you to all the residents who have been attending the open meetings and offering support and ideas to make our estate friendly, safe and beautiful. Please continue to support the Residents Association in any way that you can.

Recycling

Please may you use the pink sack provided by the council to recycle your paper, card, cans, glass and plastic bottles, if you run out you can get some more from the library, the civic centre or from your caretaker. We are currently speaking to the council to improve recycling and waste management services on the estate.



Lifts

We encourage residents to avoid spitting in the lift or dumping bags of rubbish as this is not only unsightly but you could actually incur a fine. We are hoping that this practice ceases, however if you do see this happening please contact the South Essex Homes contact centre on **0800 833 160**, with the specific time frame and date that this occurred so that they can identify the individual on the CCTV.

Wanted

Are you a registered childminder, teacher or a sports coach with some free time? We would love to hear from you as we are in the process of building a 'skills resources bank'

Please may you send your contact details to Terry Brown on 07981 725096 or email us with a brief introduction at askrob@strf.org.uk so we can let you know when opportunities arise.

I look forward to seeing you at the next open meeting on Wednesday 9th March at the Balmoral community Centre (on Salisbury Ave) at 7:00pm, we are also hoping to provide childcare.

Did You Know?

Shops won't charge for a bag that is carrying raw fish or meat, according to Defra the tax doesn't apply, but a bag of cooked food must be paid for.

Staying Warm

There have been a number of suggestions from residents that the electric storage heaters are not working as they should be though it appears that there have been a lack of reports to the repairs department at South Essex Homes. If you are experiencing an issue with your electric storage heater please contact Terry on 07981 725096 or email askrob@strf.org.uk. This will allow us to gain evidence to take to South Essex Homes to get the issue resolved.

Free Football Sessions

There are football sessions for ages 13 and under taking place at Milton Hall School, on Tuesdays for boys and Thursdays for girls both from 4.30pm - 5.30pm. No need to book a place as you can just turn up!



Exercise Sessions

Latin Fit 9:30am Tuesdays at Balmorial Community Centre, SS0 7AU
Free

A fun dance based session for all abilities

Hula madness 9:30am Mondays at Balmorial Community Centre, SS0 7AU
£3 per session

Active 50+ 11am Tuesdays at Balmorial Community Centre SS0 7AU
£4 PER session

Upcoming Events

Open Meeting on Wednesday 9th March at 7pm at Balmorial Community Centre.

LCM Policing Meeting

Safety Alert

Window restrictors keep your window from opening fully and are especially handy if you have children. All flats should already have these installed. Please check that you have window restrictors on your windows as this can help prevent accidents. If you require more information on how these work please contact the South Essex Homes Contact Centre.

Useful Contacts:

South Essex Homes
0800 833 160
www.southessexhomes.co.uk

Street Link (advise on rough sleepers)
0300 500 0914
www.streetlink.org.uk

Crimestoppers
0800 555111
www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Summercourt Children's Centre
01702 433599
www.miltonhallschool.com/summercourt

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