

ARUNDEL & ELGIN GARDENS NEWSLETTER



Message from The Garden Committee

Dear Residents,

It has been a wonderful summer in London, and as we head into autumn, we hope that you have been enjoying the turn of seasons in the communal garden. To help keep everyone informed, we are circulating this newsletter.

With the summer parties now behind us, we are planning the next events - namely Bonfire Night and the Annual General Meeting (AGM). In addition, there is an important meeting to discuss the option to register title to the garden. Robert Barham is RBKC's external legal adviser for garden squares. In 2022, he posted a briefing note regarding registration of title to ownership of gardens' freeholds, noting that many of the squares have no registered owner and the stated intention of the Land Registry is to have all land registered by 2030. Title registration would serve as a protection against the possibility of boundary encroachments and possible changes to the law that might affect unregistered land. Discussion of this matter by residents was begun in April. All Arundel and Elgin residents are encouraged to attend the follow-up meeting on *November 1st*. For more information, please email info@arundelandelgingardens.org.

Sincerely,
The Garden Committee

Upcoming Events

November 1 - *Title Registration Meeting* 6:45pm-8pm at St. Peter's Church. Open to all Arundel & Elgin Garden residents.

November 5 - *Bonfire Night* fireworks 6:30pm, bonfire to follow. Paella will be available for purchase from 6:00pm.

November 22 - *Annual General Meeting (AGM)* 6:45pm- 8pm at St Peter's Church. Open to all Arundel & Elgin Garden residents.

May 19, 2024 - *Garden Open Day* from 2pm-6pm.

June 2024 - *Shakespeare in the Squares* - date to follow

Summer 2024 - *Summer Party* date to follow

New Residents Corner

Welcome! Here are some tips to help you settle in:

Keys- Please email keys@arundelandelgingardens.org to plan a time to collect your key. Provide your council bill as proof of residency. Key deposits are £25.

Pet Owners- Pets will enjoy the company of other well-loved four-legged friends. Bags and bins for your dog's waste are on both sides of the garden. Please register your dog by email pets@arundelandelgingardens.org

To join the Resident's WhatsApp group, email info@arundelandelgingardens.org

What's Been Happening

Useful Garden Rules

Our communal garden is a private one, for the peaceful enjoyment of the residents who pay for its upkeep through council tax. To keep harmony and mutual respect for all residents, please be mindful of the garden rules. Thank you for your cooperation.

Building Works - A damage deposit of £1000 is required before scaffold and/or building material can be brought in via the communal garden. Owners are responsible for ensuring gates are monitored when builders are bringing in/taking out material. Gates must not be left propped open. This protects children and pets from wandering out, and prevents strangers from entering the garden.

Dog Waste - Our communal garden is unusual in that dogs are allowed off the lead. It creates a happier environment for dogs and the many dog lovers. Please keep dogs on the lead until they have done their business, and ensure that you pick up your dog's waste. Bags and bins are available in the garden. Please keep an eye on your dog at all times. Non-resident dogs are prohibited from entering the garden.

Garden Gates - Do not prop open the gates, or attempt to leave it on its latch - open gates invite intruders and cause mechanical issues with the gate. We have had multiple issues with broken locks due to these actions.

Children in the Garden - Supervise your children at all times. For guidelines regarding children, please see the bylaws.

The Greenery - is for the pleasure and enjoyment of all residents. Do not pick or destroy plants/flowers/foliage or intrude into the plant beds and borders.

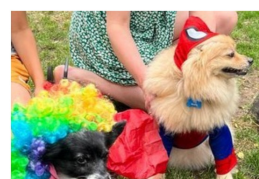
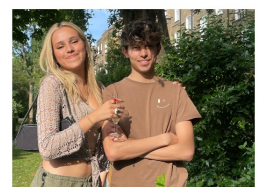
Private parties/Children's parties/Gatherings of more than six of all ages, Music, BBQs are prohibited. There are two exceptions - *Bonfire Night*, and the *Summer Party*, are great times for residents to have private parties and picnics within the communal garden. Barbecues are not permitted at any time.

For local sport/activities/leisure ideas for all ages see <https://www.arundelandelgingardens.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Children-and-adult-activities-all-walking-distance-from-our-communal-garden.1.pdf>

Arundel & Elgin Gardens hosted four events in the spring and summer. Residents kicked off with the Coronation picnic in early May, and the National Garden Scheme Open Day soon followed. Open Day gives visitors a glimpse into gardens across the UK, and ticket proceeds go to their various charities. Arundel & Elgin Gardens annually fundraises at this event too, with a tea and cake table, in aid of our long standing charity Shooting Star Children's Hospice. Residents are encouraged every year to bake (or buy) treats, to help out at the tea table, and to collect tickets at the gate. Children over ages 10, are especially welcomed to help out.

Our garden also hosted Shakespeare in the Squares, and the troupe performed Twelfth Night. On this evening, we again raised money for Shooting Star, by selling sparkling wine from Jeroboams, and fresh strawberries from Devlin's on Portobello. Taj from Rococo News kindly donated ice on that very warm evening. Residents raised a total of £684 for Shooting Star in 2023. A big thank you to all who participated!

