

# MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

## The Meriden View

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### YOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

All residents of the estate are automatically members of the association and there is NO MEMBERSHIP FEE!

We need more people to join the committee so that we can be more effective in making a difference. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to join our team, please email Marion or Steve – or drop into the Hub on a Friday morning between 9.30 and 12 noon and speak to Brenda. We need nominations by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April, prior to the AGM. Nominations may be accepted on the night.

Please join our Facebook page – Meriden Residents Association. Also take a look at our web page [www.meridenra.org](http://www.meridenra.org). This is in the process of being updated so please be patient with us.

Please remember – the Residents Association can only be successful with your input.

### FUNDING FROM WATFORD COMMUNITY HOUSING

We get most of our funding from Watford Community Housing (WCH), which includes a donation for every resident. However, we only receive this funding for those who have registered as members, it's not automatically processed. Also, tenants who are members have full voting rights on WCH issues. To join is a simple process – just call into the Residents Association Hub at 149 York Way for a form on Friday mornings or go to <https://www.wcht.org.uk/becoming-a-member>

### MERIDEN DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

The start date of the development is imminent. To look at the proposed schedule of works, please see overleaf. To look at the presentation slides from our recent meeting, please visit <https://www.wcht.org.uk/meridendevelopment> and click on the purple link at the bottom of the text. If you wish to see a hard copy, you can call into the Hub on Friday mornings or contact Marion or Steve to arrange an alternative time.

Please keep an eye on our noticeboards for further updates.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 17

MERIDEN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
AGM

EVERY FRIDAY FROM 9.30AM:

Coffee Morning @ The Hub

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Meriden Residents Association  
Annual General Meeting to be  
held at Meriden Community  
Centre

Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> 2018

Doors open at 7pm, meeting  
starts at 7.30pm  
Free refreshments

#### AGENDA

- 📌 Minutes of Last AGM
- 📌 Chairman's Report
- 📌 Treasurer's Report
- 📌 Official Voting of new MRA Committee Members  
**NB – Any nominations for Committee Members to be provided to Marion Strawhorne by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Nominations may be accepted on the night.**
- 📌 Meriden Policing
- 📌 Current Update of Estate Development and Regeneration

Please come along and join in the meeting with your community representatives – a raffle will take place for Meriden Residents at the meeting with the prize being a **£50 Intu Voucher**.

## MERIDEN POLICING

### Quick Update from Our Local Constable

Following a meeting, it appears that I have not been communicating with you good folk very effectively around the method of policing within the safer neighbourhood team - specifically around calls of low-level crime and anti-social behaviour.

Calls to police from The Meriden have been dropping over the time I've been here. However, I am receiving more word of mouth anecdotal reports of incidents. I am told that people have not been calling because they are disheartened when they don't receive a response or police attendance.

Whilst I completely understand this point of view, it is not reflective of modern policing. We (Keith and I) are your local bobbies. However, we work shifts and, when we are not on duty, you are covered by officers and response teams from other areas. Conversely, when we are working, we assist other areas of Watford when their officers are off duty.

The result is that available units have to prioritise the calls they attend to and I am sure you would rather an officer attended a burglary than a child kicking a football against some shutters and being noisy. As a consequence, there are times that the lower level calls won't receive a response as quickly as we would like.

But (and there is a 'but'), I need you to keep calling the logs in. It's SUPER important because Keith and I review the logs daily so we can see what's been going on.

I can't be there to respond to every call straight away, but what I can do, is see the information, put a plan together and hit the issue proactively to actually catch people in the act and start resolving these issues properly.

What I need you to do is call in with accurate information of the problem - as soon as it happens and ask that a log is created in the control room. Officers will be assigned as soon as they are available and when I get in I can work out the peak times of the offences, who is involved and actually start to prevent it.

The more calls we get, the better information I will have and we can justify throwing more resources at the problem.

Working with the Meriden Residents Association has been enlightening and, moving forward, I hope that we can all work together as a team and start to resolve these issues.

**Pc Mo Huzair**

## CHRISTMAS EVENT 2018

As we are planning another event for this year, we thought it would be good to show a few photos from the extremely inclusive and successful event in December 2017.



## DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE

19 MARCH 2018 – 4 MAY 2018

Site hoarding and set up on green between York Way and The Turnstones.

29 MARCH 2018 – 29 MAY 2018

Refurbishment of car park between Peartree Court and Maple Court.

28 MAY 2018 – 8 JUNE 2018

Site hoarding and set up for works areas along York Way between Meriden Way and Abbey View.

MAY 2018 – SEPTEMBER 2018

Diversion of utilities in The Turnstones and along York Way between The Turnstones and Abbey View.

11 JUNE 2018 – 10 AUGUST 2018

Garages adjacent to Coldharbour House, Foxtree House and Maple Court to be demolished.

SEPTEMBER 2018 – JUNE 2019

First three new bungalows to be built in York Way

JUNE 2019 – JULY 2020

Existing bungalows in York Way and No. 1 The Turnstones to be demolished. Construction of six more new bungalows in York Way.

MARCH 2020

Completion of new shops and flats along York Way between Meriden Way and Abbey View

JUNE 2020 – APRIL 2022

Demolition of existing shopping parade and construction of new extra-care facility, shops and flats

JULY 2020 – DECEMBER 2021

Demolition of remaining bungalows in The Turnstones and construction of seven new houses in the Turnstones and nine along a new road between The Turnstones and York Way. Remaining green to be landscaped.