

MRA NEWSLETTER

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GREETINGS TO EVERYONE ON THE MOORLANDS ESTATE FROM MOORLAND RESIDENT ASSOCIATION



We hope you are all staying safe and positive in this time of uncertainty. Your residents committee - as well as dealing with the impact of the COVID crisis on their own lives - have been compiling information to best help serve and help those who have fallen on tough times as well as keeping the team safe. Here is a brief run-down of activities.

METROPOLITIAN THAMES VALLEY HOUSING (MTVH)

We have been contacting MTVH to ensure there is a point of contact for your queries.

There have been significant changes within MTVH's management structure. There is a new housing officer, Richard Laidlaw, and a new housing manager, Lindsay Mortimer. Valerie White no longer covers Moorlands Estate, and Sarfraz Hussein has moved on to other employment outside of MTVH. Richard Laidlaw has been contacting residents to introduce himself by phone so please raise your housing concerns with him or by contacting MTVH on 020 3535 3535 or by the online portal at https://mtvh.online/

MTVH are starting to book repairs and there is likely to be a backlog due to COVID. Emergency repairs are still being dealt with as urgent (please keep the reference number handy for any follow-up calls).

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD

Our chair attended the safer neighborhood meeting at Brixton police station to express the concerns of crime and antisocial behavior on the Moorlands.

Firstly, it was clear the officers have limited resources and cover the whole of the Coldharbour ward which is a vast area. With this being said they were aware of quite a few incidents in and around the Moorlands. These issues are being tackled; however, this is sometimes a lengthy process especially if it is a serious crime. In these instances, officers and partners try to secure evictions and banning orders.

They are also working with MTVH and Lambeth to improve lighting and CCTV monitoring which would aid in crime reduction. In order to aid further crime prevention, it was advised for residents to report crime either on-line or by calling the emergency number so they can better target hotspots.

The Police Community Support Officers (PCO) team wish to hold workshops on the Moorlands to meet the community and better engage with residents which the MRA are trying to arrange so watch for future updates.

MOORLANDS RESIDENT ASSOCIATION (MRA)

We are all, as fellow residents, experiencing the same stresses and concerns as you are at this challenging time. Our team is made up of key workers, educators, musicians, furloughed employees, and the self- employed, so we represent a good cross section of society between us. We hope this communication is helpful, and rest assured that we are still striving to address the complex needs of our estate.

COVID - HELP IS AVAILABLE

Are you elderly or have underlying health issues?

Register has now closed to new applicants. Please visit the website for further information

Call 0800 028 8327

https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable.

Brixton soup kitchen

Is still providing a service for the homeless, elderly and families in need in London. Please Send them an email at brixtonsoupkitchen@gmail.com or telephone 07538 419514.

Shelter (housing needs)

https://england.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/coronavirus

Lambeth Council

For help with a wide range of services https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19

The refuge freephone,

24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline 0808 2000 247

https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

Box Chicken

25% off for Moorlands residents using code MOORLANDS25 at checkout. Order at boxchicken.slerp.com/order

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE?

Dance classes

Running from 27th July 2020 for 4 weeks.

Age group: 8-15 year

Time: 09:00 - 13:00 Mon-Thurs

Other Information: Includes free lunch



