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Premier Estates - update

As you may know Premier Estates took over the Barratts' half of the estate at the beginning of June. It took a couple of weeks before they appointed a contractor. Since then the Barratts' end of the estate has shown a marked improvement. There is a snagging list of jobs that Barratts still have to do and Premier is meeting with them to ensure they are completed. Generally, it is much better than previously. There are a couple of outside areas that are the responsibility of LiveWest or Clarks that are looking poor, but these are not Premier's responsibility.

I attended a walk around with a Premier Estates representative together with Bill Heaney from Crest Nicholson and Crest's contractor (Elm Tree). We observed and logged many issues most of which should be addressed during October. Premier Estates will take over maintenance in early November. Once again, we hope for a marked improvement especially with the nature area, pond and rampant bindweed. There will also be a snag list and some items, like the Shoe Tree, will still take some time to sort out but the list will be monitored for completion by Premier.

On other issues, Wessex Water has adopted the foul water drains. Somerset Council will adopt the roads and street lamps once some legal issues have been resolved. Expect to see some road works in the weeks before formal adoption. *Peter*



New recruits...?

Our regular litter picking sessions are often well attended, but recently we have been joined by some welcome outside help.

Jacob Hill and Adam Warwick usually work at Timberland in Clarks Village, but asked to join us as part of their community support initiative.

Timberland collect plastic bottle tops in store which they recycle and use in sustainable clothing.

Bigger and better than ever...

This year's Summer Fete saw lots of new activities and the return of old favourites. Highlights included a paint bike, smoothie bike, a very challenging assault course and of course the coconut shy.

The Dragon Drummers won hero status when they braved the torrential rain. Join us again on 13 June 2020!









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They're back...

Are you brave enough to enter the Creepy Cavern once again...?

The spooks are back and waiting to see you and they are creepier than ever.

There'll be ghouls and ghosts, spiders and spectres, a tricky trail and scary selfies.

We'll see you there! Thursday 31st October at 5 Torlon Grove 5 pm onwards



The Creepy Cavern is now a lot scarier for 2019 with, children's trail, selfie frames and lots of screams and moans!



Good neighbours, thriving community.....we can't do it without you

Building a great community is the reason why our Community Group was formed. We started out looking after the shared green spaces and that blossomed into the regular litter picks, the summer fete, residents' meetings and so much more. We also represent our interests with the estate management company and the developers - see more over the page.

Membership of the group is free and you can be actively involved or not. We keep your details secure. We just need to know you support what we do. Let us know if you want to get involved!

Fun and games: Play Sessions with Zing on the Green Record numbers of families came out to our series of free play sessions this summer. Running for only our second year, Jo and her team brought a bagful of games and challenges as well as bags of energy and enthusiasm.

We supplied the teas and coffees and a place to relax under the gazebo. The sun even shone for us.



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