WECH
Walterton and Elgin Community Homes

Elgin Estate Update
Winter/Spring 2024

Spring is almost here. There have been many changes at WECH since the September AGM, with a new Board, new team and work begun on the things that you, our residents, say are most important to you.

The Elgin Estate '100 Day Promise'

The WECH Board includes members from both Elgin and Walterton Estates and is working with the staff team to bring visible change for the better. We have completed two joint walkabouts with resident representatives on the Elgin Estate.

They have told us they want an estate that is well maintained, attractive and safe. WECH is promising to give you a visible change for the better in 100 days, starting from 1 February 2024.

Here's some of what we've promised:

An improved repairs service

We have strengthened our Maintenance Team as we know getting repairs done quickly and to a good standard are a top priority.

- Please let us know if you have work that needs doing.
- We want you to tell us how well our contractors perform – please give us feedback by calling Reception on **020 7266 3347** or emailing **eleanor@wech.org.uk**

Cyclical Decorations for Victory, Campaign and Rodborough Courts

We will be carrying out communal area painting and external maintenance at Victory, Campaign and Rodborough Courts this spring.

Clean and tidy neighbourhoods

We will be raising awareness about the impact of rubbish dumping and encouraging everyone to keep our neighbourhood clean and tidy.

A well-lit estate and car park

We will make sure all areas are well lit and that lighting is properly maintained;

Estate uplift

We are bringing estate cleaning under direct management and introducing better equipment and supervision; cleaning up alleyways on the estate; removing untaxed cars from estate roads; reintroduction of electrical charging points; introducing weekend Warden services;

Attractive, well-maintained gardens to enjoy

As part of the WECH Community Gardening project, funded by Westminster City Council, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Patricia McAllister visited Elgin Estate on Saturday 24 February and helped dedicate a cherry tree to the memory of a friend and neighbour, Beryl Carmody.

Together, we planted many new trees and shrubs which will help make Elgin greener, more beautiful and bee friendly.

We are bringing in better garden management and reviewing how we are maintaining our communal gardens; we will be running more Gardening Club activities through the year;

More for the WECH community

We are opening the Community Centre at weekends and consulting you on activities and services you'd like provided;

Listening and talking - our friendly team want to meet you!

- Come along to a joint estate inspection; let us know how we are doing;
- Arrange to meet Suzanne, our Chief Executive or Carmen, our Head of Housing – in the office or on the estate;
- Get in touch, tell us what you would like to see happen - and be involved. Contact **Jackie Dawkins** or **Eleanor** on **020 7266 3347** - or come in and see Eleanor and Natalie at the WECH Reception

Highlights from our tree planting event on Saturday 24th February 2024

The Lord Mayor of Westminster City Council Councillor Patricia McAllister plants a tree in memory of Beryl Carmody

The Lord Mayor Councillor McAllister and Ward Councillors Ruth Bush and Concia Albert

Spring is in bloom on the Elgin Estate!

Looking forward to brighter days ahead

Gordon Quinlan (WECH Chair), Suzanne Wolfe (WECH Chief Executive) and Councillor Patricia McAllister

Carmen Clarke (WECH Head of Housing) lends a helping hand