

At the Last Committee Meeting

A number of residents joined the Committee in lively debate at the Committee meeting on 23rd July. Hot topics included:

- trees that are lifting some paths making them quite dangerous,
- damage to bin upstand areas, and
- parking by people with no connection to the estate.

While there is no quick fix for these tricky issues, action was agreed on all fronts.

Decisions were also taken on the Annual General Meeting, improved signage and notice boards in the estate and improved financial information for the members.

Since the meeting, work to remove the Japanese Bamboo behind the picnic area in Liddesdale Place has been approved and will be done in the autumn.

Picnic Area Bamboo



Annual AGM Meeting

2024 AGM

will be held :

Tuesday 19th November 2024
7pm

The Royal Navy and Marines' Club
1 Broughton Rd
Edinburgh, EH7 4EW

All owners and residents are invited

At the AGM

The Members;

- Hear the Committee report for the year
- Approve the accounts and agree the subscription
- Elect the Committee
- Consider any other business specified in the notice of the meeting

All owners and residents (including tenants) are invited, however, only those who pay the yearly association fee are eligible to vote on any matters.

Parking can be found at Tesco.

If you don't have any outstanding invoice(s), you can set up a standing order to make monthly payments towards your next annual invoice. Members should contact the Treasurer if they have difficulty paying an invoice (treasurer.gcra@hotmail.co.uk).

Our Beautiful Trees!

In this day and age, with all the publicity about climate change, no-one in their right minds wants to cut down trees!

HOWEVER, some trees are unsuitable for residential developments because they grow too tall and spread roots which may disrupt and damage paths. These include Lime, Norwegian Maple, Cherry and Native Birch.

In Glenogle Court over the years several blocks have had trees removed either cut down at ground level or with the whole root removed.



Paths with paving blocks are the responsibility of the individual blocks. The tarmacked paths are the responsibility of Edinburgh Council, but they will not repair the paths where it is our trees that have damaged the paths. In other words, there may be a liability if anyone is injured on these paths!

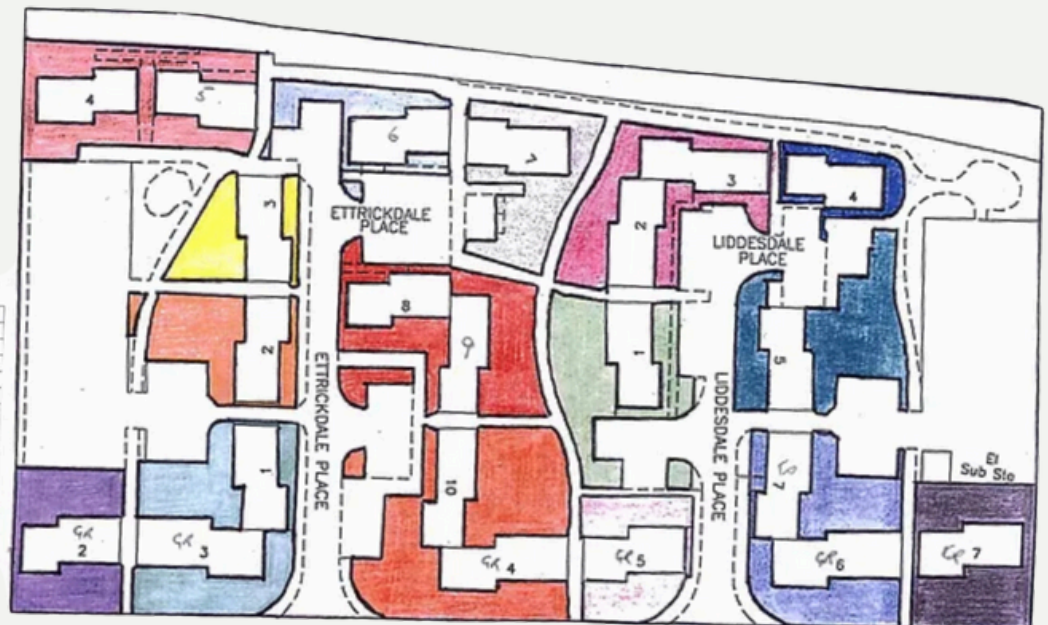
For grassed areas a good solution may be mounding over the raised root areas but this is difficult on paths because of issues with grading and under surface services. The suggestion of flexible paving offered by a Council arboriculture officer may be a good but no doubt a more expensive option.



