

Darrick Wood action plan 22/23

Star survey top 3

Neighbourhood problems (Dog noise and fouling) - There are dog litter bins on the estate which are emptied regularly, any reports of excessive dog noise are investigated by the housing officer and any identified culprits who allow their dog to foul on the estate are approached directly.

Rubbish and litter – the litter bins are emptied on the estate regularly as well as litter picking across the estate twice per week. Bulky dumped items is an issue on the estate and the Housing officers encourage residents to report the culprits of fly tipping directly to them in confidence.

Drug use and dealing – Keniston liaise with the Bromley Safer Neighbourhood team on these issues. We have access to a mobile CCTV camera that can be moved to trouble areas on the estate.

You said, we did

You asked for CCTV

Residents reported anti-social behaviour in a block of flats and Keniston were able to put a mobile camera up in this location.

There was an issue with ball games

The Housing Officer successfully bid for some funds from our Better Homes, Better Neighbourhoods fund to provide some tall shrubs to be planted along the wall to try and stop this problem.

Better homes, better neighbourhoods

- Shrubs for an existing flower bed on the estate were obtained in October 2022.
- Shrubs to create a new shrub bed to stop children playing football against the wall of a house were obtained in February 2023.

Estate walkabout

- A resident requested a harsh cut back of the prickly hedges around one of the communal car parks and the gardeners carried out this work.
- A query was raised about a large tree on a communal green. Keniston have a 5 year tree plan in place with Down To Earth that determines when trees are maintained.

Resident meeting

- Hedge cutting now being done in-house as this is more cost effective than paying an external contractor.
- A woodchipper was purchased to shred communal garden cuttings creating wood chips that can be spread on the flower beds which is an environmentally friendly way of preventing the growth of weeds and improving the soil.