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Communal areas

Keep Stairwells Clear – A Vital Health & Safety Reminder

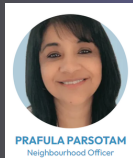
We'd like to remind all residents that stairwells and communal areas must be kept completely clear at all times. Please do not store any personal items in these spaces, including:

- Bicycles
- Prams or buggies
- Furniture
- Boxes or storage containers
- Rubbish bags or recycling

Keeping these areas clear is essential for everyone's safety:

- **Fire Safety:** Items stored under stairwells can fuel fires and block escape routes.
- **Emergency Access:** Emergency services must have clear pathways to reach residents quickly.
- **Trip Hazards:** Belongings left in communal spaces pose a risk of injury to others.

Any items found stored in these areas may be removed without further notice.



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Neighbourhood Officer



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Useful Contacts:

Manningham Housing Association:
01274771144
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NHS: 111, NHS England: 0300 311 22 33
Police: None Emergency: 101
CRIME STOPPERS
Call anonymously with information
about crime 0800 555 111
In any Emergency call: 999



Welcome to March's edition of Your Local Newsletter

As we move into March, we would like to share some important reminders to help keep our community safe, pleasant, and well-maintained for everyone.

Parking is a common issue in many communities. Whether it's someone parking in your space or struggling to find a free spot, parking problems can be frustrating. MHA understands the challenges residents face, but there has been a change in our approach to this issue. MHA will no longer be treating car parking issues as Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB).

It's important to know the difference between legal and illegal parking when dealing with parking issues. Here's what can (and can't) be done in each case:

- **Legal Parking:** If a car is parked legally, MHA cannot take any action. This includes cases where someone is parked in a public space or on a street with no restrictions. Even if it's inconvenient, nothing can be done if the parking is legal.
- **Illegal Parking:** Illegal parking includes actions like blocking driveways, parking on double yellow lines, or using spaces meant for disabled drivers without a permit. For issues with illegal parking:
 - Contact the Local Council: Councils often have parking officers who can address illegal parking on public roads.
 - Contact the Police: If someone is blocking your driveway or path and refuses to move, the police may be able to help. This is usually a last resort, but they can assist in cases where access is blocked.

Common Car Parking Issues and Helpful Advice

Here are some typical parking issues and tips for handling them:

- **Blocked Driveways or Spaces:** If someone's car is parked directly in front of your driveway, try talking to them first. A calm, polite conversation can often solve the problem quickly.
- **No Available Spaces:** In areas with limited parking, it can be hard to find a spot. Look for nearby options, and remember that some spaces may be reserved for visitors or disabled persons.
- **Unauthorized Use of Spaces:** If someone parks in a space reserved for you, consider putting up a friendly reminder sign or letting visitors know where they can park.

Parking issues can be frustrating, but many problems can be solved through communication and understanding. Therefore, if you have tried all avenues listed above MHA can try to assist you in resolving the issue through mediation.

Mediation is when a neutral person (from outside MHA) helps two sides talk about a problem to find a solution together. This means a mediator will sit down with neighbours to listen to both sides, help them understand each other, and work out a fair plan that everyone can agree on. This helps people solve the problem peacefully without the situation getting worse. Mediation would require involvement from all parties involved so that an agreement can be put in place for appropriate car parking.

**MHA Office Move - our temporary office:
Anchor Court, Jervaulx Crescent,
Bradford, BD8 8JF**

Cutting the Grass

With the growing season beginning, residents are kindly reminded to ensure that lawns are cut regularly. Keeping grass maintained helps improve the appearance of the neighbourhood and prevents overgrowth that can attract pests or cause obstructions.

Keeping Gardens Clean and Tidy

Please take time to keep gardens neat and free from general waste. A well-kept garden contributes to a cleaner environment and creates a more enjoyable space for both residents and visitors.

Bulky Items

Residents must not leave any bulky household items in gardens or communal areas. This includes furniture, appliances, or large unwanted items, as they can become a hazard and may be considered fly-tipping.

Arranging Bulky Waste Collection

If you need to dispose of large household items, please contact **Bradford Council on 01274 431000** to arrange a collection. Please note: this service is provided at the resident's own cost, and collections must be booked directly with the council.

Raising Awareness of Domestic Violence During Longer, Lighter Days

As the days become longer and lighter, many of us enjoy spending more time outdoors and connecting with others. However, it's important to remember that some people may still feel unsafe in their own homes. Domestic violence can happen at any time of year, and raising awareness helps ensure those affected know support is available.

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence includes physical, emotional, financial, sexual, or psychological abuse within a relationship or household. It can affect anyone, regardless of age, gender, or background.

Recognising the Signs

- Unexplained injuries or frequent "accidents"
 - Changes in behaviour or mood
 - Withdrawal from friends, family, or community activities
 - Signs of anxiety, distress, or isolation
- A friendly check-in and a listening ear can make a real difference.

Support Available

- National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0800 2000 247
 - Women's Aid: www.womensaid.org.uk
 - Men's Advice Line: www.mensadvice.org.uk
- How We Can Help as a Community
- Look out for one another and stay connected
 - Share information about support services
 - Encourage anyone in need to seek help
 - Keep emergency contact details accessible

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and welcoming community for all residents.

