



Local residents newsletter Paddington Green



June 2010

Welcome to the second edition...

...of your local Paddington Green newsletter. We are really keen to find out what you think of it. If you have any comments, or would like to help write some of the articles, please call us on 020 7245 2515.

Spring has sprung and the planting area takes off

Earlier in the year our senior estate services officer, Mark Harrison, got together with residents to create a planting area on Paddington Green. Mark, who is responsible for grounds maintenance, is also a qualified horticulturalist. As part of our work on the planting area, we invited residents to come and help plant some of the flowers and vegetables that are now in bloom. We are now looking at buying some large grow bags for residents with mobility problems to plant their own vegetables.

If you live on the estate and would like to get involved, why not give Mark a call on 020 7245 2587. Come on, there's no time like the present!



Operation pollinator – help us grow a meadow on Paddington Green

We have a fantastic opportunity to grow a meadow on Paddington Green and really want you to get involved. We are working with Syngenta, who specialise in creating urban meadows, which encourage plants and other wildlife to grow.

We are looking at using some of the space at the back of Edward House to try and create a piece of the country in central London.

If you would like more information or would like to help with planting the bulbs then please contact either the estate office or Mark Harrison on 020 7245 2587.

Contact numbers



Estate office:	020 7245 2511
Repairs (freephone):	0800 357 3786
Out of hours:	020 7286 7412

Your experience

Saying it with flowers!

Local resident Leyla was really pleased with the service she received from us after we helped her with some household issues that had been causing her problems. Leyla is pictured here presenting our receptionist Ayse with a bunch of flowers to say thanks for helping to resolve her issues.



It was like a breath of fresh air

One of our residents, Mrs Childers, recently wrote in to thank us for helping her daughter (who works full time) move home. Mrs Childers worked with the estate office while her daughter was at work.

She said: "It is nice to have efficient and nice people to call knowing that you will not have to keep repeating yourself. It's like a breath of fresh air."

Getting involved

We have the following steering groups which we are inviting residents to join.

John Aird Court residents – A steering group has been set up to deal with any outstanding issues from the previous major works. This includes the flooring, digital aerials and lifts.

Hall and Braithwaite Tower residents – we are hoping to carry out works in the communal areas of these blocks. You would be helping to make decisions on the type of material and colours to be used.

If you require further information or would like to be part of either of these groups then please contact Ayo Macmillian-Akan on 020 7245 2920.

Be apart of The Future Plans for Paddington Green and Church Street

You may have heard or seen information around about The Futures Plans. The plans will set out a vision for regeneration in the area. Urban Initiatives whom have been commissioned to carry out the consultation have been meeting with residents, holding drop in sessions and carrying out surveys.

If you would like to get involved and have your say, please contact Urban Initiatives by emailing at futuresplans@urbaninitiatives.co.uk or calling Rebecca Beer on 020 7380 4532.

Whats happening on your estate

All aboard for Ramsgate

We are pleased to invite all our older residents on a trip to the seaside!

We will be heading to Ramsgate on 27 August and would love it if you could come. The trip is free, and we will be picking up from a number of locations, including: 324 Harrow Road, the junction of Harrow Road and Elgin Avenue and 155 Westbourne Terrace.

The coaches leave at 8.00am and return at 7.00pm. Remember, space on the coach is limited, so if you want to come, please pop into the estate office and book now.



Sheds available

We have been carrying at an extensive audit of the sheds on Paddington Green. Whilst there are still some sheds where we need to complete the surveys, we do have a small number of sheds (and also parking spaces) available for renting now.

If you would like further information or wish to put your name down on the waiting list then please do contact Ayse Kara on 020 7245 2511.

Outdoor toys for loan on Paddington Green!

Summer's coming, and now is the time to get outdoors and shake off those winters blues! Why not rent one of our brand new toys?



Some of the toys we have include skipping ropes, connect four, and snakes and ladders.

We will be running this for a trial period starting in mid July and it won't cost you anything to hire the toys. Take advantage of the weather and have some fun in the sun. More details to follow shortly.

Improving the health of residents

During June, CityWest Homes will be holding a series of focus groups with NHS Westminster to find out more about the health needs of residents living on Paddington Green.

What you tell us will really help to shape the types of health services you get.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Jillian Kratzer at CityWest Homes on 020 7245 2358.



You said, we did...

Over the last year you have been giving us your views on the issues you would like to see dealt with and we have been hard at work getting these actioned. Here is a snapshot of some of the things you said and we did or will be doing.

You said...

Parking is still an issue around Paddington Green.

We did...

We are aware of the parking problems around the area, and have spoken to the Highways Agency to see what we can do to improve parking in the area. We will write to you as soon as we find out more.

You said...

We would like you to follow up on complaints.

We did...

We have recently carried out a door knocking exercise across Paddington Green, and would like to say a big thank you to all residents who took part. We are currently drawing up an action plan and will discuss the findings with you shortly.

You said...

What's happening with major works improvements?

We did...

We have recently had a budget allocated for major works to take place on the communal areas of Hall and Braithwaite Towers. We are working closely with the Better Homes team and are setting up a steering group with residents. If you would like more information or want to get involved, please contact the estate office.

You said...

We're unhappy with people blocking the corridors with their shoes.

We did...

Letters have been sent to all residents at Hall and Braithwaite Towers advising that if any shoes are found in corridors, they will be cleared straight away. Recent inspections have shown a vast improvement.

You said...

The lifts at Hall Tower are noisy.

We did...

We have recently carried out some additional work to the lift motors, which has now fixed the problem.

Have you experienced a good service from your local estate office?
Please let us know on 020 7245 2511 or email us at paddingtongreen@cwh.org.uk