

Elthorne 1st

NEWSLETTER

WINTER EDITION 2019



Dear Elthorne 1st Residents,

Writing this I am aware that I have been Managing Elthorne 1st Tenant Co-Op for a year now! The time has gone so quickly.

Since joining in November 2018, sadly some of our tenants have passed away due to ill health; one was ninety-seven years old! On a positive note, we have had one new family move on to the estate with a young baby, and two new babies were born in 2019 – who both live in Mulkern Road. I have enjoyed my first year here, it has been challenging at times, but also enjoyable.

I am fortunate to be part of a great team, working alongside Brenda and Scott – that makes our Trio! I wanted to take this opportunity of thanking all of you for the support and friendship you have shown me over the last year, and also for the great efforts that you have made in attending Co-Op General Meetings. I have seen the Elthorne 1st Family blossom, with more and more new faces attending our meetings.

We have four new Committee Members which is great news for the Co-Op. I have enjoyed a weekly cuppa and a chat in the office with one of my residents who lives on St John's Way. She comes and checks in with me on a Thursday! You're all welcome any time!

Reminders:

- Smoking is not permitted inside the blocks at anytime. This is unfair to all tenants who have children.
 - Please have consideration for others when entering/ leaving the blocks to keep noise levels down.
 - Communal areas are to be kept clear at all times
 - Storing personal items in communal areas is not permitted as it makes blocks vulnerable to fire/arson attacks, which is therefore a Health & Safety concern.
 - All communal areas like landings, stairs, corridors and walkways must be clear at all times. Residents can not keep buggies, prams, bikes or any household goods in communal areas as they are a fire hazards. The areas outside resident's properties must be clean and clear at all times.
 - Any blocks that currently have bike hooks are due to be removed by Islington Council. The Council are proposing a new bike hanger in St Johns way. If the project goes ahead, the installation will take place in March 2020 further details can be found by visiting the following website www.islington.gov.uk/consultations/bikehangers
- The next General Meeting will be held at the Co – Op office on Tuesday the 10th December 2019 at 6:30pm, light refreshments and drinks will be available. We look forward to seeing you there, all new faces are welcome.

Weather:

- As the weather is getting colder and the nights darker, please be careful with slippery surfaces, with the wet weather we've been having, some surfaces have become slippery underfoot. Please take particular care when walking over wet leaves, especially along the communal walk way on St Johns. Be careful on muddy grass, too.

The Co-Op Fairy Garden:

- Annette has been busy planting roses in the Co-op Fairy Garden and we can't wait to enjoy the blooms and beautiful fragrance over a few drinks and nibbles with you. Come summer, our Neighbourhood Watch friends will have afternoon tea sitting in the sun with a scent of roses. But for now, and with winter coming, our fairies will keep warm in their little sheltered hide away until spring.

Co-Op

Christmas closure:

The office will be closed from Monday the 23rd December 2019 and will re-open on Monday the 6th January 2020.

In the case of an emergency ONLY – please phone: Michelle on 07950 612 187 or Scott on 07946 997 031
Any communal heating repairs will need to be reported to Islington Council on 0800 694 3344.

Events:

Free Christmas lunch with all the trimmings.. followed by music and festive fun at Union Church, Weston Park, Crouch End, London N8 9PX

Time: 12 noon to 4pm on Christmas day, Wednesday 25th December 2019

RSVP: Tel: 020 8341 3918 or email christmas@unionccc.org.uk

The church can arrange for those attending to be collected before the morning service, this starts (10:30am) or transport to the church (collection 12noon / 12:15pm) there will be no transport home after the party.



Neighbourhood Watch:



Last month we had our Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) meeting. We hold meetings four times a year where neighbours from across the estate come together to get an update from our local safer neighbourhood policing team on what is happening. We also share any crime prevention tips and answer any questions you may have, such as, how to make anonymous calls to 999. Want to find out more? Send us an email to elthornenhw@gmail.com and join us at our next meeting in February 2020. Look out for the invite and be part of Elthorne NHW, an opportunity for residents to come together to support each other. Stay safe - your neighbourhood watch coordinator, Annette.

Drains

Please don't pour oil or grease down your sink. Warm oil and grease are liquids but when you pour them down the sink, being fatty products, they solidify when they meet cold water or air. Floating on top of the water as it travels through your drain system, the solidifying fat begins to coat the drainage pipes and over time, repeated disposal of oil and grease in this manner will contribute to the accumulation of fatty deposit in your drainage pipes, leading to obstruction and clog. They can grow to big Fatbergs and can take hours to remove.

The largest fatberg in London was the size of 11 double decker busses and weighed as much as 130 tons, taking three weeks to remove!

Clean and Green:

- Please be reminded that residents are to dispose of their rubbish responsibly. Especially through the Christmas period. This means
- putting household rubbish in the 'household refuse bins' the black square bins are for recycling only. Please do not attempt to put normal household refuse in these bins as it contaminates them. It states on the bin what can and cannot be recycled.
- If you have any large items of furniture or large bags of refuse, please speak to Scott our Caretaker or contact the Co-Op office to arrange disposal.

Disposal collection dates over the Christmas holidays:

- Monday and Tuesday collections will remain the same on week commencing 23rd and 30th December 2019. The remainder of the week will be one day behind (see below):

Monday: Normal collection day
Tuesday: Normal collection day
Wednesday: No Service
Thursday: Wednesday's scheduled work
Friday: Thursday's scheduled work
Saturday: Friday's scheduled work

Week commencing 6 January back to normal scheduled collections.

Elthorne 1st Resident:

If you would like to have your say on our forthcoming newsletter please email Michelle@elt-1st.co.uk

Council News:

If you are interested in what is going on in your local area you can join the growing IslingtonLife community.

www.islingtonlife.london/ this is the councils brand for community news, events, local businesses and people. It is made up of a quarterly printed magazine, website, eNewsletter and social media.

The website is regularly updated and a good place to find out about events that are happening locally.

You can sign up on the website to receive monthly eNewsletter

: Key Dates:

- The Elthorne 1st next General meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th December at 6:30pm.
- Light refreshments will be provided, we look forward to seeing you there.

: Useful Contact Numbers:

- **Co-Op Office: 0207 263 5756**
- **Michelle Mobile: 07950 612 187**
- **Scott Mobile: 07946 997 031**
- **Islington Repairs (for communal heating): 0800 694 3344**
- **Islington Council Switchboard: 0207 527 2000**
- **Holland Walk Area Housing Office: 0207 527 7480**
- **Housing Benefit: 0207 527 4990**
- **Re-housing: 0207 527 4140**
- **Noise (day): 0207 527 3231**
- **Noise (night): 0207 527 3229**
- **Pest Control: 0207 527 3190**
- **Home Ownership: 0207 527 7715**
- **Thames Water: 0800 316 9800**
- **Cadent (for gas leaks): 0800 111 999**

Finally, Elthorne 1st Co-Op would like to wish all of our residents a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!