

The London Marathon is on Sunday, 26th April 2026. It is one of the world's most prestigious running events. It will be shown on TV around the world and will raise millions of pounds for good causes as many runners will be sponsored by family, friends, work colleagues, etc.



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Repairs Reporting

Remember to report all repairs as soon as you see them.

Don't let a small problem, become a big one !!!



To the office: 9am - 5pm Monday
 To the office: 9am - 1pm Tuesday to Friday
 Via telephone: 0121 441 1195
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Alternatively, please speak to a member of the tenant management committee.

Urgent "Out of Hours" repairs should always be reported directly to Birmingham City Council on 0121 216 3330 i.e. Saturday, Sunday, Bank Holiday, or after 5pm and before 9am in the morning.

Couple sentenced for running £2m counterfeit clothing business

A couple have been sentenced following a long running investigation by Birmingham Trading Standing into their large scale counterfeit clothing operation.

Shahzad Ahmed received a custodial sentence of 6½ years for offences under the Trade Marks Act 1994 and running a business that produced and sold counterfeit branded clothing (inc. *Marvel, Warner Brothers, Paw Patrol, and Gucci*) from the couple's home in Acocks Green. He ran the company with his wife, Afshan Shahzad, under the name Smass Ltd and they worked together printing fake logos onto plain T-shirts, sending the items to customers via online market places.

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IF THE CALLER WILL NOT GO AWAY DIAL 999

For Advice and Assistance on Bogus Callers ring the **Trading Standards hotline 0121 303 9367**

St George's Day is the national day of England. It is on the 23rd April.



St George is celebrated in many other places including Venice, Portugal, Catalonia, Genoa and Ethiopia. St George was born in Cappadocia which is now in Turkey. He died in 303 AD.

On St George's Day many people celebrate with a traditional English meal of fish and chips, shepherd's pie, a roast dinner or an afternoon tea of sandwiches and cakes.

It is also William Shakespeare's birthday.



Holly Rise Newsletter

April 2026



Housing Manager's Message

Following the letters everyone received on Thursday, 16th April 2026 from BCC/Fortem about the survey work that would begin w/c Monday, 20th April 2026, it should now be clear to everyone that the much awaited retro-fit of the blocks is actually going to start within the next few months.

This week the surveying and project management teams will be using the TMO's meeting room as a base to ensure the surveying teams complete their work in accordance with Health & Safety protocols and if they come across any unexpected issues, there'll be managers on site to make decisions and take appropriate action quickly. They will not be available to answer questions/concerns as they have a specific job to do within a set time frame. Their focus will be on external, communal areas and build logistics not individual flats.

Having said that, within the next couple of weeks everyone should receive a phone call to arrange an individual visit to their home. Remember, the sooner every property has been assessed, the quicker the works will begin as construction plans can be finalised, materials ordered, etc.

During these individual visits you will have an opportunity to ask questions so please start making a list of anything you want to know e.g. Will my cooker need to be in another part of the kitchen? If the windows are going to be replaced with AAA rated glass, will they have new extractor fans in them? I've got brown tiles under my kitchen lino, will they be removed? I've got a cold cupboard/pantry, will it be removed? Will taking the window frames out damage my wallpaper? etc.

Everyone will want to know different things. Everyone lives their lives differently and every flat is unique. Try to keep your questions to practical things which will affect your home and your lifestyle.

Remember, the surveyors and/or the customer liaison officers (CLOs) will not be able to answer questions about how long the whole refit is going to take or the exact start date until every property has been seen and surveyed.

In the meantime, you may want to start to think about your home. For the next 18 months - 2 years contractors are going to be in and out. Not every day, but you may get very short notice as to when they'll be around. There'll be noise, dirt and dust at times. You may need to move things out of their "usual" spaces. Do you need to start to clear out some of those "just in case" items you haven't used in years? Will you ever wear that jumper you've not worn in 3+ years? If you start to plan and act now, you'll have time to think about what you really need or want. It'll help to stop you getting too stressed or making panic decisions when you're told "we're coming to yours on Monday". If something has sentimental value, but you don't use it or have it on display, could you take a photograph of it to look at and then give it to family or friends? There are also lots of local charities and organisations supporting less fortunate people. They may be glad of things you no longer want or use.

As well as thinking about making space for the work to be carried out, you might also need to think about budgeting? How are you going to feed yourself when your kitchen is in pieces? Do you need to start putting a little