



# Glenogle Courts Residents' Association (GCRA) COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## SPRINGING INTO ACTION!

New volunteers came forward for the Committee and the newly formed Action Group at the recent Special GCRA General Meeting.

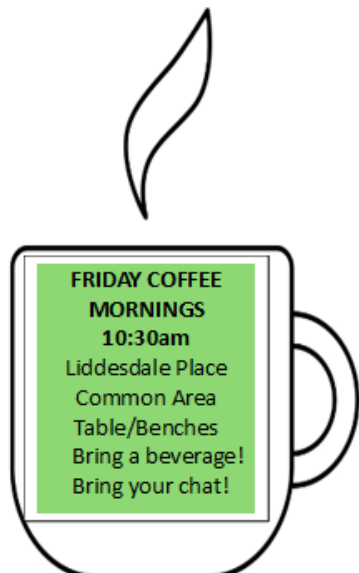
With more people helping and lots of energy and enthusiasm some a number of issues are being tackled and new initiatives are on the way. And finally, here is the first of a regular GCRA community newsletter.

Like the sound of it? Happy to lend a hand? Then just let one of the Committee know - details on the back page or please contact:

[secretary.gcra@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:secretary.gcra@hotmail.co.uk)

## There's lots happening:

- The gardening contractor is being pressed to get the estate up to standard with garden matters that fall outside the contract being looked at
- Our gate at the entrance to the riverbank has been painted and new signage being sourced
- Talks with the Council on bin upstands are underway
- Options to limit unauthorised use of visitor parking are being explored
- Cleaning of flood-wall windows is underway



## Did you know...?



There is a website <https://www.glenoglecourt.com>  
and also a Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/615523632232897/>

A page for residents/owners to chat, currently monitored by a couple of Committee members.

**Stairwell Lighting** – the electricity is paid for by The City of Edinburgh Council. Maintenance of the lights/fittings are the responsibility of the owners of the flats within the relevant block. We are happy to contact any owners to pass on a message so that any maintenance which is required can be organised by the block owners.

**If you are selling your flat and your agent needs details of the association fee?** Please email [treasurer.gcra@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:treasurer.gcra@hotmail.co.uk). Our Treasurer will advise details in the reply.

**Annual Picnic** – we have had a picnic over the last several years. The last being September 2023. We would appreciate suggestions for this year – and whether a different time of year would be preferable?

## Visitor Parking...



There are 16 visitor spots on the estate! If there are none nearby, please ask your visitor to go to another. Of course, please use your own spot in the first instance and be mindful of others.

## Activities & Actions



### **15 of the 22 Bin upstands are now damaged!**

Over the years, refuse collection has changed, and so too has the size and style of bins. Bin upstands that were suitable 40 years ago are now the wrong shape for the large landfill bins. As a result, bricks regularly get bumped and damaged when the bins are emptied.

While the bin upstands are the responsibility of the owners of the flats in the blocks, it is the Council that is causing the damage. The Action Group has begun to look at the problem with options and solutions in consultation with the Council. As the estate sits within Inverleith Conservation Area, there may be some constraints.

The Council will consider insurance claims for damage. However, evidence is needed like photos, date and time of damage and, if possible, the number of the bin lorry. No easy answer then!

The Action Group will provide more information once investigations are further advanced.

Meantime, if the bins you use aren't emptied it is worth reporting to the Council via its website in the hope of early action!

[https://webforms.edinburgh.gov.uk/.../request/communal\\_bin](https://webforms.edinburgh.gov.uk/.../request/communal_bin)

#### **Just a reminder!**

Glass banks are located in both car parks (purple) and the food bin (grey) is in the middle of the estate at Ettrickdale.

## Garden Contractor Walkabout

Some areas of the gardens have become quite neglected over time. A meet up with the owner of our contract gardener (Greenscape) was held on Friday 10 May with members of the Committee and Action Group. Communal areas have been made the immediate priority and we are hoping to make improvements in the whole area over the near future. Most general maintenance to block gardens is included. Please let us know if you wish your gardens not to be touched (except for the lawns).



Giant Hogweed is now appearing on our riverbank! This has been reported to the relevant authorities.  
*(Common areas in white at left – not including flat blocks)*

### Current Committee:

C Fraser – Chair  
B Balali – Treasurer  
S Rennie – Secretary  
C Dempster – Member  
C Notman – Member  
B Pearson – Member  
(All volunteers)

### Action Group (the above plus):

D Boyle  
M Brannan  
N Campbell  
G Lawson  
S Smith  
J Sutherland  
R Williamson  
(Always after volunteers – just to lend a hand)

**This is the first newsletter! We hope to put it out 4 times a year, but to do this we need more help. If this is not forthcoming, this will not be possible!**

### Our Little Black Gate was looking a little neglected:



**... but now look:**