The Summer Party followed in July, kicking off with a Pet Fancy Dress parade, followed by a bake off and bake sale, Mr Twizzle, the annual Tug-of-War between Arundel and Elgin, and evening entertainment by Chanelle. Next up is the Bonfire Night on November 5th, with fireworks, a bonfire, and a paella stand. Hope to see you all there!



Our Gardeners

and their Little Helpers



Head Gardener - PAUL



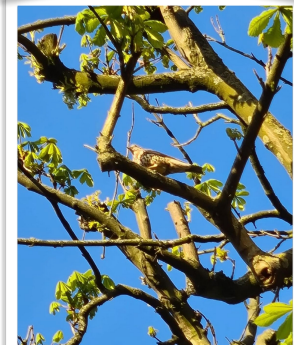
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SUMMARY OF BYLAWS OF ARUNDEL & ELGIN GARDENS

1. Pursuant to the Gardens in Towns Protection Act 1863, the management of the above Gardens is vested in a Committee appointed annually by a meeting of rated inhabitants, being hereinafter referred to as 'The Gardens Committee' or 'The Committee'.
2. The Committee shall have full powers to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to ensure the proper care and attention of the Gardens etc and the comfort and protection of persons entitled to use the same. Subsequent to which:-
 - a. No private parties may be held in the Gardens.
 - b. No radios etc or any musical instrument may be played in the Gardens.
 - c. The central or enclosed garden is for use by adults and accompanied children only; no dogs or games allowed.
 - d. No fires may be lit in the Gardens without the prior consent of the Committee.
3. No person is entitled to the use of the Gardens unless resident in, or accompanied by a resident of, the premises listed below: Arundel Gardens even numbers 2 – 52. Elgin Crescent odd numbers 17 – 61. Ladbroke Grove numbers 70, 72 and 74 only. All other persons will be treated as Trespassers and will be liable to prosecution.
4. Every owner, owner's agent or occupier of a house, flat or other dwelling abutting onto the Gardens will be held responsible for the due observance of the Bye-Laws by their tenants, sub-tenants, family, friends, lodgers or children of the aforementioned persons.
5. The entrance gates in Kensington Park Road and Ladbroke Grove are to be kept locked and all persons using these gates for entering and leaving the Gardens must lock the gate. Keys may be obtained from the Treasurer only and must be surrendered to the Treasurer on demand or on leaving the area. Any money paid for keys may be refunded. Keys will only be used by the person to whom they are issued and may not be used by any members of that person's family under 14 years of age.
6. No catapults, bows and arrows, slings, firearms, arrows, saws or sheath knives will be allowed into the Gardens. It is forbidden to discharge any of the aforementioned weapons into the Gardens from any private garden abutting onto the Gardens. Stone-throwing is forbidden.
7. No person shall destroy, or attempt to destroy, by any means whatever any domestic animal or birds in the Gardens.
8. No person shall cut, break or otherwise injure the trees, shrubs, flowers, seats, walls, fences, gates or huts or do any act which may injure or damage any property belonging to these Gardens.
9. It is forbidden to enter any fenced or railed-off area in the Gardens.
10. Any damage done to the Gardens or to any property of the Committee shall be made good to the satisfaction of the Committee by, or at the expense of, the person who did the damage or caused it to be done, always providing that a parent shall be responsible for any damage caused by a child.
11. The use of all wheeled conveyances other than perambulators, invalid chairs, children's tricycles and scooters in the Gardens is forbidden and it is not allowed to park any such Wheeled Vehicles in the Gardens. It is an offence to ride a bicycle in the Gardens.
12. No dogs are allowed in the Gardens except in charge of a responsible adult person. Dog owners must not allow their dogs to bark excessively to the annoyance of tenants of the houses abutting onto the Gardens. Dog owners must not allow their dogs to foul the paths and lawns.
13. It is an offence for any person to deposit any rubbish, domestic refuse etc into the Gardens.
14. Any person who willfully obstructs any member of the Committee, or its servants, in the lawful conduct of their duties shall be committing an offence.
15. Any person committing a breach of these Bye-Laws is liable to prosecution. The Committee may without prosecuting any offender, bar anyone who commits a breach of these bye-Laws from the use and enjoyments of the Gardens for such a period as the Committee may determine and any person so banned or suspended shall, upon written request, surrender all Entrance Gate keys to the Committee.
16. All children are to be out of the Gardens by lighting-up time.
17. Ball games are prohibited save in the following circumstances always with consideration for the planted areas:
 - a. Only strictly between parents and/or supervising adults and their children under the age of eleven.
 - b. Involving no more than four persons in total and
 - c. A soft ball of less than 15 centimetres (six inches) in diameter or a plastic beach ball.
 - d. But not in the Central Garden.

<https://www.arundelandelgingardens.org/governance/by-laws/>