



More Welly

December 2020

Our AGM was held in November 2020 and the results of the ballot is as follows.

Ballot Results Summary November 2020

	Yes	No	Abstain
Agree for WMHC to continue managing estate	62	0	1
Approve Annual Accounts for 2019/20	46	0	17
Votes for 2020/21 Auditor	55	0	8
Votes for new MC Member (Maria)	61	2	0
Votes for new MC Member (Paul)	60	3	0
Ballot papers returned	63		
Ballot papers sent	128		

• Update on Gardening plans for WM

As part of the Business Plan the Gardeners of Wellington Mills have been asked to produce a 5-year Gardens Management Plan. This can be viewed on Wellington Mills Website.

The intended changes are explained below, the aim is to increase biodiversity across the estate, encourage insects and birds.

The gardeners have begun to increase ground cover plants; trial areas for increased ground cover are Westminster Bridge Road boiler house beds and the beds along King Edward Walk. The proposal is to gradually replace the use of bark mulch with ground cover plants across the estate. In the process the existing plastic membranes will be removed as the ground cover will provide the deterrent to weeds and benefit insects.

Plant species are chosen to encourage biodiversity, these plants when established can be used in other beds around the estate.

The unused triangle area on King Edwards Walk is to be used by the gardeners to propagate plants. The gardeners will be taking cuttings from some overhanging private bushes for propagating and to use around the estate. The gardeners will not be entering private areas to do this. If residents have plants that they would like to share/give to the gardeners they will be gratefully received.

The lawns will be left to grow longer, instead of being cut to 25mm (1 inch) they will be cut to 80mm (3 inches) this will strengthen the lawns against the changing dryer climate. The lawns will stay greener longer in the summer and it will enhance insect numbers and deter weeds.

The use of pesticides will be kept to a minimum, this can result in additional moss on brickwork but this can be removed where necessary with scraping.

The edges of lawns will be planted with hardy annuals including poppies; a trial area is proposed and if successful will be gradually introduced across both lawns. The current wildflower meadows are to be extended with the introduction of plug plants.

A new timber planter is to be sited in the empty area between the pensioner blocks and Holst Court lawn at ground level. The intention is for the planter to be used by residents to grow vegetables; if popular we can add additional planters. The low level brick planters on Mead Row are to be replanted with perennial herbs and flowers. Perennial plants can be divided later and used elsewhere.

The Council will be removing the fallen tree stump (Holst Court lawn) in the near future.

We would like to encourage residents to look after the Mead Row planters, particularly residents with small children.

There is a tray in the estate office for any residents gardening comments / suggestions.

• Christmas Carol Singalong

The Take Note Singers invite residents to join them for a Christmas singalong on Saturday, 12 December at 2pm in the car park area behind the Police station. The words to the songs are attached. If the weather is not kind to us, the singalong will take place the following Saturday, 19 December at 2pm, at the same location.

• OFFICE OPENING HOURS FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD

Thursday - 24th DEC 2020: **9am-12.20pm**
Friday 25th and Monday 28th DEC: **Bank Holidays**
Tuesday - 29th DEC 2020: **CLOSED**
Wednesday - 30th DEC 2020: **CLOSED**
Thursday - 31st DEC 2020: **CLOSED**
Friday - 1st January 2021: **Bank Holiday**

Monday - 4th JAN 2021: Normal Service Resumes

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