

SPRING 2011 FEE UPDATE

How time flies. Financially we are now in to the second half of the year. This is the time that I really start looking at figures and trying to project the financial outcome for the year and I am pleased to say that we are on track. I would encourage those people who have not yet paid to get in before the deadline. We do not want to refer anyone to the debt collector.

The tree surgeon has inspected the trees he planted in the winter and states "Regarding the Scot's Pine - I have been checking on it and it looks like it could do with some watering, about a gallon every 2 or 3 days if it has not rained. The other trees should be watered if they look like they are wilting, or if it has been dry for a week, about half a gallon should suffice". We have a volunteer to look after the Scot's Pine. Would anyone like to adopt one of the other new trees for this year only? It is not an onerous job, half a gallon of water at the most once a week until September and that's only if it does not rain. Thanks for your support. Together we can make this attractive estate look even better.

CarnbeE-Newsletter

At a time where costs continue to rise, the Association is keen to use members' fees wisely and effectively. At the last AGM it was agreed that we would pursue electronic communication as a mechanism to reduce the current cost of keeping members informed. The cost of stationery last year was almost £300 (and the costs don't include the time and effort by the volunteers who print, collate, staple, and deliver the letters).

We would like to encourage members who have access to email to consider registering on our website to receive the majority of our communications by this method. Of course, we would not wish to disadvantage members without access to email, and paper copies will continue to be distributed to all members who have not registered on-line.

The registration process is simple, and only involves a couple of steps and the provision of a few contact details (including your email address).

Click on the link on the front page of the website to take you to the registration page. Fill in the form, including the six-letter code (**Printed on paper copies only**)

Then click on the Register button to complete the process.

We will send you an email to confirm the details of your email address. Follow the single step instruction on this email to fully complete the registration.

Job Done!

We look forward to sharing information with you in this way.



1. Remember this is your newsletter and if there are items you would like us to include in the next one please let us know.
2. The Committee can always benefit from volunteers to do ad-hoc jobs such as delivering newsletters etc, if you would like to help please contact us.

What are your committee responsible for?

The Carnbee Owners Association (COA) has now existed for almost 18 months. In our short life we hope you agree that a lot of positive changes are evident throughout our estate.

An elected Committee is in place to oversee this work and now is perhaps a prudent time to explain the workings of your Committee and deal with some misconceptions over what comes under the remit of the COA. In its most basic form, the COA is responsible for managing the maintenance of the common areas of our estate. The common areas are clearly shown on our website so please take a minute or two to familiarise yourself with these areas.

As you can imagine, the biggest expenditure is on gardening and general maintenance of the common areas and you can see a schedule of this work in this newsletter as well as on our website.

Now that we've established what your Committee does, it's worth explaining what it doesn't do - and where you can get help if you need it. Last year the estate suffered a spate of unwelcome graffiti and your Committee received a number of requests to deal with this. As the graffiti was on boundary walls, responsibility for removal lies with the homeowner, not the COA. As this is vandalism, the police should be advised so that they can accurately record levels of crime within our estate.

General unsociable behaviour, regardless of whether or not this is by Carnbee residents, is also a police matter (though depending on circumstances this may be a matter for The City Of Edinburgh Council).

The recent spell of heavy snow brought calls for the COA to encourage residents to clear paths and pavements. Again, this isn't technically a COA responsibility, though we did put some general guidance on the website. On the same theme, any resident can call The City Of Edinburgh Council and ask for snow to be cleared from the roads or for additional supplies of grit to be delivered.

Residents living in the blocks of flats within Carnbee, will have factor fees to pay in addition to COA fees. Factor fees are not related to the work of the COA and generally relate to the upkeep and maintenance of your building and directly adjacent grounds.

We have included the following useful contact numbers, which can also be found on our website.

Contact	Telephone Number
Clarence (Roads, Pavements, Street Lighting)	0800 23 23 23
Howdenhall Police Station	0131 666 2222
Edinburgh City Council (Refuse, cleansing etc)	0131 200 2000
Scottish Water	0845 600 8855
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999
Electricity Power Failure	0845 733 1331
Telephone Faults (BT)	0800 800 151

Advertising opportunity on the COA Website

At our last AGM the committee indicated that they would like to offer owners advertising space on our website. If you run a business or are a member of a local club or organisation and would like to place an advert and/or link on the Carnbee Owner's Association website then please contact us at contact@carnbee.org

Ideally, each advert would be equivalent to a business card in terms of relative dimensions, as this would enable better space management on the webpage. However, it would be possible to include hyperlinks on the advert which would open a new window with the website of your business, club or organisation.

The Association reserves the right to decline an advertisement if it suspects that any content may be inappropriate within the family context of the estate.

There will be a small charge of £5 for a year's advertising which will go towards the running costs of the website.

Committee and Contact Details

Who are the Committee Members ?

Catherine Crosbie (Chair),
Lee-Anne Mitchell (Secretary)
Elaine Turbitt (Deputy Chair),
John Pendlebury (Treasurer),

Alan Gibson (Committee member)
Janis Monaghan, (Committee member)
Sue Smith (Committee member)

Where can I find the most up-to-date information relating to the COA ?

You can find us on the web at www.carnbee.org

How do I contact the COA ?



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