



## PILOT FLAT WINDOWS AND DOORS GET THUMBS UP FROM RESIDENTS

Weir House Residents Pat and George Broderick, who were the selected residents for the pilot flat for the long awaited new Windows and Doors, have spoken of their delight at the style and quality of the windows soon to be installed across the whole estate.

The pilot flat is to iron out any problems that arise before they are installed in other properties; this also allows residents to see the standard and quality of the new windows and doors. Weir Estate Residents Association identified Mr. & Mrs. Broderick as the pilot flat, in recognition of the many years of hard work and dedication to Weir Estate and its Association. Despite some changes and difficulties during the installation process, new windows and doors as well as Carbon Monoxide detectors and Extractor Fans have successfully been installed at the property much to the delight of Mr. & Mrs. Broderick. Mrs. Broderick who has lived on Weir Estate for over 50 years spoke of her delight "We are very pleased with the new Windows and Doors"



The door which are secure by design, come in 4 different colour and designs, will be chosen individually by residents if they live in *Jewell, Glanville and Dan Bryant Houses* and despite attempts to scupper the agreed plans made by WERA and following meetings with Lambeth Living and Breyer, a ballot to select one colour to uniform the remaining blocks for those living in *Quennel, Olding, Weir and West Houses* which are all open fronted blocks will get one colour but will be able to choose their own design. This does not impact on Leaseholders who will be able to keep their own doors.

Pat Broderick added "The workers carrying out the work have been clean and very efficient. We love the new Windows, We have had a few hiccups along the way, but now we hope they can go ahead and do the rest of the estate and everyone else will be as delighted with the Windows and Doors as we are"

Residents can view the windows and doors from outside the property at Weir House and closely inspect the new windows at the site office.

It is expected that the rest of Weir House will begin in November and will roll out across the rest of the estate.

Breyer Group will be available at the next meeting on Tuesday, 10th November 2009, 7-9pm at The Weir Link.



## ANFIELD CLOSE COMMUNITY GARDEN

### MOVES EVEN CLOSER

Exciting plans to develop a disused wasteland on Weir Estate has moved a step closer with the appointment of a Consultant and plans are now being drawn up for discussion by those living on the estate.

Residents will be able to see plans at WERA's November meeting as well give their views on what they would like to see.



The area, which is situated on Anfield Close, will be turned into a fantastic new Community Sensory garden for residents to use and relax. As well as being a space for those with varying range of disabilities.

At our October meeting, Vinnie O'Connell was appointed to lead the designs and move the project closer. The garden will be funded by funds from Weir Estate Residents Association.

Residents living on the estate are being encouraged to get involved throughout the process and give their views on what they would like to see.

Mr. O'Connell who has led many successful and truly exciting community gardening projects one of which has turned young offenders into keen gardeners and helped them steer away from crime in West Dulwich.

WERA Chair, Dave McEvoy, described the appointment of Mr. O'Connell as an amazing step to making the community garden a wonderful space "Vinnie has the right vision to make this project an amazing and exciting project which will benefit all aspects of our community for years to come and in Vinnie we have the right person for the job."

**Residents are invited to attend our November meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 7pm at the Weir Link.**

## WERA WEBSITE HAS BUMPER MONTH OF VISITORS

Our vibrant WERA website has had its best month of visitors since its arrival in June, with some great additions to the sites ever changing new and exciting content.

With News on the windows, Exclusive Interviews and all the useful information residents of Weir Estate and the community need at the click of a mouse, right at your finger tips.



Have you wondered what is happening on your estate? Have you wondered who to contact in a crisis? Then this all can be found only at [www.wera.org.uk](http://www.wera.org.uk). People have been flocking to the site to see great interviews from The Met Police's Lambeth Borough Commander, Chief Superintendent, Nick Ephgrave has answered our questions as well as your Lambeth and Southwark London Assembly Member, Val Shawcross as well as Lambeth Chief Executive, Dr Derrick Anderson.

However there is more exciting and revealing interviews coming very soon (updated every fortnight) from Keith Hill MP, Leader of the Council, Cllr Steve Reed (Sneak preview overleaf) as well as our new Safer Neighbourhood Team Liaison Officer, PCSO Karen Rose. We also will be having political month coming up with the prospective election candidates under the spotlight.

We have enjoyed a bumper month, but the website is here for residents and to keep you up to date and informed of all the latest developments. The site is updated regularly with all you need to know and of course you can take part too! Got an opinion or something you would like to see on the website, and then get in touch with us.

So keep visiting your website to get all the latest from WERA and Weir Estate.

