

Christmas Tree Disposal



We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas period, and enjoyed the lights around the Estate. We will be aiming to have more lights in other parts of the Estate next year. Our Christmas trees have now been removed, if you want to dispose of your trees please take them to the gardeners green house, near the footbridge into Syon Park and we will dispose of them for you.

Brentford Dock Residents' Association & Social Events

January

Every Tuesday Scrabble 10am – 12noon

Soup Lunch on Thursday 29th is cancelled

Wednesday 21st coffee morning 1030am

February

Every Tuesday Scrabble 10am – 12 noon

Wednesday 4th & 18th coffee morning 1030am

Please see attached full diary of events for BDRA until July 2015

Next Marie Curie Coffee Mornings: Monday 19th January, 10.30am to 1230pm.

New Fitness Club 'Bellyfit' Thursday mornings in the clubroom 0930 – 1030, all welcome please see notice board for full details .

Bumps and Babies club 2-4pm Thursday 15th & 29th January and 5th & 19th February.

Dock Shop: Tel 020 8758 2997

Thank you for your support last year. This year we will continue to offer new services and we have a new promotion planned for February.



Brentford Dock Newsletter

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Street Lighting Trials

We have taken delivery of three sample lighting units that will be erected on the lampposts that run alongside the Marina outside Numa Court. These are all extremely energy efficient units, using about 20% of the energy of a standard light. All 3 units have very similar properties, and produce 'natural white light'. They are expected to have a life of at least 10 years before the light units need changing so reducing maintenance costs. They also cut light pollution with little light 'overspill'.



Gemma Trafalgar24

Philips Logo LED

Philips Stela Round

They will be erected before or during the week commencing Monday 19th and will be available for 'trial' for 3 weeks. Your comments / preferences are very welcome, please email managementoffice@brentford-dock.co.uk or telephone 0208 568 5096. Factors such as ease of fitting and maintenance and of course cost will determine which lights are adopted, but if there is nothing to choose, then how they look will be the deciding factor. The lights will be placed A to C, where A will be the light nearest the office and C is nearest Marcus Court, so you can let us know which one you prefer. Each lamp will have an information sheet attached to the post. Please have a look and we will feed your comments back to the Board.



Bulk Waste



How do I dispose of bulky waste?

If you have bulky waste, such as furniture or large electrical items, we are able to provide a separate collection under our Tidy Town service. This is a free service. Please visit www.hounslow.gov.uk/recycling or call **020 8583 5555** for more information.

Alternatively, you can take items to Space Way Reuse and Recycling Centre, North Feltham Trading Estate, Pier Road, Feltham, TW14 0TH. For information about chargeable waste, site policy or opening hours visit www.hounslow.gov.uk/spaceway or call **020 8890 0917**.

Good quality furniture may be accepted for reuse by the Hounslow Furniture Project, Carnegie Hall, Northcote Avenue, Isleworth, TW7 7JQ. To offer items and arrange for collection call **020 8814 2225** or **020 8892 4916**, or visit www.hounslowct.org.uk for more information.

You will notice that we have dedicated a large amount of space to this subject. That is because the cost of removing bulk waste is growing and now costs the Dock £10's of thousands a year.

- One mattress costs **£20**
- One fridge **£27.50**

This does not include the cost of general removal and the cleaners time involved. The service offered by Hounslow Council as advertised is **FREE. We are in negotiation with LBH to arrange a central collection point, on a given day a couple of times a month, but this will take time to implement, so please use this service until then. We will keep you updated. Help us to help you.**

New walkway lighting

Yes more about lighting! We have taken delivery of over a 1000 LED light fittings and covers, to replace the existing walkway and car park lights. In October of last year we needed to replace 49 light bulbs across the Estate and 2 fittings needed repair. Again the new lights are expected to run maintenance free for 10 years, using 20% of the electricity. Contractor will start to fit the new lights in



the next few weeks. They will start in the carparks and communal areas. They will then move to the blocks, starting with the smaller Courts, Servius Leo and Maurice. When completed this project will enhance the appearance of the Dock, improve personal safety in communal areas and make the Dock far more 'green'.

Residents' Comments / Housekeeping Issues

Some issues which have been noted by, or reported to us:

- Condensation – recently several residents reported leaks into their property. When we inspected the property the problem was not a leak, but condensation. A leak will normally have visible moisture coming through the wall, or if very small, a yellow/brown stain on the wall or ceiling. Condensation will normally form on an outside wall where there is little air movement inside due to furniture against the wall or thick curtains and a black mould will be visible. The mould needs to be treated or the spores will spread. For more information please contact the office, where we have a self help pack.
- Food waste disposal – we are still in discussion with the LBH over the best method of providing food waste disposal on the Dock. There is no easy or quick solution, but the matter is ongoing and is being considered with other possible changes to recycling on the Dock.
- Clubroom – a recent inspection of the clubroom cupboards found several personal items. If you have anything in the clubroom, not connected with residents clubs/meetings can you please remove them before the beginning of March.