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| **In This Issue**   * Assoc. Committee * Riverview Upgrading * Sewage System * Fire & Smoke Alarms * Community Hub * Ongoing Dispute with Local Farmer * Community Garden * Halloween Party     e-newsletter :  Welcome to our  e-newsletter.  In a bid to cut down on paper and ink costs, also to reduce recycling, we are hoping that residents will use this version of newsletter. For residents who do not have internet access we still deliver a paper version so all residents on Riverview are kept up to date with onsite news.  Contact Us :  Secretary  Bill Gray 1 Grosvenor Park  Tel: 07872498494  billgray479@btinternet.com  **www.riverview-park-residents-assoc.com** | **Residents Association Committee Vote:**  The following are the members of the Riverview Park Residents Association Committee for the year 2021 - 2022  We would like to thank all residents who took the time to vote for the following….  **Chairperson:** Janet Reid  **Secretary:** Bill Gray  **Treasurer:** Mavis Jewitt  **Other Members:**   Morag Groundwater, Fiona Graham  Jake Lee, Fiona McMillan  They had their first Committee Meeting on Thursday 07-10-21 and got down to business straight away.  Your new Committee are already planning a number of things for all residents to  take part in and hope that you will give them your full backing.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Riverview Upgrading:**  Demolition of the old buildings has been completed and that area is now being  levelled to house the new buildings which will be in the form of a courtyard style.  The owners are really committed to a green environment and will include solar  panels on these buildings.  Graham is keeping the Residents Committee up to date with all issues  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Sewage system:**  Work has commenced repairing the sewage system in Grosvenor Park with a  new soakaway to follow. There are also plans for a new sewage system to be  created for the Findhorn Park area.  These works take quite a bit of time to complete and don’t happen overnight,  however now they are started can we ask residents to bear with the engineers  and other work personnel so they can concentrate with the work at hand.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** **Fire and Smoke Alarms:**  **The new legislation does not apply to park homes**  The Scottish Government is introducing new standards  for fire and smoke alarms in all homes in Scotland from  February 2022, but this will not apply to park homes.    From that date, every home must have:   * a smoke alarm in the living room and in circulation  spaces such as hallways and landings * a heat alarm in every kitchen * all alarms ceiling mounted and interlinked * a carbon monoxide alarm where there are fixed combustion appliances  such as boilers and wood burners   The new rules mean the standard which currently applies to private rented  property and new-builds is being extended to all homes in Scotland.  An inquiry to the Scottish Government on the application of the legislation to  park homes brought the response below...  *The new standard will not apply to park homes. The reason is that they are not covered by the definition of “house” in the legislation.*  *Simon Roberts  Policy Manager: Housing Standards and Quality*  SCOPHRA endorses this new level of precautions and urges park home  residents, for their own safety, to ensure adequate fire safety.  Please check  your detectors,  ensure the batteries are working, test all detectors regularly and if you do not  have a carbon monoxide detector, SCOPHRA recommends you install one.   These are available online or from DIY stores.  If in any doubt about your level  of precautions, contact your local fire station for safety advice.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Community Hub:** We have been notified that the Peppermill will now not be moving into the hub  and operating from there. Graham has told us that the hub can be used by  residents on request. We are not sure if it will be used as office space or for any  other use  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Ongoing Dispute with Local Farmer:**    The longstanding dispute with Jenny Davidson continues.  She has recently been given several warnings from the police  with regards to damaging Riverview property and for aggressive  behaviour to a Riverview resident.  Ray Barrett had worked tremendously hard fighting against her with regards to  her blocking access paths leading down to the River Findhorn. He even received  a letter from Douglas Ross MP who had taken up Ray’s plight with Moray Council.  The letter clearly states that J Davidson signed a contract with Moray Council in  2018 stating that there must be clear pathways down to the river for walkers.  Moray Council wrote to her then clarifying that public access rights under the  Land Reform Act 2003 still apply to the track and that her locked gates constitute  an obstruction of these rights.  Graham has met with the Access Officer and indicated that the blocked path  could be easily diverted by a few metres around the northern boundary edge of  Mrs Davidson’s new fence. Graham also indicated that as this would be on  Riverview Park’s land he would be happy to clear and level the ground to create  a new route, which would seem to constitute a satisfactory solution.  The Resident’s Committee will continue with Ray’s work to ensure that a pathway  is cleared and levelled giving access to the River Findhorn.