

### **Lighting**

The section of streetlights between M Block and P Block, along with the coach lights on the arch at H Block, have been repaired and are now fully operational.

Unfortunately, two streetlights in the lower circle leading to the pool pathway have been vandalised. The damage appears to have been caused by an air rifle, with one light having its glass completely shattered on one side. Repairs will be carried out as soon as funding is available and replacement parts can be sourced.



### **Leak at the Entrance to Apollo Heights**

A potable water leak has been discovered at the entrance to the village. Initial observations suggest that it is in the same location as a previous repair carried out approximately two years ago. Aphrodite Hills engineers have been notified and will investigate the issue.

### **Electric Gardening Equipment**

We already operate an electric mower in the pool area and, following requests from several owners, we have now purchased an electric blower to assist with street cleaning.

While the blower may be a little quieter than traditional petrol-powered equipment, it will still generate noise. To minimise disruption, its use will generally be scheduled for mid-morning where possible.

### **Snakes**

As we enter the warmer months, snake activity naturally increases. While our pest control team continues to implement preventative measures, it is inevitable that snakes will occasionally be encountered, particularly around the outer perimeter of the village.

The snakeskin shown in the photo from a large viper, was discovered by our gardening team near the ravine, close to the sewerage pump station at R6 while carrying out firebreak maintenance. Owners and residents are encouraged to exercise caution and avoid walking through overgrown or uncleared areas whenever possible.



### **Concerns and Observations**

If any owner has concerns regarding work being undertaken by our contractors, we kindly ask that these matters be directed to the Management Committee rather than raised directly with the contractor.

This helps ensure that concerns are addressed appropriately and professionally. Please note that any confrontation that results in a breach of contract with a contractor could potentially expose the owner involved to liability for any associated claims or costs.

### **Gardening**

Many residents have commented positively on the improvements to Apollo Heights gardens and we are pleased to pass your appreciation on to the gardening team.

The scale and complexity of the work being undertaken is best understood through firsthand observation of the ongoing maintenance requirements across the village. Unlike previous contractors, our current gardeners maintain the entire village landscape rather than focusing primarily on roads and perimeter areas. We understand they are the first gardening contractor in more than 12 years to provide this broader level of maintenance, often undertaking work beyond the scope of their contractual obligations.

Their efforts have uncovered significant sections of the village's sewage and drainage infrastructure that had become hidden by overgrowth. In doing so, they have identified and repaired numerous leaks, which we estimate has resulted in substantial savings on water costs.

As part of our vision, we have embarked on a long-term programme to elevate the gardens and grounds of Apollo Heights to the standard expected of a five-star residential community, while enhancing the overall value and appeal of the village.

This transformation will take time, and there will inevitably be occasions when certain areas appear to require additional attention. We appreciate your patience and understanding as this ongoing work continues.

### **Pool and Village Security**

Thanks to the vigilance of an owner from N Block who recently reported the presence of individuals at the Pool who did not appear to be staying on Apollo Heights. The matter was promptly referred to Brinks Security for investigation.

The Management Committee urges all owners to remain observant and report concerns regarding unauthorised access to Brinks security on 26828060, particularly around the pool area during the busy summer months.

If you are unsure whether someone should be in the village, it is always preferable to report your concerns and allow security personnel to make the necessary checks. This helps protect our shared facilities and reduces the risk of misuse, damage, or theft within the village.

**Garden Waste**

A small amount of garden waste that was not generated by our village gardening contractor has remained in two locations for an extended period.

The waste located near K Block has been identified as belonging to Green Forest following work carried out in G Block more than two weeks ago. The company has been contacted and asked to remove it as soon as possible.



In addition, a white garden waste sack located outside D Block has been present for approximately three weeks. If any owner is aware of its origin, please contact the Management Committee with the relevant details so that arrangements can be made for its removal.

Owners who engage their own contractors are kindly reminded to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place for the removal of any garden waste generated during the course of their work. We would also appreciate owners reminding their contractors that the use of noisy gardening equipment should be kept to a minimum before 10:00am, in consideration of fellow residents and the peaceful enjoyment of the village.

Kind Regards

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