



## Meadowfield, Lady Nairne and Paisley Community Newsletter

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**Unlike last year, we have had an excellent** start to the spring after a very mild, if wet, winter. Let us hope that it continues.

P C Derek O'Hara, at the Christmas meeting said that there had been several instances of house-breaking in the area and that taxis were still being targeted. He said that he would contact the Traffic Department re parking on double yellow lines and on the pavement. P C Patrycja Dabrowska informed the March meeting that there were still some cases of house-breaking and that two youths had been caught breaking into sheds. It was pointed out to her that there had been some cases of wilful vandalism to cars.

We have got new double yellow lines on the corner of Paisley Drive and Avenue. It is thought that they do not extend far enough. Drivers are still blithely parking on the corner. As the Residents Association now has to pay for the use of Parsons Green School for its general meetings, the chairman and treasurer are looking into applying for a grant to cover running costs.



### Recycling

**We would not normally wish to get involved** in the matter of waste disposal, but there does seem to be some misunderstanding as to what can and cannot be recycled, or why we should bother to recycle.

1. *Why should we recycle?* You may think that the rates are high enough as it is and that any recycling should be done at the Council depot. That is as may be, but it costs more than £100 per ton to send rubbish to landfill. As most of this sum goes towards a landfill tax, the cost will continue to rise year after year.
2. *Plastic bottles.* We are asked to remove the tops from plastic bottles before putting them out with the cardboard. The Council only recycles plastic bottles as these are in high demand and can be recycled easily. Yoghurt tubs, microwavable trays and fruit punnets are of a different type of plastic that cannot be easily recycled.
3. *Tins and glass bottles.* These should be rinsed before being put out with the paper. Unwashed bottles will make your red and blue bins smell.
4. *Box covers.* If you have lost the grey covers which were initially issued with the blue and red boxes you can obtain new blue ones from any public library free of charge. These are more durable than the originals. After some of the February storms you will appreciate the reasons for covering your boxes.
5. *Food Waste.* One big advantage of recycling your food waste is that the green bins no longer start to smell in the summer months. This is more important when it comes to shared bins; think of your neighbours. You may, of course, use ordinary plastic bags to line your kitchen caddy. But think of it in this way; would you really want to be the person emptying the bags at the other end, even if this is done by machine and not by hand? Bio-degradable bags can be bought from the libraries at £1 per roll.
6. *Brown bins.* The gardening season has started and brown bins are being emptied on a fortnightly basis. If you put anything else in your brown bin it will not be emptied.
7. *Red and blue box calendars.* These will not be delivered by post this year. However, paper copies can be had by calling: (0131) 529 3030 or by e-mailing: [waste@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:waste@edinburgh.gov.uk).



At the March general meeting traffic slowing methods were discussed. It was felt that speed bumps did little to slow traffic, but only damaged the springs of vehicles. The use of chicanes in Paisley Crescent did very little and a large pot plant at the side of the road would just as effective. The matter of there being no warning lights for the school/nursery was also raised.

### Area Board

**At a meeting of the Area Board on 4<sup>th</sup> March** it was agreed to renew the railings of the sheltered housing in Lady Nairne Crescent. This had been held over from the 2013/14 financial year at the Chairman's request. It was also agreed to look into ways of fixing the area between Meadowfield Drive Gardens and Drive as cheaply as possible.

### Walkabout – April 2014

**The first 'walkabout' of the year took place** on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. We were joined on this occasion by representatives of the Council's Housing, Roads and Forestry Departments.

We concentrated on the state of the road and pavements on Ulster Crescent and on some of the trees overlooking the crescent from Meadowfield Park. These items were to be looked into. It seems unlikely that the chicane in Paisley Drive will be removed.

Some trees on Meadowfield Avenue which have been blocking light from a street light will be trimmed.

The unsightly condition of the area between Meadowfield Drive and Gardens will be cleaned up and the brick replaced on the 'stairs to Nowhere'.

### Competition

On the first page there is a photograph courtesy of Messrs Google, showing a grossly under-utilised part of our neighbourhood. Apart from drying areas which take up only a small part, this is public land which is not being used.

So, thinking caps on. What could we do with it? Should it be put down to vegetables? How many tiny bungalows could be built on it?

We will ask the Council to name the space after the winner. So, you might go down in posterity. We will have another similar competition in your next newsletter

### Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April **NP Safety Sub-Committee**, 14.00 Northfield Community Centre.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May **Area Board**, 14.00 Northfield Community Centre.

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June **General Meeting**, 19.00, Parsons Green Primary School.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June **Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council** 18.30, Northfield C C.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June **Walkabout**, 14.00, outside shops in Lady Nairne Place

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July **Walkabout**, 14.00, outside shops in Lady Nairne Place

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September **Annual General Meeting**, 19.00, Parsons Green Primary School (prov.)

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October **Walkabout**, 14.00, outside shops in Lady Nairne Place

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September **Northfield & Willowbrae Community Council** 18.30, Northfield C C.

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