



# Latest updates for residents at Magnus Heights

# April 2023



## **Upcoming estate inspections**

The next estate inspection will take place on:

Day	Date	Time	Meeting point
Monday	10 July	11am	Ground floor lobby
Monday	16 October	11am	Ground floor lobby

If you would like to join Alan Llorente, your Neighbourhood Officer, during the estate inspection or discuss a specific issue, you can meet him on the dates above. Please contact Alan on **0300 373 3000** or email **customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk**.

# Estate inspection findings update for your site

Your neighbourhood officer, Alan Llorente has identified the below issues

Issue identified	Location	Action taken	Any other notes
Build-up of bulk and rubbish bags on floor	Bin room	Pinnacle carrying out occasional one-off clean and clear.	Residents are kindly reminded to request bulk collections from Haringey and to place rubbish bags inside bins. This will help keep service charges down for clearances.
Items stored on communal landings	Communal parts	Arrange a visit to remove and dispose of anything in communal areas.	As per torts notice on noticeboard, residents do need a formal notice to remove items as per fire safety and building regulations.

# Window cleaning

The window cleaning programme for 2023 is scheduled for July and October.  $\label{eq:control}$ 





#### **CCTV**

CCTV is fully operational. For reporting any incidents of Anti-social behaviour, please report via the police using 101. For incidents of fly tipping, please let us know the date and approximate time of the incident so we can check the camera footage and pass on to Haringey Council if necessary.

# Changes to payment options: we no longer accept cheque payments

We're making some changes to the ways you can make a payment to us over the spring / summer period. From 1 April, we will no longer accept payments by cheque. You will need to use another payment option to make a payment to us if this was a payment method you used.

We will be making more changes to your payment options, however Direct Debit and standing order payments will not be affected.

To find out more about the changes we will be making, please check out the ways to pay section on our website at www.networkhomes.org.uk/waystopay.

# Cost of living help

Rising cost of living is a key concern for people nationwide and it can be overwhelming to keep track of what can be done to ease the impact of increased outgoings. We want to make it easy for resident to access useful advice and support that can hopefully reduce the rising cost of running your home this winter.

#### How we can help

#### Support with claiming benefits

We have a Welfare and Benefits Advice team at Network Homes that can support you with claiming benefits. The team has helped residents claim more than £1.5million each year for the past three years and £2.4million last year. This includes housing benefit, Universal Credit, disability benefits, pension credit and carers allowance. We can also help with Discretionary Housing Payment applications. In some cases, we can help gain grant funding.

If you would like to speak to the team, please call **0300 373 3000** or email them at welfareadvisors@networkhomes.org.uk.

#### Charitable fund

If you have had a change in circumstances that has reduced your household income or you're experiencing financial difficulties, you may be eligible to receive support from us through our charitable fund. The most common ways we support people through the fund is by providing food vouchers, beds and white goods. We've also helped with small electronics, energy vouchers (prepayment meters with a card or key only), and school uniforms.

You can find out more information and apply to our charitable fund by visiting the charitable fund page on our website at <a href="https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/charitablefund">www.networkhomes.org.uk/charitablefund</a>.



#### Cost of living hub

We have a cost of living help section on our website where you can access the support we provide, top tips and information about support from external organisations. You can find it in the advice section or directly at <a href="https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/costofliving">www.networkhomes.org.uk/costofliving</a>.

#### Support from your local council

Haringey Council cost of living help and advice
For tips to support you through the rising cost of living you can visit Haringey Council's cost of living support hub at <a href="https://www.haringey.gov.uk/news/cost-living-support">www.haringey.gov.uk/news/cost-living-support</a>.

#### Please take recycling seriously

Recycling contamination remains a major problem and occurs when materials are sorted into the wrong recycling bin (placing a glass bottle into a mixed paper recycling bin for example), or when materials are not properly cleaned, such as when food residue remains on a plastic yogurt container.



# What happens if I put the wrong things in my recycling bin?

If you put the wrong items in your recycling bin, the Council may not collect your bins. Sometimes things like nappies and food waste could spoil the rest of the recyclables and mean a whole load may need to be disposed of and not recycled.

Due to contamination of the recycling and the council then refusing to collect the bin, we have to arrange for our contractors to dispose of the bins at a cost which will be **service chargeable** to **all residents.** It is important to recycle properly to avoid such unnecessary additional cost to you.

#### How to prevent recycling contamination

- 1. Rinse your containers as soon as they're empty and before placing in the recycling bin.
- 2. Sort your recycling materials.
- 3. Check the recycle material list to see what is accepted and how to sort it.
- 4. Follow your local council's recycling guidelines.
- 5. Remind other residents about the recycling guidelines as their actions could cause your recycle bin not to be collected by the council if it's contaminated.

If you live in a block of flats, you should have access to communal recycling bins. These will have labels that clearly show what you can recycle.





If you think you're experiencing ASB, please check out our ASB toolkit to help you identify ASB and understand the steps you need to take if you're experiencing it. You can find the toolkit on our website at www.networkhomes.org.uk/asbtoolkit

## Stay put fire safety strategy for your building

The fire strategy for your building is a stay put policy. This means unless you're directly affected by a fire, told by the emergency services or a Network Homes staff member to evacuate, you should stay in your home. Remember if you do need to evacuate because of a fire, do not use the lifts. Close the door behind you and safely make your way out of the building before calling the emergency services on 999. If you are unable to self-evacuate or evacuate using the stairs, please contact our Fire Safety Team on **0300 373 3000** so we can visit you and discuss a personal evacuation plan.

#### New residents' information

If you are a new resident, then welcome to your new home. Please check out our website for information about our services and important information you would need to know as a resident. You can also find previous updates about your scheme.

Visit our website at www.networkhomes.org.uk.

Read previous updates about your scheme on our website at http://bit.ly/38SHdkB

Read the latest issue of Network Life, newsletter for residents, on our website at www.networkhomes.org.uk/networklife.

#### Important contacts

If you have any **issues with communal cleaning or grounds maintenance service**, call Pinnacle on **0330 332 0845** or email **networkhomes@pinnaclepsg.co.uk**.

Alan Llorente is your Neighbourhood Officer who manages your estate. You can contact Alan by phone on **0300 373 3000** or by email at <u>customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk</u>.

If you need to report a repair, check on the progress of an existing repair or need any other information get in touch by:

- Your My Network Homes account www.mynetworkhomes.org.uk
- Phone –0300 373 3000
- Email -customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk

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