

GLENOGLE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM

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Will be held on Tuesday 18th November 2025
At 19.30 pm at Tanfield Bowling Club, Arboretum Place

We do hope as many of you as possible will attend, join in the
discussions and maybe even volunteer to help run our
Association

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:-

- Looking after our estate and overseeing our garden contractors.
- Promoting social activities, and making Glenogle Court a better place to live

Then you can join the Committee at the AGM and make a real contribution to our community.

IT'S OFFICIAL!

Yes, our riverbank is "probably one of the best for pollinators" says an expert from the Royal Botanic Garden.

A MAJOR INVESTMENT

Blackrock, a major U.S. finance company, is making a huge investment in the U.K. and will employ up to 1400 staff in its offices backing onto Glenogle Road.

LET'S GET SOCIAL!

We meet on Friday mornings at 10.30 am at the picnic table at the far end of the Liddesdale Car Park, weather permitting. Unbelievably, this year we've only been rained on three times.

Do join us for a chat, bring your own preferred drink. Get to know your neighbours, voice your joys and concerns about the estate and enjoy the fresh air and our lovely estate! Hope to see you soon.

It is hoped to organise a couple of outdoor fun events. Both will have lots for the kids and young folk as well as the "auld ones".

Details nearer the time!

OUR RIVERBANK IS ONE OF THE BEST!

So says Nick Balfour from the Royal Botanic Garden who has been surveying pollinators and plants at 30 sites in Central Edinburgh over the summer.

The sites include the Botanic Gardens, allotments, cemeteries, rooftop gardens and many public gardens such as Princes Street and St Andrews Square.

There are two on the Water of Leith including Glenogle Court. The bramble and buddleia here attract many butterflies, bees and hoverflies and Nick tells us it is probably one of the best sites he has surveyed.

Pollinators are, of course, vital to sustaining biodiversity and the production of many of the tasty foods and drinks we enjoy. However there are ongoing concerns regarding the long term decline of wild pollinators and biodiversity more generally.

Surprisingly, cities can play a huge part in supporting pollinator populations, acting as potential refuges and offering diverse floral resources when they are well managed.

Nick is a Pollinator Ecologist at RBGE and his project is an offshoot of work in London sponsored by the charity Pollinating London Together.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP RUN OUR ASSOCIATION



We regret that the Treasurer of the Association decided to step down on 17th August 2025. As there was no response to the request for a volunteer to replace him, for the time being, the Secretary (Sam Rennie) is very kindly carrying out some of the duties of Treasurer alongside that of Secretary, with support from the Chair (Carol Fraser) to produce this year's accounts – far too much for both!!

As the Chair and the Secretary will be stepping down from their posts at the AGM and our Independent Examiner has also stood down, these positions will also be vacant from November 2025. Volunteers for all these positions will be required in order to keep the Association running.

Descriptions of the roles of Office Bearers can be found in the Constitution on the GCRA website, <https://www.glenoglecourt.com>. A basic understanding of the requirements/restrictions in managing the association and conducting business is required of all three Office Bearers.

If we do not find volunteers for the above posts at the AGM in November, it would be difficult for the GCRA to continue. Glenogle Court is a lovely place to live and we have good neighbours and much to enjoy in our surroundings. We need an effective Committee to run this. We look forward to finding new volunteers to run our Association for the benefit of all. Please give this your careful consideration.

BLACKROCK

Who are they and what is happening across the road?

A member of our Committee, Carol Notman, met with Gillian Duthie from Blackrock to voice some of our concerns following the opening of the offices across the road. They agreed to look at security and lighting but so far to little effect. Not sure that as neighbours we are that important to them.

However, prior to the State Visit of Donald Trump to the UK in September, the Government announced over £1.25 billion of inward investment from US finance companies, one of which is Blackrock, creating 1,800 UK jobs. US giants are capitalising on Britain's leadership in financial services – expanding operations and opening new offices across the nation, with London, Edinburgh, Belfast and Manchester set to gain from a wave of skilled job creation.

Larry Fink, Chairman and CEO of BlackRock, said: As the largest asset manager in the UK, BlackRock is proud to serve over 13 million British people who are saving for retirement. Today we are announcing an investment of half a billion pounds into enterprise data centres across the country, advancing digital infrastructure for British-based businesses. In addition, over the last year our clients around the world invested over £7bn into UK public equity and fixed income securities. We expect this trend to continue, supporting jobs, growth and innovation across a wide range of British industries.



We know some of you have issues with our new neighbour, Blackrock. Let us have your comments, both good and bad, for example about light pollution! Our contact details are below.

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