

# **Rowlatts Hill Neighbourhood Housing Office**

## **2017-18 Environmental Improvement Budget Schemes**

### **Gumbrill House**

Conversion of a shed at the sheltered unit to a mobility scooter store.

Scheduled to be completed by March 2018

### **Waterfield Close**

Installation of knee rail fencing around Housing owned green to prevent unlawful crossing by vehicles.

*Scheduled to be completed by March 2018*

### **Cordery Road**

Installation of knee rail fencing to prevent unlawful crossing of green by vehicles.

*Scheduled to be completed by March 2018*

### **Ethel Road flats**

Planting of a new Acer tree following resident's request.

*Scheduled to be completed in November 2017*

### **Gisbourne Court**

Planting of a new black birch tree in the gardens to replace another removed as it was too close to the building. *Scheduled to be completed in November 2017*

Installation of new non-slip flooring to internal communal areas in response to reports the floors get slippery from wet feet when it rains outside. This is in response to recurring issues related to Fire Safety with some residents continually leaving door mats in the communal area in contravention of our Zero Tolerance Policy.

Blocks to be fitted with new flooring: 19-22; 23-26; 27-30; 39 – 42.

We hope to extend the scheme to the remaining blocks in 2018-19 funds permitting.

*Scheduled to be completed by March 2018*

**65-71, 25-31,53-63 Illingworth Road**

Repainting of internal staircases.

*Completed in May 2017*

**Harrowden, Iffley & Sandford Courts**

The creation of new bin store areas in the courtyards. This is a practical response to the recent Fire Risk Assessments which require the existing bin stores, located in each of the 12 blocks (next to the entrance) to be fitted with expensive fire doors.

Our proposal is more cost effective and removes the potential fire risk of rubbish by moving it away from the blocks. The proposal is currently under consultation with the residents.

If we wait for the doors to be replaced on the Fire Action Programme it will take a number of years as other higher priorities are dealt with first (such as upgrading front doors to flats with new fire doors). We hope to complete the new bin areas this year.

*Scheduled to be completed by March 2018*

## **2017-18 Grounds Maintenance Budget**

Following similar schemes from previous years we have secured funding for more schemes this year. The aim of each scheme is a combination of reducing further maintenance costs, improving the look of the area and to make it feel safer for residents.

All the following schemes are currently under consultation with the neighbouring residents:

### **1) Rowlatts Hill Road**

Remove large shrubs and replace with grass along the footpath along Rowlatts Hill Road between Harrowden Rise and The crossing to the link road to Wicklow Drive.

- Create a safer pedestrian route along a stretch of road
- Create a tidier environment and improve the visual impact of Rowlatts Hill Road which surrounds the estate

### **2) Rowlatts Hill Road**

Remove some shrubs along the path from Rowlatts Hill Road to the shops on Wicklow Drive/Ambassador Road:

- Make a safe pedestrian route through to the shops
- Still retaining some shrubs to keep a defensible space in front of Flats 105-111 Rowlatts Hill Road
- Addition of 2 bollards to ensure path is still only accessible by pedestrians, not vehicles from the car park
- Reduce accumulated litter collecting in the bushes.

### **3) Play area, rear of 50 – 76 Balderstone Close**

Remove shrubs replacing with grass around the play area at the rear of 50-76 Balderstone Close.

- Tidy the area around the play area and alongside the footpath that runs through the area
- Remove untidy shrubs where litter collects

**4) 56-60 Champion Close**

Remove shrubs alongside 56-60 Champion Close and the footpath through to McKenzie Way:

- Tidier footpath
- Create a safer footpath, similar to previous improvements we've made along footpaths on the estate