

Newsletter

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TRICKLE VENTS

**Are you getting water on the window panes?
Or the walls?**

It could be because there is a lack of ventilation in your property.

Please make sure that the trickle vents which is located on top of every double-glazed windows are fully open. This will allow for moisture to ventilate.

TREE PLANTING

We carried out our first ever tree planting event on the 8th October 2016. It was hugely successful day of planting trees enjoyed by over 33 residents.

This post event review from a resident in Ambleside block who attended the event describes the day beautifully:

"The tree planting community event was eagerly anticipated in my family, ever since that morning in late spring when on the way to school my 7-year old son noticed that one of the big trees in front of our block was felled down. He was clearly upset and we decided that I should write to Chay and ask 'WHY'. I did so and we learnt that the tree was ill but we were also told not to despair as a tree planting event was on the way and that trees would be planted where the old ones were felled. We loved the idea and took part in the tree planting community event on Sat 8th October. What better way to bring people together than give them trees to plant?! A humbling experience with the bitter-sweet realisation that the trees will most probably outlive the people who are planting them. The event was superbly organised by Wimbledon Co-Op, Chay and Bernard managed the order of play handsomely and secured the generosity of the sponsors Mullaley who provided refreshments. Trees and children were celebrated that morning, with every little one given the chance to take part in the tree planting, spread the compost, sprinkle the seeds of grass, the brave ones even held the occasional wriggling worm, all of the children collecting tonnes of sweets and treats. People talked, smiled, took pictures, exchanged numbers, promised to see each other again.... exactly what a community event should do, if properly organised. Wimbledon Co-Op made it happen"
(Ambleside Block – Resident)

Did you miss out but want to be part of the next one?

well... the next community event is the **Blub Planting Community Day on the 19th December 2016.**

See next article.

BULB PLANTING COMMUNITY DAY

We recently sent an application to the **Metropolitan Public Gardens Associations** for 900 high quality bulbs completely free of charge, including delivery. I am delighted to inform you that our application for free bulbs has been successful!

We will therefore be carrying out our very first **'Bulb Planting Community Day'** on the **Monday, 19th December 2016**. The order of the day will be to plant various plant bulbs at various locations around the estate. Then sit back and enjoy the beautiful variation of flowers in Spring 2017.

As we are planning to provide some tea and cakes for your hard work, we will need to know how many volunteers we should cater for, therefore please drop us a quick email letting us know how many are attending: office@wimbledonpark.org.

If you would like to get involved in helping us, then please meet at the Fernwood playground at 11am on the 19th December 2016.

Special thanks go to the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association who have kindly donated the bulbs for our Bulb planting community day.

CONDENSATION IN YOUR HOME

What is Condensation?

All air contains a certain amount of 'invisible' water vapour. Condensation frequently occurs when air carrying vapour comes into contact with a cool surface. At this reduced temperature, less water can be held and it is deposited on a surface. It is for this reason that the bathroom mirror steams up after a shower or a window when you breathe on it.

Here are some simple tips on reducing condensation and therefore prevent mould growth on the walls and ceilings:

1. Keep all rooms ventilated by opening windows. Don't block airbricks or window trickle vents.
2. Open the window after bathing to get rid of moisture and ensure that your extractor fan is working.
3. Dry clothes outside, or in the bathroom with the window open and the door shut.
4. When going to bed, close the bedroom door and keep a small window ajar or when getting up, open the window and keep the door closed for a couple of hours to get rid of the moisture produced overnight.
5. Maintain a low background heating, especially in cold weather even when there is no one at home.
6. Wardrobes and other large items of furniture should not be placed directly against external walls. Leave space between the back of the furniture and the wall. Leave wardrobe doors open slightly.

WINDOW WORKS – SNAGGING

If you have any remaining unrepaired damage or other issues caused as a result of the window replacement work we'd urge you to contact Tracy to report these as soon as possible.

It will be easier to rectify these while the contractors are currently on site.

This applies to any internal snagging issues affecting your property and which were caused while the work was carried out.

Please either pop into 2 Fernwood or you can contact Tracy by phone or text on 07827884530



***Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year
to all our residents
Best Wishes
All board members and staff***