



FIELDEND NEWS

SPRING 2018

FRAL Board

Our AGM

Thanks to all the shareholders who attended the AGM on 22 February and to those who sent apologies. Your support is greatly appreciated by the Board. The draft minutes will be circulated shortly.

Both Barbara Atherton and Sarah Chudleigh stood down from the board at the AGM. Barbara and Sarah were thanked for their many years' dedicated service to the Fieldend community.

Sarah Dietz (no 8) and Colin Hatton-Smith (no 6) were elected and welcomed to serve as directors of FRAL. Subsequently, at the board meeting on 12 March, Sarah was elected by the board as its new Chair (to replace Barbara), and Colin was elected as the new Treasurer (to replace Sarah). Both Sarah and Colin have served in those same capacities in the past, so we are lucky that they are able to take up their full duties immediately.

We look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

FRAL email address

FRAL has a new email address for emails about FRAL business. It is FRALbusiness@outlook.com. Please use this email for any future general communication with FRAL.

FRAL board meetings

The next board meetings will take place on 25 April and 6 June. Please contact us with any matters that you wish to raise (details overleaf).

Garden notes

Tree pruning

Residents could not have failed to notice that the Council contractors came to prune six of the plane trees in Red Square on 26 February. There will be a further tree-pruning programme as advised by our contractors OTT later in the year, once the necessary approvals have been granted.



Lots of work has been carried out in the grounds in the past few months: trees and shrubs have been planted, turf laid and spring bulbs have shot up. There is blossom on the trees and our Arcadia is flourishing.

Now that the sun has returned please be mindful of new plants near your house and help them along by watering them regularly: a good soaking either early morning or late in the day is ideal.

Thanks to everyone who turned out to help with our Tidy Day last Saturday 21 April.

Maintenance

Street lighting

Last year all the pathway lighting in Fieldend was updated to great effect; now Fieldend is about to enter even more enlightened times! As part of its new street lighting modernisation programme Richmond Council has agreed to replace our old street lights with modern, state of the art LED lights, and, we hope, new posts too. These new lights are far more power-efficient, and they emit a white light that is better directed, resulting in less light pollution. The units are also individually programmable and dimmable. Unfortunately, it does mean the end of the road for the handful of original estate cone style lights as they have become impossible to maintain.



Diary dates

Summer parties

The Fieldend summer parties will be on 14 July. The organisers will be in touch with details in due course.

Tidy days

We'll have tidy days on 19 May and 30 June. Please join us to help maintain Fieldend's beautiful environment.



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New data protection regulations in 2018

In May 2018 the new General Data Protection Regulation will come into force; this will replace the Data Protection Act.

As a limited company, FRAL takes its duty to protect your data seriously.

There are some data that FRAL must hold as a legal requirement, including data on share ownership and accounting information for the collection of maintenance charges.

There is a second category of data (email addresses and telephone numbers) which you have consented for FRAL to keep, solely to aid communication between FRAL and shareholders. We are currently considering what, if any, further steps we need to take to comply with the new regulation, and we shall be communicating with you separately about this. In the meantime, if you decide you no longer wish your email/telephone contact details to be kept by FRAL, please contact Helen Middleton-Price.

Fieldend in the snow

It is hard to imagine—as we bask in glorious summer temperatures—that, less than two months ago, Fieldend was covered in snow.

Many thanks to Theo for keeping our pathways salted and safe during the snow-in.



Planning rules

A reminder to Fieldenders who are considering making alterations to the exterior of their houses.

Fieldend is a conservation area and no changes are permitted to the exterior of the houses at the front, apart from changes to the porch glass. But even this change, and *any* changes to the rear of houses — including those regarded as ‘permitted’ developments elsewhere — must be submitted to Richmond Council’s Planning Department for approval.

Most importantly, before submission to the Planning Department, any changes should first be submitted to the FRAL board for approval.

If yours is one of the several Fieldend houses that will be changing hands over the coming months, please ensure that your buyers’ solicitors are aware of the restrictions.

Announcements

Free garden mulch

There is plenty of garden mulch—made by Allen from last year’s fallen leaves—in the garden storage area. It can be spread or laid over the surface of the soil in your garden to retain moisture, suppress weeds, keep the soil cool, and make the garden bed look more attractive. Please help yourselves!

