

The Grounds

The grounds are looking beautiful. Many thanks to everyone for filling the beds and tubs with beautiful bedding plants, shrubs and flowers.

Some residents spent a couple of sticky afternoons last week clearing the weeds, rubbish and leaf mould from the edge of the footpath at the entrance to Castle Hill Court. Thank you!

Earlier this summer the Leylandii hedge, behind Building C, was pruned by our neighbour at Cringlewood. The reduction has improved the natural light in the apartments in Building C.

The laurels, planted last autumn on the boundary between Castle Hill Court and Cringlewood, have thickened up and are now providing an attractive and sturdy hedge.



Access

The Board are exploring ways of providing a 'step free' footpath from the drive to the path around the green to provide easier access for visitors with push chairs or wheel chairs.



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Trees

For good estate management, and Health and Safety reasons, the Board has submitted an applications to Cheshire East Council for alterations to the Tree Preservation Order on the estate. The application process takes at least twelve weeks. If the application is granted, it will allow us to consider a number of options with residents, prior to the Board making its final decision.



However, until the Council has made a decision, which will be valid for two years, we cannot put forward a plan or do any further work on the trees.

To date no decision has been made about the trees other than fulfilling our duty to remove the dangerous trees. The Board will meet on the 1st of September to consider the options available to us. It is our intention to formulate a costed plan which we will share with all residents before any final decision is taken by the Board.

Projects

Last year the Board sent out a questionnaire to ask residents their views regarding a number of improvement project options.

The response from the residents confirmed that the following projects were priorities:

1. **To replace the soffits, gutters and fascias on Building C**
2. **To replace the tarmac on the hardstanding in front of the garages**
3. **To replace the rear entrance door and windows with double glazed units**

The Board have placed orders for project 1, which will commence in September, and project 3, which will commence in August.

In respect of project 2, the resurfacing of the hardstanding in front of the garages, Paul Burgess confirmed on the 15th July that a contract has been agreed, at a very competitive price, with Manchester Surfacing. The work will commence in early October. Thanks go to Simon Higginbottom, at number 18, for his assistance with the quote.

The rationale behind the order of work is to ensure the doors are fitted in what we hope will be the warmest and driest month!

Finance

The Board are pleased to confirm that the Bond target for 2018 of £25K has been achieved.



Dates

- **Dinner at The Bridge
4th August**
- **Board Meeting 1st
September**
- **AGM 21st September
7.00 Prestbury Village
Hall**