

COMMUNITY



The newsletter of the West Didsbury Estate Community Group

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Grids Survey



In August we carried out a survey of the grids on the estate and found most of them to be blocked and full of leaves. The diagram shows all the drains we were able to survey. Unfortunately there were a few grids we couldn't check because of parked cars. All blocked grids have now been reported to the council.

If you want to report a blocked drain, you can contact the council by sending an email to contact@manchester.gov.uk, or a letter to **Manchester City Council, Manchester, M60 2LA**

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Cycle tune-up

15th September, 10:30-12:00 pm,
Southway Green space, opposite
the entrance to the playing fields

An opportunity to get your bike tuned
up and get back in the saddle.

This event is sponsored by Cycle
Surgery. Come along for a free
assessment of your bike and a chance
to learn some basic bike maintenance.

- Bike maintenance workshop at **11:00**
- Free assessment of your bike
- Inner tubes and chains available to
buy and fitted for free.



Estate tidy-up day

29th September, 2:00-3:30 pm,
Meet on the grass at the corner of
Craigmore and Mersey Crescent

Come and get involved with some
much needed up-keep of the estate.
We'll be doing litter picking of as much
of the estate as we can, as well as
some weeding of Riverbank Walk,
Northbank Walk and Mersey Crescent.
How much we can do depends on how
many people come.

Litter picking equipment will be
provided, but if you have any weeding
equipment please bring it along.





Clearing the Undergrowth in Mersey Bank Park

27th October, 2:00-3:30 pm, Mersey Bank Park - meet at the park entrance opposite Craigmere Ave.

Join us for some much needed work to the far end of Mersey Bank Park. We'll be clearing out the undergrowth to try and make the area less of a litter magnet.

All tools provided.

WDECG AGM - September 17th - 7pm

Our Annual General Meeting will take place at the **Southway Housing Offices** on Princess Rd, M20 2LT. We will be providing drinks and snacks.

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

Next meeting **22nd October, 7:00 pm**, Southway Housing Offices, Princess Rd, M20 2LT.



Over 50s Coffee Afternoon Schedule

Below are the dates for the coffee afternoon from now until the end of November. All sessions run from **1:30 - 3:30** at **Christ Church Hall**.

4th September - Pebble painting

18th September

2nd October

16th October - Laughter Yoga

30th October

13th November

27th November - Christmas crafts

Mersey Bank Park - Young Tree Edging

We currently plan to submit a funding bid in late November for the work to install edging for the young trees in Mersey Bank Park.

The edging will be made of logs, and will look similar to that around the trees on the Southway green space near the playing field, as show in the photo.

Currently the edging is going to be 1m sq around the base of each tree, though we are looking into whether we can install slightly smaller edging that will provide the same protection for the trees.

The edging will:

- Contain mulch to provide nutrients for the trees and prevent weed growth.
- Protect the base of the trees from any damage during grass cutting.

We are still open to comments on this project.



Estate Historical Archive



The West Didsbury Estate Historical Archive is now actively seeking content.

If you, or anyone you know, has lived on the estate for a long time and has interesting stories, photographs or videos of the history of the estate that they are happy to share, please let us know.

Items from the archive can be made available online, depending on permission from the contributor. If you are interested in making an oral recording for your own use, outside of the archive, we can help you with that too.

To find out more or to get involved please contact the WDECG.