

Housing Perks

Our Housing Perks digital voucher scheme is available to all our tenants and their households. The scheme offers discounts, cashback and free items from over 100 national retailers, with a focus on the everyday essentials.

If you want to participate in the scheme you can do so by download-

ing the free to use mobile app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play store, entering your unique code, and getting access to discounts, cashback and free items instantly. The app offers discounts ranging between 4%-18%, and you can typically save £6-£12 per week on essentials. Over time those savings can add up significantly.

If you are interested in using Housing Perks vouchers, and no longer have access to your code (which was distributed previously) please contact the office and we will help you get up and running.



Gardens and Trees

As many of you will know, our Gardener Sam moved on from his role at Lister at the end of last year, and since that time, we have been supported in managing our gardens by the specialist gardening contractors (Harburn Estates) who started working with us last year.

The Committee is planning to review the management of our gardens and green spaces at the end of this year's growing season, and in the meantime would love to hear from any tenants who might be keen to get involved in helping with the upkeep of our gardens, or simply with any thoughts on how we can manage the gardens moving forward.

If you would be interested in getting

involved, or simply have some feedback to share with the Committee, please contact the office.

The Committee also previously consulted on the planting of new trees in the front gardens of Lauriston 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. With thanks to those tenants who took the time to feedback, the Committee proposes that new trees should be planted in Lauriston Place front gardens in the Autumn, and we will communicate with affected tenants with further details on that before then.

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Annual General Meeting

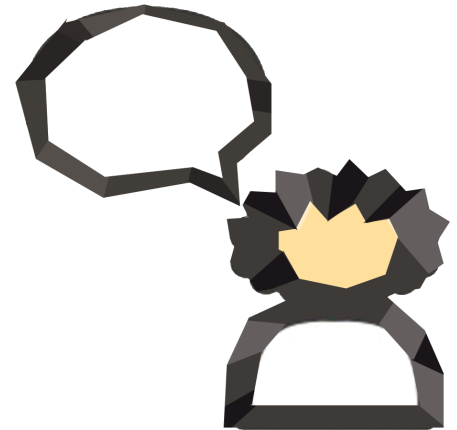


This year's AGM, which all Lister tenants and members are invited to, will take place at 7.30pm on **WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2025**.

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





Maintenance Updates

It has been a busy time for maintenance work in Lister!

The external painting contract is ongoing, and whilst progress has been delayed, more recently due both to contractor resource issues, and also a need to discuss and agree additional repairs/ putty works, work is now back underway. Where there have been periods of inactivity due eg to contractors being offsite, which have resulted in scaffolding not being used, Lister will not be

charged for this.

There is also scaffolding up in Heriot Place where window replacements are underway, and good progress is being made with this work.

In relation to the planned structural works to the tenement at 12 Keir Street we have been able to take advantage of the scaffolding being up there for specialist surveyors to conduct a detailed survey of the building which will sup-

port the tendering process to appoint a contractor to take forward this work.

Finally, it is business as usual in terms of ongoing maintenance, and also important ongoing programmes of electrical, gas and water tank inspections.

We are grateful to all tenants who have accommodated all of these works to improve and maintain our buildings, as they have progressed.

Video Doorbells in Lister

Video front doorbells are becoming increasingly popular, and whilst of course they can bring benefits for those using them, it is also important that Lister has a clear and consistent approach in place for these, where tenants wish to install them moving forward.

Following professional advice on best practice, our Management Committee has decided that in future where any tenant proposes installing a video doorbell, or similar CCTV device, this will be regarded as a proposed tenant alteration to their property, and it will be necessary therefore to seek Lister's approval for the alteration, in the same way as for any other tenant alteration.

This process will only apply to future proposed installations of video doorbells, and would not be applied to any video doorbells which are already in place.

In terms of the responsibilities for managing the data collected by any video doorbell or similar CCTV device, it is for the individual tenant to ensure that they are complying with relevant law and guidance.

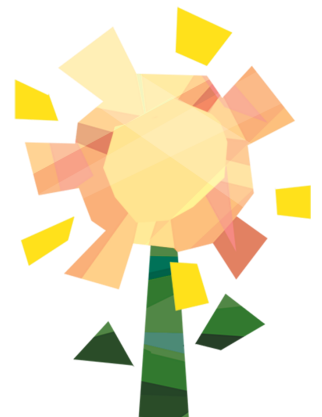
The Information Commissioner provides guidance on Domestic CCTV systems, which can be found at:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-the-public/home-cctv-systems/>

The Information Commissioner also

provides a no cost complaints service, where a member of the public has a concern about someone else's use of video doorbells, and they have not been able to resolve it directly with them.

If you are looking to install a new video doorbell in your home please let the office know, and we will assist you with the alteration request process.





Lister's 50th Anniversary

As mentioned in the previous Newsletter, Lister will be marking its 50th Anniversary next year!

The Management Committee proposes setting up an Anniversary Group involving Committee members and other tenants to plan and co-ordinate our plans in relation to the anniversary.

If you would be keen to be involved in the Group, or if you simply want to share ideas, stories or anecdotes from Lister's history, the Committee would love to hear from you.

If that's the case, please contact the office to let us know.

Age Concern Crisis Vouchers

Age Scotland has partnered with SGN to offer support to older people struggling to pay for food or fuel costs.

Those aged 50 and over who are in crisis can call Age Concern's free national helpline on

0800 12 44 222

And they may be entitled to a £30 credit towards food and fuel costs, as well as energy and income maximisation advice and signposting towards other sources of support.

Staffing Updates

As already mentioned, our Gardener, Sam McGillivray, moved on from his post with Lister at the end of 2024.

Our long-serving Housing Officer, Mark Stolarek, has also advised that he will be leaving his post at Lister, at the end of August.

Mark has been with Lister since 2007, and we wish him all the best as he moves on from Lister to a very well-earned rest!

Recruitment of a new Housing officer is ongoing and we will of course keep you updated on progress.

Welfare, Debt, Energy Advice

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

If you think that you might benefit from any 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, please remember that Ball games are not allowed, due to the risk of damage to window panes, grass and shrubs, and the hazard to other users.

Dog walking and Barbecues (without prior agreement) are also not permitted.

Please also remember to use the garden litter bins, or to recycle if possible. When using street bins please place rubbish in the bins and not bagged next to them.

Blocked Sinks and Toilets

Our plumbers are happy to help with blocked sinks and toilets, but please remember that this costs our whole community money (£1,500 during one 3 month period!). Often these issues can be avoided, for example by not putting wipes etc down toilets, and by not putting oil/ fat down sinks.

Please help the whole Lister community by being careful with what you put down your sinks and toilets!