



Latest updates for Residents at Brindley House

December 2021



Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

There has been an increase of anti-social behaviour on the estate, particularly in the Brindley House block in and around the 5th Floor stairwell. In response to this, we're putting in a place a dog-patrol to be on site, which we started on Monday, 22 November 2021 between 3pm and 3am every day and will continue until further notice. We will not recharge you for this additional service which is in addition to the mobile security patrol service you already receive.

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.

Become a Community Ambassador for your neighbourhood and represent the views of residents where you live



If you're proud of your community and have ideas to make it better, then the Community Ambassador role could be for you. In this role, you'll get to share your local knowledge with us, support others and make a real difference to your area.

As an ambassador, we'll connect you to the relevant teams every three months, so you have the opportunity raise areas of concern and suggest improvements. You'll also work with your neighbours to develop community projects and activities that benefit the people living in your community.

Check out the Community Ambassador page on our website at www.networkhomes.org.uk/communityambassador to find out more information or register your interest. Alternatively, you can email our Resident Engagement Team at Get-Involved@networkhomes.org.uk or call the Customer Contact Centre on **0300 373 3000**.





Estate inspections

The next Estate inspections will take place on:

| Day | Date | Time | Meeting point |
|-----------|------------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Wednesday | 19 January 2022 | 9.30am | Meet at: outside Langley House |
| Wednesday | 16 February 2022 | 9.30am | Meet at: outside Langley House |
| Wednesday | 16 March 2022 | 9.30am | Meet at: outside Langley House |

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

Pest Control

We've appointed Brent Direct as our new pest control contractor. Brent Direct started on 1 December 2021 and will provide a pest control service for four months. We are currently tendering for a new contractor to start on 1 April 2022.

Bicycles

We are getting quotes from our contractors to consider whether it is possible for us to install bike racks within the car park underneath Astley House. We'll provide you with further information about this once we have it to share with you.

Carpark (underneath Astley House)

Only residents with a valid parking permit will be given access to the car park underneath Astley House via their fob or a remote control if they've paid for it. If you do not have a valid parking permit with CPM, you will not be given access into the car park.

The criteria for applying for a parking permit is as follows:

- Strictly one permit per household.
- Strictly for residents only, this will be verified by the CPM application process.
- Your rent account must be up-to-date.

To apply for a permit:

If you would like a parking permit, you will need to apply online through the CPM website at www.uk-carparkmanagement.co.uk. Once on the website, you must complete the following steps:

1. Go to **Order Permit** at the top of the screen
2. Put in your **postcode**
3. Select your **estate** from the list
4. Look for your **door number** and complete the form from there – If your door number is not on the list, call CPM via our 0300 373 3000 number by selecting option 2 from the list of options.

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Building Safety Team update

Our Building Safety Team has published an EWS1 certificate which you can find on our website using the link below. It covers Astley, Brindley, Langley and Radway House.

<https://www.networkhomes.org.uk/media/10545/20201007-brindley-estate-ews1-form-sent.pdf>

You can email customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk if you have any questions.

Please keep an eye on our website especially the dedicated building safety section at www.networkhomes.org.uk/your-home/building-fire-safety-and-cladding/ for the latest updates.

Data Protection (CCTV & Doorbells)

If you currently have or are considering installing a CCTV camera or video doorbell you could be subject to data protection laws. You must ensure it meets certain criteria which includes only using it for domestic purposes; positioning it to only overlook your home or garden and not surrounding areas like communal areas, neighbours' home/ garden or public pathways; and turning of the sound recording.

You can read more about it including what you need to know to ensure you are meeting data protection laws on our website at www.networkhomes.org.uk/cctvdoorbells.

Online Safe Spaces available on our website



We've recently added the online Safe Spaces to our website which is a discreet portal offering helpful support, advice and contact information to people at risk of or experiencing domestic abuse. It features a quick exit button and leaves no internet history, ensuring your safety if you use the service.

All you need to do is select the Safe Spaces banner in the footer of our website at www.networkhomes.org.uk and it will open on the screen for you to use.

Do you need support with claiming benefits?

Did you know Network Homes has its own welfare and benefits advice team? In recent years, the team has consistently assisted residents in obtaining unclaimed benefits of approximately £2million per year. If you're worried that your benefits are incorrect or wonder if you would be entitled to any, please call **0300 373 3000** or email welfareadvisors@networkhomes.org.uk.

Fire safety and fire strategy for your home

Network Homes has a zero tolerance to any personal items such as bicycles, shoes, plant pots, scooters, prams, etc., being stored in the communal areas, including in riser cupboards. This is to ensure escape routes remain clear for the need to evacuate in the event of a fire. Any items found in these areas will be removed and disposed of without prior notice. We must also remind you that

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smoking in enclosed spaces is illegal and barbeques are not allowed anywhere at this estate. **This is dangerous and puts everyone's safety at risk.** Anyone found to be ignoring this law could be found in breach of their tenancy.

There has been a lot of media coverage this past year of fires affecting balconies in blocks of flats across the country. If you have a balcony, it's important you take preventative measures to reduce the risk of a fire breaking out or spreading via your balcony. We've found some useful balcony safety tips you can use:

- Don't use BBQs on your balcony.
- Avoid smoking on your balcony and always ensure cigarettes are put out.
- Never throw cigarette butts over the edge of the balcony.
- Keep doors and pathways clear and clutter free.
- Don't store flammable items on your balcony.
- Always have a working fire extinguisher nearby.

The fire strategy 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.

Check your rent account balance through your My Network Homes account!

With your My Network Homes online account, you can check your rent account balance, recent transactions and make a payment. You can also use your account to report and book an appointment for most non-emergency repairs, make an enquiry, access our FAQ library and raise other service requests.

If you have a tenancy with Network Homes, you can register and set up an account. All you need is your customer reference number, a unique PIN which we sent to you and an email address. To find out more, including how to request a new unique PIN and register your account, visit www.networkhomes.org.uk/mynetworkhomes.

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.

Erika Davison is your Neighbourhood Officer who manages your estate. You can contact Erika by phone on 0300 373 3000 or by email at customerservice@networkhomes.org.uk

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

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