



# Marie Curie

Newsletter – All invited to a Residents Meeting on Wednesday 26 May 2021

24 May 2021

## Residents Meeting – Wednesday 26 May 2021, at 7pm, online

As you know, the council's contractor Engie has been investigating some issues in the building, which came to light last year.

You will remember that because of these issues, linked to fire safety, we put in extra safety measures including new alarms and fire wardens.

The investigations have finished and we would like to update you on what Engie have found, and what the next steps will be.

We would like to reassure you that the current safety measures we put in place mean it is safe for you to continue to live in your home.

This Wednesday we will be meeting first with the Resident Project Group, and then holding a public meeting for all residents.

Please do join us on Wednesday 26 May 2021, at 7pm for a virtual meeting on Zoom.

To attend, we would ask that you sign into Zoom ([www.zoom.us/join](https://www.zoom.us/join) via desktop or mobile) using the following details: -

Meeting ID – **867 6573 4059**

Passcode - **Marie**

If you are unable to use Zoom, or would rather speak to a member of the team face-to-face, a Drop in session chaired by Open Communities will be held in the garden near the entrance of Marie Curie on Friday 28 May, from 2pm to 4pm.

If you are unable to attend either of the above, and would like to have a conversation with regards to the proposed works at Marie Curie, please contact Neil Purvis by email on [nealpurvis@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:nealpurvis@tiscali.co.uk) or use the freephone 0800 073 1051.

## Residents Project Team

We are delighted that a growing number of residents have shown an interest in joining the Residents Project Team to date. In the coming weeks, we are hoping to commence consultation, and will be inviting those already involved to online meetings as we progress onto the next stage of this works scheme, and prepare for the wider Quality Homes Investment Plan works to the estate. Please contact Neal Purvis from Open Communities if you would like to be part of the project team. You can find Neal's contact details further down in the newsletter.

## Waking Watch

Following the successful commissioning of the communal fire alarm system, the role of Fire Wardens has been updated. Those that are still in place are to provide assistance in evacuation management, providing assistance to those already identified as requiring this. Fire wardens will also respond to the communal fire alarm system, and liaise with Fire Rescue Services.

Should you believe that you or a member of your household require added assistance to evacuate in the event of a fire, please contact the relevant persons as detailed in the Fire Safety Guidance for a Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEPS) to be completed.

## Coronavirus

We have received a number of emails from residents about members of the Waking Watch not on site not wearing appropriate face coverings. These have been isolated cases which the Waking Watch have been made aware of.

Engie will continue to monitor the site closely to ensure there are no further breaches. Going forward all their operatives will wear numbered hi-vis jackets while carrying out their duties. This will make it easier to identify anyone not following COVID-19 guidelines.

Please be assured that Engie have safe working processes developed in line with the most up to date government guidance and their site teams monitor employees to ensure compliance. Some work tasks may not be able to be carried out at the full two metre social distance, but they will make every effort to keep to this where possible. Engie take temperature scans of all their operatives prior to starting work each day as an additional precaution.

With Southwark and Greater London continuing to be under tight Coronavirus restrictions, we must all follow the rules to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The threat of COVID-19 has not gone away and we strongly encourage people to keep an eye on the advice from the government.

You can read more about the latest restrictions at [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### Help us Keep Southwark Safe

If you think you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms you should get a test immediately by calling 119 or visiting [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus).



Symptoms include:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

If you have symptoms you and anyone you live with **must** stay at home and self-isolate until you get your results. It is now a legal requirement to self-isolate if you've had a positive test or if you've been told to self-isolate by the national test and trace service.

You must also notify Engie if you have an appointment for work in your home and anyone in your home has symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19 so that the appointment can be re-arranged.

If you think self-isolating could be difficult for any reason support is available. Visit the council's website for more information [www.southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus).

## Respite Centre

If you need somewhere else to go while works are taking place in your home, a resident's Respite Centre is available at the Engie site compound opposite Lakanal.

Due to the coronavirus restrictions only one household can use the centre at any one time. Please contact Valerie, the Engie Resident Liaison Officer (RLO) if you would like to use the centre. Valerie's contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

## Escape Routes in Properties

As you will know, in every property in Marie Curie there are four escape routes for residents to use in emergencies.

These escape routes are via the kitchen, the living room, your front entrance door and the small escape door in one of your bedrooms. Please remember that it's vitally important that these escape routes are not blocked up by furniture or other belongings.

## Mail Order Deliveries – Keeping Corridors Clear

Please remember that corridors need to be kept clear at all times. If you are shopping online you should ensure that there is someone at home to take in your parcels as they can't be left on the communal landings.

## Resident Services Officer for Marie Curie

Sonia Forrest is the Resident Services Officer for Marie Curie. You can contact Sonia on 07946 369 599 and her email address is [Sonia.forrest@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Sonia.forrest@southwark.gov.uk). You can also contact the Resident Services team on 020 7732 2886 or 020 7732 2757.

## Repairs

All general repairs for Marie Curie should still be reported by calling **0800 952 4444**.

## Fire Safety Team

If you wish to contact the Fire Safety Team for information on fire safety relating to your block you can contact them via [FRA@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:FRA@southwark.gov.uk)

## Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisor

Neal Purvis from Open Communities is the Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisor for the works on Sceaux Gardens Estate, including Marie Curie.



### Neal Purvis

While social distancing measures are in place, you can contact Neal, or the rest of the Open Communities team, on **0800 073 1051** [neal.purvis1@btinternet.com](mailto:neal.purvis1@btinternet.com)

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