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Community Garden:**  Janet has already sent Gavin (Owner) an email at his request  confirming that we want to continue with this project.  The only rulings they have stipulated are that the Residents Association runs it, and that we ensure it is  as "green" as possible, this will mean no chemicals,  fertilisers or pesticides, we create our own compost  and we gather rainwater. Mendes will clear the site  outlined at the bottom of the Farmhouse garden, for us. We have requested from Graham that there be a disabled access. The Committee are just beginning the planning of the ground layout, tools etc.  Any donations of tools or use of a rotavator would be great.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Spooktacular Halloween Party:**  **When:**  Saturday 30th October  **Where:** The Farmhouse Riverview  **Time:** 7:00pm – till late    A chance to come together for a fun filled evening with family and friends.  Traditional party games, raffle (proceeds to Residents Association)  Refreshments and finger food provided but bring your own bottle if you wish.  Donations for raffle and finger food are welcome…. Please bring them to the Farmhouse on morning of Saturday 30th  Lets have a Spooktacular Time !  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Sad News:**  Ray Barrett passed away peacefully on 27th Sept.   1. The funeral was a very private affair and Chrissie had requested no flowers.  Anyone wishing to donate can give money to Janet or Bill who are collecting in remembrance of Ray. It is our intention to put a commemorative bench down by the River Findhorn as this was one of his favourite places.   We have received a note from Chrissie which reads as follows.......   1. ​ 2. *Thank you to everyone for their messages of sympathy on Ray's passing. Your kind offers of help, the love and care from you all was very moving and greatly appreciated.* 3. *Thank you from the bottom of my heart.* 4. *Chrissie Barrett.*   **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Your Ideas / Suggestions:**    We would love to hear from you with ideas of what you  would like the Residents Association Committee to set up or  try to arrange for residents.  Give it some thought and let us know your suggestions.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**    **Spiced Pumpkin Soup:**    This is the perfect recipe to use up the [pumpkin](https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/uk/food/cookery-videos/a657350/how-to-prepare-pumpkin/) flesh out  of your Jack-O-Lantern! Ready in just 20min, it makes a  great starter to celebrate your [Halloween](https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/uk/halloween/) feast with.   If you like a bit of spice, try adding a sprinkling of chilli  flakes to the top of your soup. If cooking for a dinner party  and guests, add a drizzle of olive oil or you favourite  flavoured oil to makes things a little more fancy!  **Ingredients:**   * 600 g pumpkin flesh, roughly chopped * 2 celery sticks, roughly chopped * 1 garlic clove, roughly chopped * 1 tsp. each ground cumin and coriander * 800 ml vegetable stock * 200 ml coconut milk * 1 tbsp. pumpkin seeds   **Method:**   1. Put the pumpkin flesh into a food processor and whiz for 30 sec until  almost smooth. Add the celery, garlic and spices and whiz again for  30sec. Empty into a large pan. 2. Pour over stock and coconut milk, bring to the boil, then cover and  simmer for 15min. 3. Remove from heat and blend until smooth - do this in batches, if  necessary. Check the seasoning and ladle into warmed soup bowls.  Sprinkle with pumpkin seeds and freshly ground black pepper.  Serve with crusty bread.   Per Serving:  Calories: 222 Total fat: 20g Saturates: 15g  Carbs: 8g Total sugars  **ENJOY !!**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Riverview Park Residents Association (RPRA)**  **Run by Residents for the Residents**  **Membership**  is open to all home owning residents with the exception of all Riverview  Country Park Staff. As a member you will also have membership to the  Scottish Confederation of Park Homes Residents Associations [S](https://www.naphr.co.uk/)COPHRA ([**www.scophra.scot**](http://www.scophra.scot/))  This a voluntary organisation who give advice on Mobile Home Law – Written Statements – Problem Solving etc. Riverview Park Residents Association (RPRA) has been recognised by the Park Owners as a Qualifying Residents Association.  **Membership is £5 per home per annum**  **Chairperson**  Janet Reid [janmreid@btinternet.com](mailto:janmreid@btinternet.com)  Phone: 07766716077  **Secretary**  Bill Gray  [billgray479@btinternet.com](mailto:billgray479@btinternet.com) Phone: 07872 498494  **Treasurer**  Mavis Jewitt  [chickenbones@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:chickenbones@tiscali.co.uk) Phone: 01309 674803    **Other Committee Members**  Fiona Graham [shapeybeings@googlemail.com](mailto:shapeybeings@googlemail.com) Phone:  Morag Groundwater  [Morag.groundwater@gmail.com](mailto:Morag.groundwater@gmail.com) Phone: 07895 528100  Fiona McMillan [m.fiona@yahoo.com](mailto:m.fiona@yahoo.com) Phone: TBA  Jake Lee [jakamodzi@hotmail.com](mailto:jakamodzi@hotmail.com) Phone: TBA  Anyone wishing tojoin / rejoin**,** please contact **……….**  **Mavis Jewitt 90 Beech Ave or Bill Gray 1 Grosvenor Park.** Membership is still only £5 per year.  We are working for the benefits of all residents on Riverview Country  Park**……** Stronger Together !  Sincerely Bill (Secretary)  Email: [billgray479@btinternet.com](mailto:billgray479@btinternet.com) Tel: 07872498494 |