



# Braybank Estates Limited

## Spring Newsletter 2020

Hello,

### *Some background to this letter*

*As most of you will know Braybank is managed on behalf of its shareholders by a Board of Directors all of whom are residents on the estate as are many of the shareholders. We also have a significant number of tenants living here and for years now it's been a harmonious and pleasant place to live. We don't imagine that the current, very difficult, circumstances will challenge that harmony but want to share some thoughts and news with you so we can all work towards the better good.*

### *Sad News*

*Sheila Fontaine, one of the grand ladies of Braybank, passed away in hospital last week aged 96. Those of us who had the pleasure of sharing Sheila's company and her wonderful sense of fun will miss her greatly.*

### *Coronavirus on the estate*

*You should be aware that at least one resident has suffered then recovered from the virus over the past week, so please continue to be cautious and follow government guidelines as you move around the estate*

*Of course the estate's grounds are still to be enjoyed, but concern has been expressed about gatherings of people around the BBQ area, so given the issues discussed above we have closed off that area and ask that residents do not use it. Do use your own BBQ equipment in other areas of the grounds and clear up after yourselves. However **balconies**, where there is a clear fire hazard as evidenced in the not too distant past, **must not be used as BBQ sites***

*Please turn over*

## **Boat Launching and Canada Geese**

*We have a perennial problem with Canada Geese. Well we live by the river so we would have, but they make a mess on the hard and if left to go their merry way, ruin the enjoyment of it for all of us. So, that is why we have netted off the river frontage and jetty as they like to land on water then hop up onto the hard to mess it up.*

*This netting approach has worked well so far. However, a couple of Geese seem to have been to night school and worked out how to mount the jetty, then hop over on to the hard. We don't want that, so have rearranged the netting around the jetty to stop them.*

*What we would really like now and for the greater good is for anyone launching a boat or returning by boat to use the slipway NOT the jetty, as has been evidenced recently.*

## **Bin Collections**

*RBWM have advised that for the duration of the 'Lockdown' the **weekly collection will only apply to our Communal bins**. The **bins of individual houses** on the Estate will be collected **fortnightly** – refuse and recycling on alternative weeks. It is likely that the bins may become over-full. Please ensure you **fold-down all cardboard boxes** before placing them in the recycling bins. This will release much needed extra space. All **shredded paper** should be placed in a **plastic bag** before depositing in the recycling bin.*

*If necessary, additional refuse and re-cycling can be placed in sealed bags and placed alongside the bins on collection day. RBWM no longer provide these bags, but you can purchase them from Amazon on-line*

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Clear-Bin-Bags-Heavy-Duty/dp/B07PRKBGT5/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?dchild=1&keywords=white+recycle+sacks&qid=1586264370&sr=8-2](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Clear-Bin-Bags-Heavy-Duty/dp/B07PRKBGT5/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=white+recycle+sacks&qid=1586264370&sr=8-2)

## **Support and Help**

*A number of people from within the Braybank community have offered support, shopping or travel assistance to anyone needing specific help during the lockdown. Michael, our porter is generally aware of those who need such help and will act as coordinator.. If you find yourself in need of practical help and no one has talked to you about it yet, please speak to Michael and he will put you in touch with someone.*

*Your Board send you our very best regards and hope that we will all enjoy better times in the near future. **HAPPY EASTER***