

## Your Housing Perks!

Lister has worked in partnership with other Housing Co-operative RSLs to offer our tenants and their households access to a money saving app called "Housing Perks". The app is now available to all tenants who would like to use it!



Housing Perks is a mobile phone app, which offers discounts, cash-back and free items from over 100 national retailers, with a focus on the everyday essentials such as gro-

ceries, petrol and clothing. The app was set up with the aim of helping tenants with the rising cost of living.

Use of the app is of course voluntary. If you do choose to use it, no personal information is shared with Housing Perks, you simply sign up using your unique code, (see the letter included with this newsletter) using a smart phone, and the only other information passed over is your mobile phone number.

The vouchers that you will receive are designed to work best on a smartphone but all the voucher codes for the participating retailers

can be printed off and used normally. For online shopping you just need the code on the voucher which can be emailed to you.

Because we have worked jointly with other Housing Co-operative RSLs on this, the cost to Lister for offering Housing Perks to our tenants is greatly reduced (only £181 this year!), and the potential savings for our tenants on the purchase of everyday essentials could be significant.

**Welcome to Your Housing Perks!**

### A Few Participating Retailers

There are a very large number of Retailers already signed up to Housing Perks, with more coming soon. Here are just a few of those retailers currently offering discounts:

B&M	Sainsbury's	Iceland	Primark
Asda	Morrisons	Boots	WH Smith
Greggs	Currys	TK Maxx	B&Q
Screwfix	Lidl (soon)	Halfords	Tesco
M&S	Waitrose	Aldi	Ikea
Asos	Cineworld	Asos	Costa

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# AGM 2024

This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was once again held in the Lauriston Hall, which is a spacious Hall situated very close to our community, on Lauriston Street.

We were very pleased to welcome 32 tenant members, a slight increase on last year (and thanks also to those people who sent in a proxy form this year).

People were able to gather socially and meet with friends and neighbours. Refreshments were also on

offer, and after the formal business a raffle was held, and prizes were won by new and long-standing tenants - well done to the winners.

At the AGM, there were no new people standing for election to the Management Committee this year, but 4 members of the Committee were re-standing, and were re-elected without the need for a vote, as there were more vacant places than people standing.

They re-elected Management Com-

mittee members were Lucy Bald, Susan Baxter, Joanna Dydak and Jacqueline Leith.



The 2024 Lister AGM

## Management Committee 2024-2025

At the first Management Committee meeting after the AGM, the Office-Bearers for this year were elected and they are as follows:

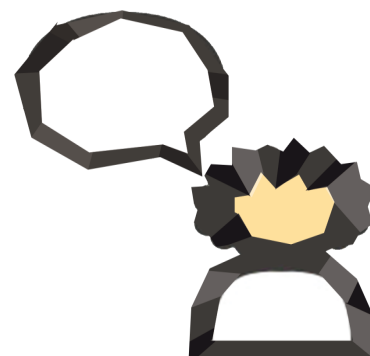
Chair: Louise Alexander

Secretary: Jennifer McCuaig

Treasurer: Angus McDonald

Following the AGM, the Committee for 24-25 is as follows:

Louise Alexander, Angus McDonald, Colleen Littlewood, Jean-Luc Addams, Lucille Bald, Susan Baxter, Joanna Dydak, Carol Goodwin, Jacque Leith, Jennifer McCuaig, Jennie Renton.



## Your Committee/ Your Co-op

Although Management Committee elections only take place once a year, our Management Committee is able to co-opt new members between AGMs, should it decide to. Co-opted members are able to serve as Management Committee

members in the same was as the rest of the Management Committee (subject to certain minor restrictions) until the next AGM.

If you are interested in supporting your Co-operative community by joining the Management

Committee, and would like more information, please contact the Lister Office, we would be happy to discuss.





# Lister Advice and Support



We are able to offer lots of help and support to our tenants, via our free advice and support services.

Please remember that these services are not just for other people. They are there for you if you need them, and we would encourage you to contact them if that is the case.

If you would like support accessing any of the services on offer below please let the staff team know, we would be happy to assist.

## Welfare Rights

Lister has teamed up with one of our local Housing Association Partners, Harbour Homes (Formerly known as Port of Leith Housing Association), to offer free Welfare Benefits advice to our tenants.

If you are interested in this service please contact Fiona Dodds, our Housing Assistant for further information.



## Debt Advice

We offer a free, independent debt advice service for our tenants, which is provided confidentially by the Community Help and Advice Initiative (CHAI).

