

The Blenheim BULLETIN

JUNE 2015



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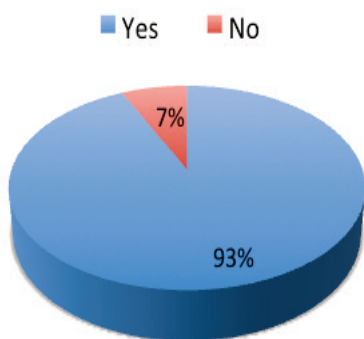
As you will be aware, the Blenheim Gardens Resident Management Organisation recently held its 5 year continuation ballot. Our Management Agreement with London Borough of Lambeth dictates that we give you, our community, the opportunity to have a say

on what you think of how the RMO is doing in terms of providing local services to our community. We are delighted to say that you have given us your support to continue to provide housing management services. This newsletter gives you the results of our ballot. Our

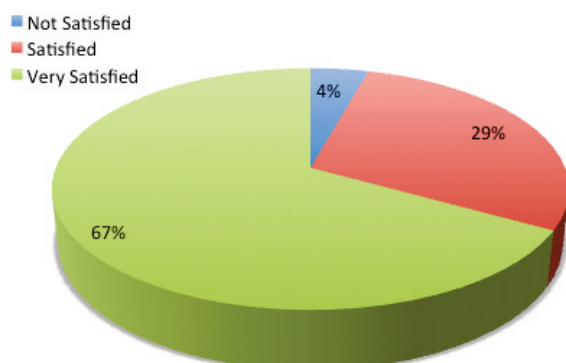
Management Agreement states that we must consult all introductory and secure tenants as well as all leaseholders. These results are combined below. The RMO also requested feedback from estate homeowners and this is also listed below.

Tenants & Leaseholders

Are you in favour of BGRMO continuing to provide services to the Blenheim Gardens Estate?

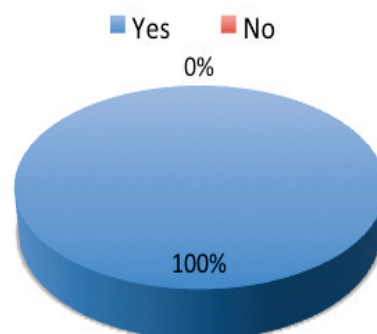


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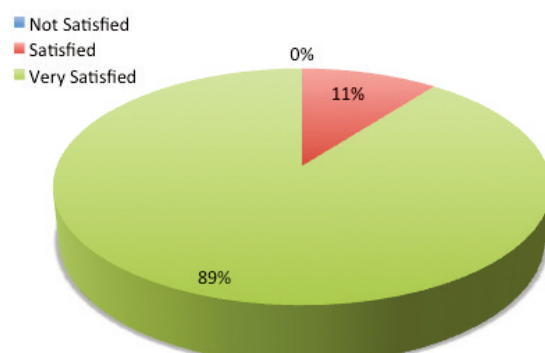


Owner Occupiers

Are you in favour of BGRMO continuing to provide services to the Blenheim Gardens Estate?



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The ballot was carried out by Open Communities Ltd, an independent organisation with experience in conducting community based ballots.

Blenheim Gardens Resident Management Organisation

Lambeth living – is dead!...

On Friday 26 June Lambeth Council's contract with Lambeth Living will come to an end after seven years. The council will take back responsibility for managing council homes and Lambeth Living staff will transfer back to the council to continue providing services to non-TMO managed estates.

Over the last few months' the council have been consulting residents to find out what you would like to see change in housing management so that the Council can make the most of this opportunity to deliver the service that you want and deserve.

There were three key themes that came out of this consultation and I'm writing to let you know what these were. These are the main issues the council will focus on improving as we take back responsibility for managing the housing management service.

1. **Improving links to other services**
2. **Communication and resident engagement**
3. **Giving residents more control**

If you have any questions, please contact
communications@lambeth.gov.uk

Useful telephone numbers:

- **Estate office –**
020 7926 0158
- **KnK – out of hours**
emergency repairs service -
020 8646 9100
- **Smith and Byford –**
Gas servicing and repairs -
020 8722 3425
- **Pestokill –**
0800 2889 911
- **Lambeth Council –**
020 7926 1000
- **Housing Benefit –**
0345 302 2312

FREE internet access

Free internet access and the use of a Laptop is available from the Community Hub

**Please contact the RMO
office on 020 7926 0158 to
reserve a time slot**



Fun for Under 5s

At Holmewood at the Windmill 1 o'clock club we have lots of activities for you and your child to enjoy together over the summer what ever the weather. There is a large outdoor area with the focus on learning through play; we have qualified early years practitioner's on hand to answer any questions you may have about your child's development and to offer ideas and activities for you to try out at home so why not pop along, our sessions times are

- **Tuesday 9.30-11.30 1.00-3.00 stay & play**
- **Wednesday 1.00-3.00 stay & play**
- **Thursday 10.00-12.00 Little Growers gardening club**
- **Thursday 1.30-3.00 Chatterbox, with the focus on communication and language**

The above sessions are open all year round.

