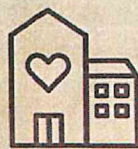


Are you scared of your partner or someone in your family?

Do you hear neighbours shouting or arguing?

Do you need help, or are you worried for someone else?



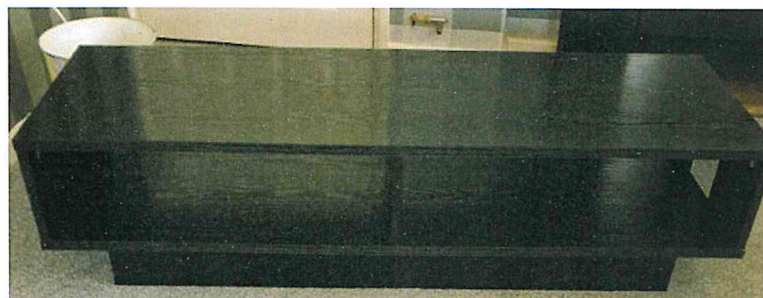
Domestic abuse is a crime. Whether you need help for yourself or for someone else, you can call these helplines for **free and confidential advice**:

- **National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247** (open 24/7, run by Refuge, for anyone experiencing domestic abuse or worried about someone else)
- Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327 (For men experiencing domestic abuse)
- Respect: 0808 802 4040 (For anyone worried about their behaviour)
- Galop: 0800 999 5428 (for LGBTQ+ people experiencing domestic abuse)
- National Stalking Helpline: 0808 802 0300
- Karma Nirvana: 0800 5999 247 (for anyone at risk of so called 'honour-based abuse')
- In an emergency, call the police on 999

Good homes needed for the furniture below:



For details about any of these items, please contact Jane in the office.



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IRIS
IVY
JASMINE
LILY
MARIGOLD
MYRTLE

NIGELLA
PANSY
PETUNIA
POPPY
PRIMROSE
VIOLA

Whilst it is sad to see the gardens removed to allow for scaffolding to be erected in August, the fenced garden at the side of Claverdon House shed block is being given a new lease of life with raised bedding and fresh planting. Go along, have a look, join in or just relax on the bench for a short while.



Holly Rise Newsletter

July 2026



Housing Manager's Message

Firstly, many apologies that July's newsletter is only just reaching you. It's been a particularly busy month with 2 committee meetings, an AGM, meetings with the Retrofit Project Team and having the office as a pilot for the kitchen and bathroom replacement works.

It was good to see almost a 1/3 of residents took the opportunity to come along to the AGM. They had a chance to review how the TMO management (including me) had performed over the past year, ask questions of the Retrofit Project Team, meet the new Billesley Councillors (Chris and Joe), speak to our local PCSO (Tony) and enjoy some light refreshments.

Prior to the AGM, nominations had been received from residents to represent their neighbours on the TMO committee. This year there were more candidates than places. Given 76% of residents, who submitted their Annual Surveys, felt they would get less support if the blocks were managed by the Council alone, I am hopeful that this is a sign that next year's Continuation Ballot, will see the TMO continuing for at least another 5 years. Having said that, it will need people who live here to take an active interest and to get involved. That doesn't necessarily mean joining the committee. It could be delivering newsletters, doing a litter pick, re-designing the website, researching legislative proposals, organising a Knit and Natter group, a Book Club, etc. If everyone did a little, the cumulative effect would be a lot and everyone would see and feel the benefits of living within the Holly Rise community. In the meantime, I'm sure everyone will wish this year's committee well.

Jane

"Don't leave anything for later.
Later, the coffee gets cold.

Later, you lose interest.
Later, the day turns into night.

Later, people grow up.
Later, people grow old.
Later, life goes by.

Later, you regret not doing
something... when you had
the chance."



Retrofit Update

At the AGM on Wednesday, 8th July 2026 senior members of the Retrofit Project Team from the Council and Fortem Solutions provided an update on the works to bring the blocks up to current and planned legislative requirements as per the Decent Homes Standards, Awaab's Law, Fire Safety Regulations, Health & Safety Act, etc.

Whilst attempts were being made to meet individual tenant's requests for "like for like" replacements, if what is in-situ does not adhere to the legislation, the Council will not be able to agree to the request. It is appreciated the flats are your homes and these works will be intrusive. However, the end result will be warmer, more modern and cost effective homes for everyone. Legally, the Council is the landlord and it is the Council that will be held to account if any property does not meet criteria set out in law.

Prior to the start of works, all 180 flats in the 6x Y blocks on Hollybank Road will need to have had a number of surveys e.g. Bathroom and Kitchen, Electrical, Heating and Retrofit. Many of these have now been completed, but there are still a few outstanding. If your flat has not been assessed for any one of the above, please contact



Heera

Customer Liaison Officer
07483 176 153



Hefza

Customer Liaison Officer
07812 702 061

to arrange a visit as soon as possible.

In addition, to these 4x surveys, 38 flats have had an asbestos survey to assess if asbestos is present and, if so, the type of asbestos. Different types have different toxicity levels associated with them. If there is asbestos, it does not always need to be removed. How it will