



Ledbury Estate

Weekly newsletter

12 July 2019

Bromyard House

The work on the investigations to the foundations of Bromyard House is continuing.

The works inside the flats on various levels at Bromyard House have also continued. This involves removing the floor screed (the top layer of the floor) and plasterwork to expose the original panels and the existing joints.

In addition, in order to allow these works to happen, asbestos removal has to take place.

Since the start of the year, all the vacant properties have gradually had the asbestos removed.

Pictured below is the asbestos removal taking place this week in the recently vacated flats on the second floor of Bromyard House.



This work allows Arup, the structural engineers, to complete their report, which is now due at the end of August.

Peterchurch House

The first ten vacant flats at Peterchurch House have been identified for the soft stripping to be carried out.

The soft stripping involves the removal of all the floor coverings, doors, architraves, kitchen units, bathroom fittings, toilet fittings, heating systems, asbestos in controlled conditions, and partition walls.



Pictured above is an example of a flat that was soft stripped earlier this year in Bromyard House.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the Ledbury Team.

No to idling engines on the Ledbury

Needlessly keeping your engine running pollutes roads, schools and children's lungs.

Last year, Southwark Council launched a scheme to ask people to turn off their engine to help create a healthier environment for the children of the borough.

Under the scheme, drivers are warned before a

fine is issued, but ultimately if they ignore the warning and signs, the parking wardens will have to take action.

It was to our dismay last week that we were told that one of our contractors working at Bromyard House had left their engine idling. All those working at Bromyard House have been reminded of this and the Ledbury Team will be reminding all those working on the estate that idling engines are not welcome here.

Idling vehicle exhausts choke the air with toxic chemicals like cyanide, NOx and PM2.5, which can lead to asthma, heart disease and lung disease.

Before adopting the scheme, the council led and encouraged many voluntary anti-idling patrols at known idling hot-spots, to raise driver awareness of the health risks associated with engine idling.

They found that most drivers turned off their idling engines willingly, when they were made aware of the implications of keeping them running.

Ledbury TRA Annual General Meeting

The Ledbury TRA held its Annual General meeting on Monday 8 July 2019 at 7pm. The Officers of the TRA would like to thank all those residents who attended.

The meeting heard from four speakers: Cllr Kieron Williams the Cabinet Member for Housing and Modernisation; Mike Tyrrell the Director for Ledbury; Neal Purvis the Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisor for the Ledbury Estate; and Marc Cook the Leaks From Above Manager at Southwark Council.

At the meeting the following were elected as the Officers of the Ledbury TRA:

- Chair – Jeanette Mason
- Vice Chair – Alex Hedge
- Secretary – Sue Slaughter

- Treasurer – Eileen Bassom

Any queries can be addressed to the Chair, Jeanette Mason, on **07976 211610** or by email to **jnttmason@gmail.com**

The secretary is Sue Slaughter and she can be contacted emailed on **s.slaughter@talktalk.net**

Ledbury Summer Fete

The Ledbury TRA will be holding its annual summer fete on Saturday 3 August, 2019.

They need donations for the tombola. If you have anything to donate, please drop it off to the Ledbury Team at the TRA Hall.



Filming on the Ledbury Estate

Permission has been given for a film to be shot on Friday 12 July, 2019 in the football cage on the Ledbury Estate.

They will film from 6.30pm to 11pm and have been asked to minimise potential nuisance to residents by:

- Using covert ear pieces used instead of radios
- Filming louder scenes first
- Ensuring that large vehicle engines not to have their vehicles idling
- Keeping surplus crew offsite
- Having a designated person on site to enforce cast and crew keeping noise to a minimum.

As part of the preparation for the filming, boards will be erected for graffiti to be sprayed on. These boards will then be removed so that we will never know that it was there.

The film company will be making a donation to the Ledbury Tenants & Residents Association for using the estate.

Resident Services Officer for the Ledbury Low Rise properties

Rochelle Ferguson is the Resident Services Officer for the Ledbury Estate (not including the Towers). You can contact Rochelle on **020 7525 4833** and her email address is **rochelle.ferguson@southwark.gov.uk**

All repairs for the Ledbury Estate should be reported by calling **0800 952 4444**.

Rochelle holds a monthly surgery at the Ledbury TRA Hall on the fourth Wednesday of the month between 3pm and 5pm.

Resident Service Officer for Sylvan Grove

Obie Ebanks is the Resident Services Officer for Sylvan Grove. You can contact him at **obie.ebanks@southwark.gov.uk** or on **020 7525 4198**.

All repairs for Sylvan Grove should be reported by calling **0800 952 4444**.

Resident Services Officer for Churchyard Row

Debbie Ming is the Resident Services Officer for Churchyard Row. You can contact her at **debbie.ming@southwark.gov.uk** or on **020 7525 1165**.