First Saturday of the month we have our dads and families day 10.00-12.00

We will close for our summer break on 17th August – 31st August Treehouse & Jubilee Children Centre have many more activities happening over the summer so please do check us out.

**For more information call Alison on 020 8674 3440
or Charlotte on 020 8678 9160**

Lambeth Housing Standard ramification works

The RMO is pleased to confirm that we have agreed a strategy with Lambeth Living and Lambeth Council to rectify the outstanding and poor quality of work completed by Wate's under the Lambeth Housing Standard.

Residents who had works undertaken by Wate's have been sent a letter confirming the plan of action and inspections are due to commence the week commencing 15th June 2015. The project team will be co-managed by a RMOs

representative, Lambeth Council, Lambeth Living and a sub contractor on a equal partnership basis. The project is due to be completed by October 2015. Unfortunately, the scope of the project will mean that a further inspection of your home is

required but unlike with the previous inspections, you will be provided a work start date if outstanding works are identified.

To book an inspection please contact

Lambeth Living: Henry Otu
Tel No: 020 7926 3988



Mature residents coffee morning – all change!

The mature residents coffee morning has changed day. As from 29th June 2015, the coffee morning will be hosted on a Monday between 11 am – 1 pm and not on a Wednesday. The venue will still be 23 Prague Place, SW2 5ED and the coffee and biscuits are still FREE of charge!

Volunteers and donations required!

The RMO in Partnership with 'Progress' and 'Build-It' are overhauling the former organic gardens situated between Blenheim Gardens and Ramilles Close.

The work is due to start during June and expert community Gardener, Simon Gharthey, is leading on the project. The project requires volunteers and donations to support the project and to maintain the gardens in the future.

If you are able to volunteer sometime to the project, please contact the estate office on 020 7926 0158 or email blenheimgardens@lambeth.gov.uk

If you are able to donate to the project, railway sleepers and lots of soil are required, please contact Simon on Tel: 0753 307 6334 or email progress.g@googlemail.com

Any donations will be warmly received

A Day trip to Brighton

The Clapham Youth Centre, in Partnership with BGRMO, is offering mature residents a trip to Brighton on Wednesday 24th June 2015. The trip costs just £5.00 and residents will travel by mini bus. You will need to book your place in advance and this trip is offered on a first come, first served, basis.



THE 'BIG CAMP'



Watch Out! I am coming through a letter box near you this summer! there will be more for young Blenheim residents to do than ever. **WHY?** Because the 'BiG CamP' is in Blenheim for the whole of the summer holidays.

Who Am I? The 'BiG CamP' is a new programme that offers young residents the opportunity to experience some exiting activities this summer.

When? The 'BiG CamP' will begin from **Monday, 20 July** through to Friday 21 August 2015. We are offering 3 hours scheduled daily sessions of activities, 5 days a week throughout the Summer Holidays.

Then we have the 'BiG Finale' at the end of the 'BiG CamP'. This is when young Lambeth residents from 6 estates, who have also enjoyed 'BiG CamP' activities on their estates will come together.

The 'BiG Finale', an exhibition and stage show, will happen on Tuesday 25 August. This is when we can come out in our frocks and black bow ties to celebrate the achievement of our Young residents in 'STYLE';

The day when Young residents from 6 estates will come together in one community space, a prestigious local venue in Brixton, to showcase their achievements and perform

their new talents of creative arts to the community.

Who can come? Any young person aged between 7 to 16 years.

STUDY SUPPORT



Our extra-study support in literacy, numeracy and science is just the 'icing on the cake' for young residents after their long day at school.

Why? Because they 'love it'; it's an extra boost in their confidence. We learn together in a very friendly environment where the class size is about 1 adult to five children and, guess what? **IT IS FREE!**

Who Can Come? You have to be in school year 3 to 8 and your parent/s or carers have to agree for you to come.

This year has been an amazing year for young residents at Study Support. Sadly we will close for the summer, from 16 July 2015 but hey, not to worry, because, we are back again from September!

Want to Register? Simply fill in a very simple application form which you can collect from:

Blenheim Gardens RMO Office, 24 Prague Place, Blenheim Gardens Estate, SW2 5ED

FOOTBALL @ BLENHEIM



It has almost been a year since the Blenheim Gardens football training session was resurrected; thanks to the young people who played in the Windmill Tournament last year.

This year, we are back again to the very place where it started, the Windmill Park.



A lot has happen over the last 12 months; the team has played in a number of tournaments including the ASDA Challenge at the Millwall FC home ground. Well done Lads!

We train at the Windmill Park every Thursday, from 5pm to 7pm. To register, fill in a application form which you can collect from the RMO office.

For more Info please contact Christian Johnson on 07706179851 or Miss Williamson on 07984337812 or email community7@cefl.org.uk

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