



# Repton Park Resident's Association

Newsletter Summer 2023

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## Welcome from our chairman

**Alan Kelly**



Welcome to this first Newsletter of the RPRA. It is my pleasure and privilege as Chair of the RPRA to make a few introductory comments before we explain the things, we are doing to make Repton Park an even more desirable place to live. The RPRA Committee consists of resident owners that give their time freely and we try to make a difference in working with the Managing Agent, FirstPort, who collect the service charges we all pay and spends our money to maintain the grounds and buildings. The committee typically meet monthly and review the progress we are making on the focus areas we have established. An update on status for each of the focus areas from the committee members follows.

## Bees Bees Bees!



**WE ARE ABSOLUTELY DELIGHTED TO TELL YOU THAT OUR BEE HIVE PROJECT IS ABOUT TO COME TO LIFE! ON THE 30TH JUNE WE ARE EXPECTING TWO NEW PROPERTIES TO BE OPENED ON REPTON PARK, IN THE FORM OF 2 BEE HIVES. THESE WILL BE PLACED TO THE RIGHT OF THE TREE SCULPTURE AT THE BOTTOM OF CLARENCE GATE. THE HIVES WILL BE MANAGED BY KATY FROM THE BRITISH BEE KEEPERS ASSOCIATION AND ALTHOUGH WE HAVE PRIMARILY ORGANISED THEM FROM AN ECOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE, WE DO HOPE TO HAVE SOME REPTON PARK HONEY FOR SALE TO RESIDENTS AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE. SIGNS AND A 'SOFT BORDER' WILL BE PUT IN PLACE TO ALERT RESIDENTS AND GIVE THE BEES THE SPACE AND SECURITY TO DO THEIR THING**



Hannah Kosuge



## An update from the Grounds Sub Committee

I am sure you will all agree that the grounds have been looking magnificent over the last couple of months as we come into Summer. As usually the daffodils and tulips popped up to add some colour and the cherry tree this year was better than its ever been. We are incredibly lucky to have these open, green areas to enjoy and judging by some of the photos and comments on the Facebook group, we are all very cognisant of that. 2023 has so far seen 2 grounds projects come to life. Firstly, the no-mow area is coming on a treat! Although we don't have too many flowering plants at this point, the range of grasses and foliage is impressive, and the path that Dean and the gardening team have carved through allows us to wander along and enjoy the new growth. The point of a no-mow area is to boost biodiversity and provide food and shelter for insects and pollinators like bees. Over the last few years, nearly 46% of bee colonies were lost, and it's so important that we do our bit to try and support our winged-friends. Please do consider alternatives to pesticides when managing your own gardens as this has been found to be one of the biggest causes of bee loss.

**Hannah Kosuge**



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## Have your say!

Simon Hood, Community Engagement

Join the RPRA to continue to receive our new quarterly newsletter directly to your inbox. It's free to join and takes minutes to sign up - by signing up and registering you will benefit from receiving correspondence and information first hand. Simply go to the RPRA website and enter your details, we hope to welcome lots of new members soon!

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Park  
WOODFORD GREEN

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## An update from the Roads/Parking Committee

Moira McGuinness

The street party on The Boulevard, held to celebrate King Charles III coronation, was a great success and proved cars can be driven at a more sedate speed within Repton Park! Thank you to all those drivers. If you witness reckless driving or speeding or bad parking please report it to the Gatehouse (020 8502 9141) and/or Security (07933 772280). We were pleased to see road markings added in April, particularly at junctions where drivers 'forget' to give way. FirstPort are carrying out a full audit of the road surfaces and the RPRA will continue to monitor FirstPort's plans in this respect. To help with near misses and unsafe parking we hope residents will not have to wait too much longer for bollards to be installed on the corners near Wentworth and Bartholomew Houses. Please remember to drive and park safely, be mindful of the beautiful Repton Park we call home.



## King's Coronation

Thank you to all that attended the Coronation Street party in May, it was a wonderful sunny day and it was lovely to see so many smiling faces out!

We hope to host more events like this in the future.