As a reminder all repairs for Churchyard Row should be reported by calling **0800 952 4444** or for the first two years to **newhomes.defects@southwark.gov.uk**

It would be helpful to the council that if you are reporting a repair by email you could include a photograph of what is wrong to help us work out if the problem is a defect or a repair.

Reminder on Oxygen Cylinders

One of the issues that could jeopardise safety is the use of oxygen cylinders in the blocks. This

means that no visitors to the blocks will be able to come in if they require an oxygen cylinder.

From the home visits we have carried out it is clear that, at present, no current resident has the need to use an oxygen cylinder.

However no one knows what their health will be in the future. If an issue arises with your health that means that you will need to have use of an oxygen cylinder, please speak to your doctor and then let your Resident Service Officer (whose contact details are in this newsletter) know immediately so we can work with you to ensure your health needs are catered for.

Non-resident leaseholders are being asked to make sure their tenants in the block are also aware of this issue.

Warning re bottled gas

It remains vitally important residents do not bring any bottled gas or gas appliances into the tower blocks; we have been advised that the buildings will not withstand the force of a gas explosion.

Fire wardens will also be monitoring to check that no gas canisters are brought into the buildings.

Old Kent Road Ward Panel meeting

The Old Kent Road Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) will be holding their next quarterly meeting on Wednesday 28 August, 2019 at 7pm. It is open to all residents.

The meeting will be held at the Avondale Estate Office, Unit 1, Old Kent Road, SE1 5PD.

This is an opportunity to meet your SNT, a group of Metropolitan Police Officers dedicated to serving your community. The team is made up of officers based in our area (or ward), supported by additional officers from the wider area.

The SNT works closely with local authorities, community leaders and residents to decide their policing priorities for the area. This helps them to find useful, long-term solutions to local problems, while maintaining their wider focus on reducing crime across London.

The Ward Panel meetings are therefore a good way of not only meeting the SNT but also an opportunity for residents to highlight their concerns.

Local Police Sessions

PC Twinkal Sharma, PC Adrian Moroz and PCSO Felix Adeyanju will be holding hour-long contact sessions in the Ledbury TRA Hall so residents can meet with the local Old Kent Road Ward Police team.

Date	TIME
24/07/2019	12:00-13:00
07/08/2019	12:00-13:00

The police have requested that any crime must be reported if it is an emergency to **999**, and for non emergencies to **101**.

The team can also be contacted by emailing **oldkentroad.snt@met.police.uk** or by telephone on **020 8721 2436**, or they can be tweeted at **@MPSOldKentRoad**

Ledbury webpage

Don't forget! Everything we have issued to residents, including these newsletters and answers to frequently asked questions, will also be uploaded to our website at **www.southwark.gov.uk/Ledbury**

Housing Updates

All residents in the tower blocks will have to leave their homes for a period whilst major strengthening and refurbishment works are carried out. For those that do not want to leave the Estate, they will have the opportunity to move into one of the empty homes in the Towers temporarily while their blocks are completed. For those who want to move from

the Towers, they will continue to have priority to move.

All tenants will have the right to return to the estate.

Please note that properties are not allocated according to the time you bid. They are allocated by our colleagues in the allocations team according to Southwark Council's lettings policies.

Ledbury Towers tenants are in Band One, and the properties are allocated by how many stars each applicant has, then by application date and finally by your tenancy date.

When you bid, your position may change depending on other applicants' stars, application date or tenancy date.

If you need help with bidding or you think your application can attract stars because you or someone else in your household is working or carrying out voluntary work for more than 16 hours a week, do not forget to come in and see the Ledbury Team for help.

There are **177 properties now empty** in the Towers, following the moves of 164 tenanted households in to new homes, and 13 leaseholders selling their properties back to the council. Of course those tenants who have moved retain the right to return.

0 tenants have been made an offer of accommodation that they have bid for and they are awaiting moving dates to move into their new homes. **No tenant is waiting to attend a viewing.**

There have been **193 properties refused** by tenants who have had a viewing of a new home. Many of these have already received further offers and have already moved into their new homes. No one from the Ledbury Towers is suspended from bidding if a property is refused.

Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisors

The Tenants and Residents' Association and

the Ledbury Action Group agreed the appointment of Neal Purvis from Open Communities as the Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisor for the Ledbury Estate.



Neal Purvis

Neal holds drop in sessions for residents in the TRA Hall on Thursdays - 2pm to 4pm.

Or if you would like to arrange a home visit you can contact Neal, or the rest of the Open Communities team, on 0800 073 1051.

The Ledbury Team

You can contact the Ledbury team at the Ledbury TRA Hall by calling **020 7732 2757** or **020 7732 2886**.

Staff that are permanently based on Ledbury are:



Mike Tyrrell – Director of Ledbury Estate.

Mike works on a part time basis and his days are flexible, depending on what meetings he needs to attend. If you want to see Mike, just arrange for your RSO to make an appointment with him, on the days he is working.

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The following staff are no longer permanently based on Ledbury, but are still supporting the Ledbury Team to ensure that residents concerns are responded to swiftly:



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