

COMMUNITY

The newsletter of the West Didsbury Estate Community Group

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The State of the Roads



Several residents have expressed concern at the state of the roads, including blocked drains and potholes. Mersey Crescent is of particular concern, due to the appalling state of the road in general and the fact that it is so heavily used. We have raised the issue of potholes with the local councillors and the council directly. We will also carry out a survey to find all the blocked drains on the estate and report them all.

Unfortunately, we legally cannot perform or organise any direct maintenance of the roads ourselves, we are only able to apply pressure to the council to try and address the issues. However, the more people who complain about the state of the roads the faster they are likely to be repaired, especially as there is a high demand for road repairs across Manchester at the moment.



You can help by reporting potholes and blocked drains to the council. To do so, send an email to contact@manchester.gov.uk, or send a letter to **Manchester City Council, Manchester, M60 2LA**

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Events



Over 50s Coffee Afternoon

12th June, 1:30-3:30 pm, Christ Church Hall

The first coffee afternoon is starting at **1:30 pm on Tuesday 12th of June** with an afternoon tea. Come along for a cup of tea, some sandwiches and cake, and a good natter.

Come and see the sort of activities that we could put on during the year, and let us know about anything you would like to do, crafts, talks, yoga, you name it.

From the 12th of June, the coffee afternoon will run every other Tuesday from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. The session following the afternoon tea will be on the 26th June. The full schedule is available on the website and on the Mersey Bank Park notice board.

Community Survey

Thanks to everyone who completed the community survey. As a consequence of the consultation we will be implementing some projects as described, temporarily dropping some less popular projects and adjusting others. The upkeep of Mersey Bank Park, general tidiness of the estate, and environmental projects topped the list of resident's interests, so that's where we will be focusing most of our efforts for the immediate future.

We also had a couple of suggestions for future projects which we will look to implement next year.

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

Next meeting **3rd July, 7:00 pm**, Christ Church Hall,
Darley Avenue.



Wildflower Seeds



We were successful in our request for some free wildflower seeds, but unfortunately we are no longer able to plant them in the area we had originally intended. We had permission to sow them along the riverbanks, however we have since been told that the grass in the area will easily outcompete them and they will not permanently establish themselves.

Therefore, we are giving away seeds to anyone who would like some to plant in their own gardens. If you are interested in getting some seeds just get in touch at contact@westdidscommunity.co.uk, or call 07396-177378



Children's photography competition

We're looking for a photo for the next newsletter. So, if you are aged 3-7 grab a camera, or a phone (don't forget to ask permission), and take a photo that shows what you love most about the estate, be it green spaces, wildlife, streets, football in the park, anything you like. The winning photo will be used on the front page of the next newsletter and the winner will receive 10 Julia Donaldson books.

Email your photo to contact@westdidscommunity.co.uk or post a copy to **8 Borrowdale Crescent** by the **13th August**. If posting, please include some contact information.



Work in Mersey Bank Park

As a result of the largely positive feedback from the community survey, we will be working to secure funding to provide edging for the young trees in Mersey Bank Park.

We will be applying for grants and possibly holding some fundraising events, but it may take a while to secure the amount of money required for the work.

To find out more about why edging is beneficial for young trees, go to the project description at www.westdidscommunity.co.uk/community.html

In the meantime, we will be holding an event to perform some interim maintenance by cutting away the long grass and weeds from the base of the trees and adding some mulch. We'll be doing this on **Saturday the 7th July from 2-4 pm**. All are welcome to come along and help.

We will also look to some work to the other end of the park (towards Riverbank Walk) next year. Any significant work will be subject to public consultation.

Due to the interest expressed by residents regarding the upkeep of the park, we are interested in starting a **Friends of Mersey Bank Park group**. If you are keen on preserving and maintaining the park for wildlife and residents alike, and want to get involved, please let us know.



The WDECG needs YOU!

We are actively seeking new members of the committee ahead of our AGM which is due to be held in September. The AGM will be a public meeting and the date will be advertised in the next newsletter. If you are passionate about working to provide the best for the residents of the estate, or just want some more information about what it is like to be on the committee please get in touch.