Keep visiting our great site which is receiving rave reviews and is fast becoming the best local community site for your area. Visit us **today only at [www.wera.org.uk](http://www.wera.org.uk)**

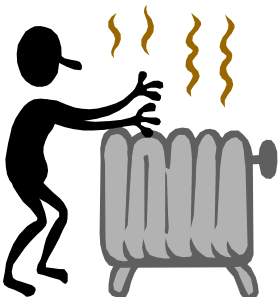


**Don't forget we are also now on twitter too, [www.twitter.com/WeirEstate](http://www.twitter.com/WeirEstate)**

## NEXT MEETING DATES

<b>General Meeting</b> <i>Major Works to be discussed</i>	<b>10th November 2009,</b> <b>7-9pm at The Weir Link</b>
<b>Christmas Event</b> <b>(Details to be announced)</b>	<b>8th December 2009,</b> <b>7-9pm at The Weir Link</b>

## ANFIELD CLOSE RESIDENTS FEEL THE HEAT WITH NEW COMBI-BOILERS



Chilled Anfield Close Residents, who had been left without heating when their Communal Heating failed due to a leak, are now feeling the heat again as new combination boilers have been installed to restore heating to residents homes.

Many properties had been left in the cold when a leak was discovered on Anfield Close. One resident had faced being moved out of their home.

After some weeks of discussions Lambeth Living rushed in plans to bring individual heating to the flats affected and now residents have brand new 'combi' boilers which control the heating and hot water.

WERA Chair, Dave McEvoy who had been affected by the lack of heating praised the speed and prompt response of Lambeth Living and their Contractor, OCO Heating Services "I have been delighted with the way this has been handled and residents will not have to worry about freezing in their properties as the cold weather sets in and the contractor has been superb in the way they have managed the situation and conducted their work."

Lambeth Living Principal Heating Engineer, Lincoln Sampson has apologised for the lack of consultation but has explained to residents that there was no time to reinstate heating back to residents homes.

Residents who will now have to pay for their own heating and hot water had been left bewildered whilst the decision on what action to be taken was agreed. Residents many of which are elderly or in poor health were given heaters, and told to keep receipts or bills for electricity, as this can be claimed back from Lambeth Living. Residents will now enjoy a much warmer home in the coming winter

## USEFUL CONTACTS

Below is a list of contact numbers. Please try to resolve any property issue before contacting the chair or association for help.

In the event of a Power Cut, please contact: EDF Energy Networks on 0800 028 0247

In the event of a Gas Leak, please contact: National Gas Emergency on 0800 111 999

In the event of a Water Leak on the estate, please contact: Lambeth Service Centre on 020 7926 6000

If you need to report a Repair, please contact: Lambeth Service Centre on 020 7926 6000

If you have an Emergency Out-of-Hours Repair, please contact: Lambeth Service Centre on 020 7926 6666

Your Housing Officer is: Grace Eyamba

You can contact your Housing Officer: By Calling the Service Centre on 0207 926 6000

Contact Leaseholder Services: By Calling 0207 926 6700

Your Local Councillors are: **Cllr Lib Peck**  
Tel: 020 8673 4697  
Email: lpeck@lambeth.gov.uk

You can write to your local councillors:

Lambeth Town Hall  
Brixton Hill  
London  
SW2 1RW

**Cllr Diana Morris**  
Tel: 020 8143 8831 or 07946 218 617  
Email: dmmorris@lambeth.gov.uk

**Cllr Michel Hipwell**  
Tel: 07946 218 601  
Email: mhipwell@lambeth.gov.uk

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team:

Thornton Ward SNT comprises of:

PS Ashok Patel  
PC Rob Wood  
PCSO Karen Rose  
PCSO Carl McLean  
PCSO Lucy Feeney  
PCSO Phil Hodsdon

Tel: 020 8721 2622  
Mobile: 07920 233 840  
Email: Thornton.SNT@met.police.uk

**You should always dial 999 in an emergency**

**For Non-Emergencies you can call 0300 123 1212**

**Weir Estate Residents Association:**  
Email: info@wera.org.uk  
Web: www.wera.org.uk  
Write to us, c/o The Weir Link,  
33 Weir Road, London, SW12 0NU

## WERA ASKS....

### Cllr Steve Reed, Leader of Lambeth Council

#### How long have you been doing this job and briefly what it involves?

I've been a councillor for 11½ years and Leader of the Council for 3½ - ever since I led Labour to a landslide victory over an unsuccessful Tory-Lib Dem coalition that had run the council rather badly for four years. As Leader I'm involved in all the key decisions the council takes about our area and council-run services. I'm also Chair of Lambeth First, which covers the council, the police, the health service, businesses, the voluntary sector and other public sector organisations in Lambeth. And I'm the lead member for housing for London Councils, which means I have a key role in housing policy right across London.

#### What motivates you to do the role you are?

I want to make change happen and make a positive difference for our area. The council used to be a by-word for failure and incompetence. That meant misery for people who pay council tax or rely on council services. But now things have changed - many of our services are among the best in London, including housing benefits, education, planning, community safety, youth services. Our council tax used to be one of the highest in London, now it's one of the lowest - we've just frozen it for two years. All of this has changed in the past few years, and we are working to change other areas like housing that need to improve faster.

This full interview will be online at [www.wera.org.uk](http://www.wera.org.uk) in the near future!