

## **Burntbroom Residents' Association Chair's Report 2018 / 19**

On behalf of the residents, I wish to thank the Committee members for their continued involvement, as without their commitment, there would be no Association and the annual cost to maintain the estate would be significantly greater for each household. A special thanks goes to those who have carried out the major tasks involved in maintaining the Association, namely Lesley Donaldson & Ian Donaldson as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively.

The major item of expenditure for the Association are the gardener's fees for maintenance of the common green areas of the estate. We have been fortunate that the contractor has maintained their level of service with very little increase in costs in recent years. Through this and prudent management, the Common Green Fees have been kept at a low level. The Committee agreed that the fees should be increased by £5 to £75 for 2019/2020. This should maintain the financial reserves and ensure the long term stability of the Association. This will also allow the continuation of the proactive estate management programme, which was introduced by the committee several years ago.

The major issues/activities this year have been:

1. Non-payment of Common Green Fees by two householders. In both cases, the fees were eventually paid, though, in one case, this involved taking the non-payment to the Sheriff Court.
2. A comprehensive review of all of the trees in the common areas of the estate. This resulted in a major programme to trim many trees and to remove a few. This was the biggest single work yet carried out as part of the annual maintenance programme. It is planned that another review should take place in 2021.
3. Continuing to press the Council regarding maintenance work required to footpaths and stairs. This was raised in 2017 and is now programmed for early May 2019. The assistance of Councillor Coleman in dealing with Land and Environmental services is appreciated. It is hoped that, when completed, this will help maintain safe conditions within the estate.
4. Setting up an Association website. The use of this has been very limited so far and the value of this will be reviewed.

Finally, I'd like to repeat the invitation made each year to all residents to assist the Committee members by volunteering to join the Committee, which would mean a minimal investment of your time.

Gordon Shaw, Chairperson, 01.05.19