

## **WOLLATON EAST & LENTON ABBEY WARD COUNCILLORS' MONTHLY UPDATE MAY 2018**

It has been a busy month. Our latest ward walk with Council officers covered parts of Orston Drive, Calver Close, Harby Drive and Orston Spinney in Wollaton Park Estate.

### **Restructuring Neighbourhood Management**

Because of continued pressures on the Council to reduce costs, the Neighbourhood team has been restructured, leading to the loss of four Neighbourhood Development Officer posts across the City. The restructure has also taken into account the Ward Boundary changes which were announced earlier in the year. This means that, in future we will be sharing an NDO with the Dunkirk and Lenton Ward, in preparation for the merger of the wards next year. Very unfortunately this means that Pauline Dorey will be leaving us shortly, and we believe many residents would share our appreciation and thanks for all her hard work in WELA over the last few years.

### **Lenton Abbey Fun Day**

Preparations are progressing for the Annual Fun Day which takes place on 7<sup>th</sup> July on Lenton Abbey Park. If you would like to get involved, and help on the day, all volunteers will be very welcome. Please get in touch.

### **Consultation on Additional Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)**

You'll be aware that in recent years we've worked hard, with the Council to maintain a good balance of housing in the ward and to improve the standards of private rented housing, especially HMOs. Licensing has been a key part of the council's strategy to regulate the activities of landlords, inspect standards of HMOs and ultimately gain more powers so that the worst rogue landlords have their license revoked. The current arrangements expire in December 2018.

A new scheme is proposed from January 2019 and we have ensured that parts of our area are included in the scheme. It's important that you have your say on the proposals so that licensing of HMOs continues in the future. We believe that licensing improves standards for tenants and more generally for the local area. Please read more and complete the consultation survey here:

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/housing/private-sector-housing/houses-in-multiple-occupation-hmo/houses-in-multiple-occupation-hmos/>

### **Epicormic Growth Middleton Boulevard**

The growth around the base of trees on Middleton Boulevard causes concern to drivers pulling out of the side roads every year. The standard Council procedure is to do one cut each year. This year we have used some of our ward budget to have an extra cut, so the trees have just been done, earlier than the norm. There will be another cut later in the year.

### **Fly-tipping and the Free Bulky Waste Collection**

We are concerned that there has been a recent rise in the number of fly tips around Wollaton Park Estate. There is no need to fly tip as the Council will take away bulky items for free, they can be booked online here:

<https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/bin-and-rubbish-collections/request-a-collection-of-bulky-items/>.

If you think a neighbour might need advice we can ask our Community Protection Officer to call to help, please get in touch.

### **Planting Lenton Abbey**

At the end of the month our community planting project to perk up the green spaces at Hathern Green, Bosley Square and Enderby Square in Lenton Abbey has been completed with help from local volunteers. Thanks to those who helped out.

### **Wollaton Festival**

All residents should have received a copy of the Wollaton Festival leaflet through their letterbox, with events planned from 23 June to 8 July. If you wish to attend any workshops it is really important to

book ahead. We've worked with the Steering Committee to widen the remit of the festival to include more locations such as St Mary's Church Hall and the Shelia Roper Community Centre.

### **Lenton Abbey Park**

You may have noticed that the works to stop travellers accessing the Park, as they did last year, have been completed, with a set of "dragon's teeth" bollards installed. Painting of the railings has also been taking place which we are funding from the local ward budget.

### **Crime Update**

You may have heard that crime figures are up across the City. We would like to reassure you that WELA residents are very unlikely to be the victims of crime, however what crime occurs is often because of opportunist theft. There has been a spate of burglaries locally so please make sure you lock your doors, be sensible about leaving downstairs windows open and lock cars and secure bikes.

### **Our responsibilities**

We have both been re-appointed as Portfolio Holders at the recent Council AGM. Our responsibilities have changed. Sam is now responsible for Adult Social Care and Health and Sally is responsible for Energy and Environment. If you would like to talk about any issues relating to our Portfolios please come along to our surgeries.

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