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# PETRA News

**Parkhill Estate Tenants &  
Residents Association**

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## Help the high street



**Fancy a shopping trip now  
that the high street is opening  
up again?**

**Havering Council is providing free  
parking from Monday 12 April 2021  
for four weeks, to help support our  
local high streets and town centre as  
they re-open again.**

**Parking fees in all Council car parks  
and on-street parking bays will be sus-  
pended daily until and including 9 May  
2021. This is in addition to the free  
parking on Sundays already in place,  
which will continue after that time.**

**The Council also provides a Havering  
Heroes parking permit for NHS and  
other key workers. This permit has  
been extended until 21 June 2021.  
This enables these workers to park in  
resident bays and Council car parks  
free, for up to three hours during the  
week and weekends.**



**Lockdown is coming to an  
end. It may be a slow  
process, but the indications  
are that the government  
intends for the latest  
lockdown to be our last. Let's  
hope so!**

Our current arrangements have meant that the PETRA office has remained out of bounds to visitors, except by appointment. Caroline has been working flexible hours, but she is usually on site 9 till 4 weekdays if residents wish to phone or email her. Appointments can then be made for an office visit if need be.

These arrangements are less than ideal, but the office and concierge are quite small, enclosed spaces, so we have to be careful.

We are now beginning a gradual return to more normal working conditions. From 17th May, we

hope to welcome visitors back to the office, and have Bradley and Tim able to resume their normal working hours and jobs, including the variety of small jobs around the estate they have been unable to undertake in recent months, if all goes well, later in the year we may be able to start thinking about hosting some community events. Remember those?!

"We'd love to organise a summer 'do' of some kind" says Caroline. "At the moment, we simply don't know if that is going to be possible, but we're crossing our fingers. If you have any good ideas as to what exactly we might do, let us know."

## PETRA's Gripes & Swipes

Sadly, often when publishing this newsletter we have to include incidents of inconsiderate and antisocial behaviour. We would rather give more space to **good news and positive stories**. So, if you have any of those, do please let us know.

But in the meantime, back to those gripes and swipes! If any of them apply to you - **Please take note!**

- Cigarettes - do not throw butts from balconies - it is dangerous
- Chewing gum - is litter. Please dispose of it accordingly, ie not on the pavement
- Rubbish - do not throw cardboard boxes and other bulky items down the chute; put them in the orange bins
- Rubbish - do not put unwrapped cat litter down the chute
- Rubbish - do not leave rubbish bags on landing. Dispose of them immediately
- Rubbish - If you are unsure about what goes where and in which bins, please talk to a member of staff
- Dog mess - walkers, carry poo bags at all times, and use the facilities provided
- DIY - please restrict home improvement activities to between the hours of 8am and 8pm.



## The government's roadmap to easing lockdown

### No earlier than 12 April

- Reopening of non-essential retail, hair and nail salons, and public buildings such as libraries.
- Most outdoor venues open, including pubs and restaurants but only for outdoor tables and beer gardens, and with significant restrictions - see Government website for details
- Also reopening will be settings such as zoos and theme parks. However, social contact rules will apply here, so no indoor mixing between households and limits on outdoor mixing.
- Indoor leisure facilities such as gyms and pools can also open but again people can only go alone or with their own household.
- Reopening of holiday lets with no shared facilities, but only for one household.
- Weddings, receptions and wakes can have 15 people attending.

### No earlier than 17 May

- Most mixing rules lifted outdoors, with a limit of 30 people meeting in parks or gardens.
- Indoor mixing will be allowed, up to six people or, if it is more people, two households.
- Indoor venues such as the inside of pubs and restaurants, hotels and B&Bs, play centres, cinemas, museums and group exercise classes will reopen. The new indoor and outdoor mixing limits will remain for pubs and other hospitality venues.
- This will be the earliest date at which international holidays could resume, subject to a review – see the list below.

**A message from  
our Chair, talented  
cartoonist Suzanne Vine**



- For sport, indoor venues can have up to 1,000 spectators or half capacity, whichever is lower; outdoors the limit will be 4,000 people or half capacity, whichever is lower.
- Weddings will be allowed a limit of 30 people, with other events such as christenings and barmitzvahs also permitted.

### No earlier than 21 June

- All legal limits removed on mixing will be removed and the last sectors to remain closed, such as nightclubs, will reopen. Large events can take place.
- There are likely to be changes to wider social distancing measures but this will be decided in a separate review.

### Havering resident coronavirus helpline

If you, or someone you know, have concerns around care, urgent issues around health and wellbeing or lack of access to supplies including food and medicine please call our free to use helpline: 0800 368 5201 Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays 11am to 4pm for emergencies only.

Email: [covid19support@haverling.gov.uk](mailto:covid19support@haverling.gov.uk)

**Scared of your  
partner or ex?**  
Talk to us any time, day or night.





## Letterbox Lotto!

Every month we give away three gift vouchers each worth £25 to PETRA residents! Go online to find out more.

**[www.Petratmo.  
weebly.com](http://www.Petratmo.weebly.com)**

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## News in brief

### Building site

Work on the site of the old sheltered housing complex came to a halt almost year ago. It will presumably resume very soon now, beginning with the hoarding being moved across the road, blocking off that part of our access road including parking spaces.

The building company will then install a temporary pathway alongside the newly positioned wall, providing for our residents. The affected area of lawn will be returned to its present state as soon as the building works have been completed.

### Parking permits

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the Council has agreed to allow us to tender for the parking permit project, a new system giving our residents protected parking spaces before completion of the new sheltered housing complex. We will keep you informed of progress on this matter.

### Need a lift?

Then here's some good news: the Council has agreed to commission the installation of new lifts in all three blocks.



In recent years, as you probably know, our lifts have broken down a few times, sometimes due to power cuts, sometimes due to faults and breakages within their mechanisms. This is unsurprising. While these lifts have been refurbished in recent years, their mechanical workings are the originals. They've been hauling us up and down for over fifty years.

The bad news is that the installation of new lifts constitutes 'major works'. Some disruption and inconvenience is bound to be involved. The job is currently out to tender, with no date fixed yet for the work to begin, but it is likely to be later this year.

The plan is to install new lifts. These will be installed one at a time, with one of them able to stop at every level. In addition, new generators will be installed in the basements.

These will provide our lifts with their own emergency power source whenever required.

### Fire doors



New fire doors have been installed in all three blocks. Not the most exciting of news this, perhaps, but still, a valuable additional safety feature nonetheless.



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### **PETRA'S VISION**

A safe, pleasant neighbourhood where people want to be part of a vibrant, caring community

## *Events*

# census 2021

Every household is required by law to complete the census.

The official Census day was 21 March, but don't worry if you still haven't done it - it's not too late. By completing it now you can avoid a fine.

### **A few facts:**

- Students need to be included.
- You only count yourself at the address you are present at on Census day.
- You don't have to be British - Everyone staying in England on Census Day needs to be counted.
- Your privacy will be respected - Personal Census data will be kept under lock and key for 100 years.
- The Census is important - the data provided helps in the future planning of every public service.

Visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk) or call: 0800 141 2021

### **Coffee mornings**

Cancelled until further notice. We hope to resume them as soon as possible.

### **Committee meetings**

Formal meetings remain off the agenda for the moment, but we hope to resume them soon. Caroline and Suzanne will keep members informed.



## **CONTACTS**

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