

External Painting 2024-25

The Management Committee is pleased to announce that a contractor has been appointed to take forward the external painting, principally of windows and doors, on the Lister site, beginning with the Main Site this year and the New Site next.

The contractor is Bell Group Limited, and we anticipate that they will be

starting work in July.

We will be in contact with affected tenants to share more details in relation to the works, which will involve scaffolding being used, and in the meantime we are of course very grateful for any assistance that you are able to provide in terms of supporting the smooth de-

livery of this important piece of work to protect and improve our homes.



Energy Advice Service Funding

We are very pleased to advise that, together with local partner Social Landlords within the ARCHIE Group, we have been successful in obtaining a further 2 years of funding!

The funding comes from the Energy Redress scheme, which is administered by the Energy Saving Trust, and works to distribute funds to deliver energy related projects that meet the scheme priorities and benefit people in England, Scotland and Wales and will support us to continue to provide all our tenants with access to our shared Energy Advice Service!

The Energy Advice Officers, Kenny and Katie, can still be contacted in

the usual way via:

energy@harbour.scot

or via a member of the Lister staff team.

If you are experiencing issues with energy debt, prepayment top ups, energy tariffs, any other energy related issue, or simply need energy advice, please get in touch.



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Annual General Meeting

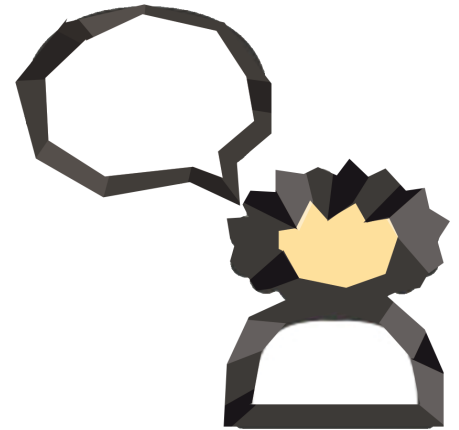


This year's AGM, which all Lister tenants and members are invited to, will take place at 7.30pm on **WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2024**.

We have once again this year hired the Lauriston Hall at 28 Lauriston Street for the AGM. This is the community hall of the adjacent church and has been used for years for ceilidhs, weddings and other such events.

All tenants are encouraged to attend the AGM, or send a Proxy if you cannot attend in person on the evening. This is a useful option as it gives your vote to someone else and also allows for your name to be counted in the attendance and quorum requirements.

More details on the AGM will follow.



Management Committee Update

Lister is a tenant-led Co-operative, which means that the work we do on behalf of our tenants is overseen by our Management Committee.

The Management Committee is made up entirely of Lister tenants, all of whom volunteer to give up their time to attend meetings, training etc.

Committee membership is a responsible role, and each Management Committee Member has agreed to uphold Lister's Code of Conduct for Management Committee members, which all Committee members sign annually.

Each year there are vacancies on the Management Committee, and any member of the Co-operative can stand for the Management Committee, or nominate another member who wishes to stand.

Every tenant of Lister whose name is on their tenancy agreement is a member of the Co-operative. You cannot nominate yourself, another Lister tenant must do this.

Further details will follow in relation to standing for election to the Committee at this year's AGM, but in the meantime, if you are interested in standing for election,

or you wish to know more about being on the Committee, and the role of Committee Members, please contact the Lister office.





Coming Soon- Housing Perks

Exciting news on potential upcoming savings for Lister tenants!

Lister is teaming up with 6 other Scottish Housing Co-operatives to access a digital shopping voucher scheme which will be available to all our tenants and their households, and which will offer discounts, cash-back and free items from over 100 national retailers, with a focus on the everyday essentials.

The scheme will be run by a company called Housing Perks, and the discounts are not available to the general public, but have been specially negotiated to be available to participating tenants.

Discounts range between 4% - 18%, and people can typically save £6-£12 per week on their essentials, which over time can add up significantly.

Of course participation in the scheme will be entirely voluntary. We are working on finalising our participation in the scheme, and we will be back in touch soon with more information about the scheme, and how you can get involved if you want to.



Gardens Updates



We recently asked specialist tree surgeons to conduct a survey of the trees on our site. That work has now

been completed, and whilst the tree surgeons found that overall our trees are in a fair general condition, they also advised that cherry trees, which make up the majority of the trees, are a relatively short-lived species, and many of our trees are reaching the end of their useful life expectancy.

The tree surgeons have recommended that a planting plan should be put in place so that there are new trees coming through to replace older trees that reach the end of their

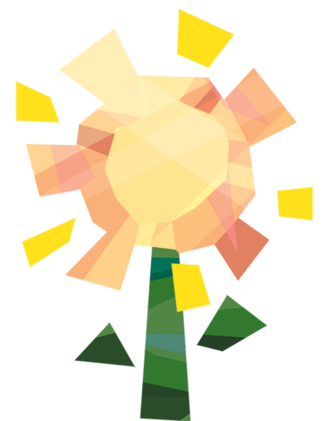
life expectancy over the next 10-20 years. The Management Committee proposes starting that process by planting new trees in front gardens along Lauriston Place.

We will be in touch with affected tenants directly, on behalf of the Management Committee, in order to consult with them in more detail in relation to the proposals for planting new trees in front gardens.

More generally, now that the summer growing season is well underway, you may see some new faces in the Lister gardens, alongside our Gardener, Sam. This is because the Management Committee has decided to apply an additional specialist resource to the gardens, on a temporary basis, to support Sam to manage

the gardens as they burst into life, particularly after periods mixed with heavy rainfall and some rare but welcome Scottish sun!

These gardeners will be onsite for approximately 1 day every 2 weeks during this period, and the Management Committee hopes that they will support Sam to manage our outdoor spaces during this busy period.





Unwanted Furniture/ Bulky Waste Items

If you have items of unwanted furniture or bulky waste items that you would like to get rid of, and which are too large to be disposed of in the usual way, please remember that these cannot be left stored in common areas of Lister flats, as they pose a fire risk and block access for others.

Options in this case include either donating your items, or requesting a collection of household bulky waste items by the City of Edinburgh Council.

If you request a collection by the Council there is a charge of £5 for each individual item uplifted, but you don't need to pay if you or a member of the household receive Council Tax reduction.

Further information on the bulky waste collection scheme, including further information on how to book an uplift can be found on the Council's website:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/bulkywaste>



Welfare and Debt Advice

Lister continues to offer all our tenants referrals to free, independent welfare rights and debt advice services.

If you think that you might benefit from either of these confidential services, or would simply like some more information, please contact a member of the team, we would be happy to help.



Gardens and Outdoor Spaces

To ensure that the gardens can be enjoyed by all, the following are not permitted:

- Football
- Dog walking
- Barbecues (without prior agreement)

Please also remember to use the garden litter bins provided, or to recycle if possible.

When using street bins please remember to place rubbish in the bins and not bagged next to them.

Dealing With Blocked Sinks

If you have a blocked sink in your home please do not try to clear it using chemicals.

Please contact us to let us know and we can ask our plumbers to attend in order to clear this.

