

# Lister Newsletter - late July 2020

*Coronavirus—stay safe, keep well, stay strong*

As this newsletter was being prepared, it looks like it will be mid-September before offices such as ours can re-open. Even when Lister is allowed to re-open we'll be introducing special protocols to promote the safe working and safe visiting of people to the office. We encourage everyone to continue to make contact by telephone and to make any rent payments by non-personal contact, e.g. direct debit, debit card machine (phoned in during office hours), bank transfer or standing order. Thank you.

We are re-starting our repairs and planned maintenance programmes now.

## IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE PROGRAMMES - MAIN SITE

To meet new higher standards set out by the Scottish Government, Lister has organised two programmes for our Main Site flats.

### 1. NEW FUSE-BOARD AND FULL-FLAT ELECTRIC CHECK

There is a new requirement that all social rented properties must have their electrics checked every 5 years. We have let a contract for this work to our local electricians, N Watt & Son.

At the same time they shall upgrade the consumer units (fuse-boards) and the new unit will comply with the latest electrical IEE regulations.

We are giving a batch of addresses at a time to the contractor so please await a letter from Lister and it will set out more details and how to arrange access.

### 2. UPGRADED SMOKE DETECTOR AND CO DETECTOR SYSTEM

We had run a contract for this work with the firm Primrose Jackson. We have ended this contract and the same work will continue with our local electrician, N Watt & Son. They will use the latest units from Aico, the specialist supplier - made in Eire.

We will write to those still to have this work done, in batches, as they come up with the fuse-board/check work.

## AGM - Tues 29 Sept

**The Management Committee continues to meet once a month using an electronic meeting program.**

**They have decided to hold the 2020 AGM on Tues 29 September 7.30pm**

**If permitted, we plan to hold this in a large local community hall on Lauriston Street - very local.**

**Otherwise we shall hold it electronically so people can attend from their own homes.**

**More information will be available in due course as Government guidance is issued.**

## Open letter

Attached is an Open Letter from Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning.

We have been asked to circulate this to all our tenants.

## Coronavirus- advice and information from Lister

As restrictions ease, we wish to give you guidance for the occasions when a Lister staff member or a contractor proposes to visit your home. This is for normal visits or repair work, not emergency work or gas safety checks.

1. If you suspect you have coronavirus/have tested positive for the virus please let us know and we shall reschedule the visit.
2. If you are self-isolating and are expecting a visit please contact the office or the contractor to discuss this proposed visit further.
3. You should be contacted on the day of the visit to confirm you are not in either of the two above situations.
4. Face masks will be worn by people entering your homes and if requested, shoe protection and gloves can be worn too.
5. Please ensure you keep 2m away from the visiting person to comply with social distancing recommendations.
6. Please leave internal doors open where possible to reduce the contact with door handles.
7. Please open windows to increase ventilation, if possible.
8. Please move to another room from where the contractor is, if possible.

We wish to re-start normal activities and maintenance programmes and seek your co-operation in doing these as safely as possible, to protect you and your family members, our contractors' workers and Lister staff members. Thanks.

### MAIN SITE KITCHEN PROGRAMME

This programme will be slightly delayed due to the Covid-19 situation however it is a priority to plan for it.

The Management Committee has decided that due to the importance of the electric safety check and smoke detector work, only those flats where this work is complete will be able to have their kitchens upgraded.

### BACK GREEN WASTE BINS

These bins are there to assist people help keep the back greens tidy - they are not for household rubbish or recycling.

Please do not use them for soil or debris or stones, etc., as these can be too heavy for the back and cause spillages when the bag is removed. Thank you.

## Feeling low, stressed, anxious or depressed?

### INFO on two services available:

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**There is a new One to One Peer Support service for this locality, offered by a charity, Health-in-mind, based in central Edinburgh. Visit [health-in-mind.org.uk](http://health-in-mind.org.uk) For more information.**

**To make contact ring 0131 225 8505 and ask for Jenny Green or email [jenny.green@health-in-mind.org.uk](mailto:jenny.green@health-in-mind.org.uk)**

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