Below is a plan of the development with the Block areas highlighted so you can work out the trees for which you are responsible. All this was initially highlighted in 2011 and several blocks had trees removed, either cut down at ground level or with the whole root also removed.

Common amenity ground for individual blocks

1	Etrickdale Place and 3 Glenogle Road
2	Etrickdale Place
3	Etrickdale Place
4	and 5 Etrickdale Place
6	Etrickdale Place
7	Etrickdale Place
8	and 9 Etrickdale Place
10	Etrickdale Place and 4 Glenogle Road
2	Glenogle Road
5	Glenogle Road
6	Glenogle Road and 7 Liddesdale Place
7	Glenogle Road
1	Liddesdale Place
2	and 3 Liddesdale Place
4	Liddesdale Place
5	Liddesdale Place



Before Glenogle Court

The Glenogle Court site originally housed a distillery built by James Haig in 1780. However after a new Licensing Act increased tax on whisky exports Haig, like many other distillers, became bankrupt and by 1790 the distillery was acquired by John Stein, a relative of Haig.

Over time the distillery became a maltings and cooperage and was eventually taken over by Wm Younger & Sons until it was demolished in the 70's.

Next door a large garage and Fiat dealer, Croall and Croall, stood on the Tanfield site now occupied by Standard Life.

Barratt, established in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne in 1958, became the largest house builder in the UK expanding into Scotland some 20 years later. In 1980 it built the Glenogle Court estate which comprises 122 flats varying in style and size from one to four bedrooms.

Long term resident Bob moved from Morningside to Glenogle Road in 1981 paying the princely sum of £48,000 for his 4 bedroom upper flat! On the first night he regretted moving as the noise of the traffic angered him but now he doesn't hear anything. He remembers the Standard Life office being built.



So where do the street names come from? Well, Glen Ogle is a walking trail at Lochearnhead, Ettrickdale and Liddesdale are both valleys in the Scottish Borders while Liddesdale is also an area near Oban.



aerial photograph taken facing south of the distillery in 1949.

In brief...

- The work on the Standard Life building being adapted for Blackrock Finance is on schedule for completion by February 2025. There are currently 200 contract staff on site plus project staff
- Glenogle Court is in the wider conservation area so we all have to be mindful of the appearance of the estate and the diverse views of residents especially if hanging out washing or displaying notices or flags.



Flood Control

After the major floods of April 2000 when a 36-hour downpour caused Edinburgh's worst flooding for 80 years, hitting 600 homes and offices and causing £25 million of damage; a bid to prevent flooding right along the banks of the Water of Leith was launched by Edinburgh City Council in 2010. Construction was completed in our section 2011.

Due to the differing levels, all flood gates around Stockbridge and Murrayfield have different thresholds at which they need to be closed. The CEC have a closure sequence and several factors which the allocated flood co-ordinator for the flood event will consider.

A SEPA flood alert doesn't mean gates have to be closed. It indicates the need to remain alert and vigilant. When a flood alert is received, the CEC will make early preparations for potential action.

The CEC attempt to re-open all flood gates as soon as it's safe to do so and the flood risk has passed. The decision to do this will depend on current staff resources, the weather forecast, current river levels and public access and safety. For further information you can call 0131 469 5753

While the flood wall and gate now protect our estate, flooding on Glenogle Road still causes concern for residents and pedestrians with the risk of getting drenched by the spray from passing vehicles. If you have any concerns please call Fettes Police station on 0131 311 3297