If you are interested in accessing this service please contact the office. However, if you prefer to self-refer you can contact CHAI direct by calling them on 0131 442 2100, or by email: [chai@chaiedinburgh.org.uk](mailto:chai@chaiedinburgh.org.uk)



## Energy Advice

As reported in our last Newsletter, we are very pleased to have successfully obtained a further 2 years of external funding for our shared Energy Advice service, to support tenants with any energy or utility issues they are experiencing.

If you would like some help in this area, you can make contact with the service directly:

[energy@harbour.scot](mailto:energy@harbour.scot)

or via a member of the Lister staff team.

# City of Edinburgh Council Advice



The cost of Living crisis continues to have an impact, and to support Edinburgh residents during this time, The City

of Edinburgh Council has created web pages which are full of useful guidance, information and

links for support if anyone is struggling. The pages include guidance and advice on:

- Money worries
- Food support
- School meals and clothing grants
- Welfare funds
- Benefits advice

- Housing and homelessness

The Website can be found here:

[www.edinburgh.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/costofliving)



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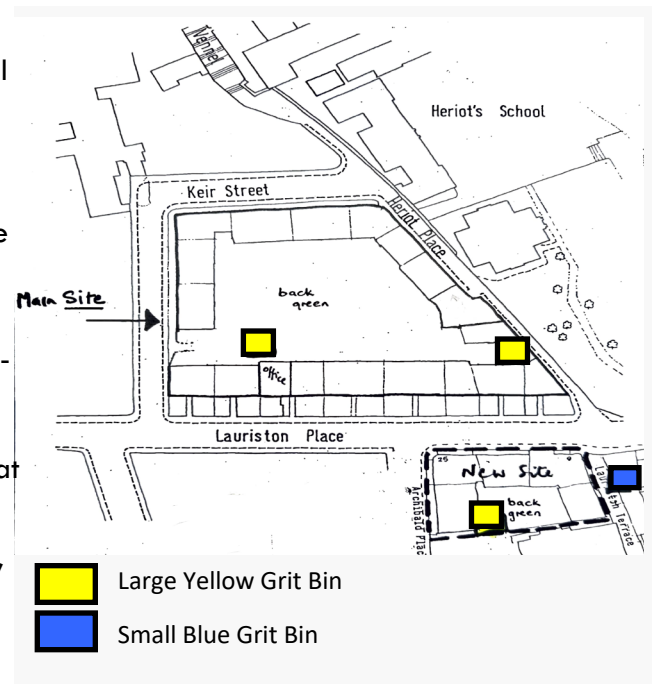
## Access to Grit Bins In Winter

As we move from Autumn towards winter, and colder, frostier weather, we are re-commencing the trial of the grit bins at several locations on the Lister site.

These grit bins are accessible for all tenants and residents to grit their paths, stairs or other outdoor areas in the event of colder weather, should they wish. 4 grit bins are being placed around the Lister site over the winter months (see plan).

Lister will keep these grit bins topped up with grit or salt over the winter months, for tenants to access and use should they wish. However, unfortunately Lister will not be able to do the gritting, due in part to resource limitations, as the staff team is not always on site, and of course also because it is not always possible to predict what will happen with the weather.

The bins will be removed and stored during the non-winter months, and in the meantime the Management Committee hopes that having access to these grit bins during winter will be of assistance to our tenants.



## Cellar Clearing

A reminder to all tenants to please ensure that stairs and cellars are to be kept clear in the interests of Health & Safety.

Please review, and remove/ dispose of any items belonging to you which have been placed in these areas.

## Bins

Please ensure that you use the litter bins that are allocated to your flat, and that you place all rubbish **inside** the bins, rather than leaving items on the street beside the bins. Rubbish or other items left in the street can impact others, by attracting mice and other vermin.

Please do your part to keep our environment clean and safe.

## Silicone Seals

When the silicone seals around baths and showers fail, this can cause significant water damage if the silicone is not re-done quickly.

Please take a minute to check the silicone seals around your baths and showers. If the silicone looks damaged please let us know and we will arrange for our plumber to attend to get this sorted for you.

## Garden Areas

Just a reminder that, for the benefit of the whole community, dogs and ball games are not permitted in the garden areas.

## Maintenance Surveys

If you receive a survey asking for your feedback at the same time as our contractors do some work for you, please take a minute to complete this, and drop it back to us.

Your feedback helps us to keep the services that we provide under review.

