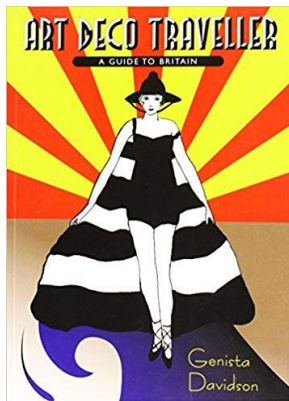


Onslow Court Spring News Letter

As the new RTM we would like to make you aware of some of the things we are aiming to achieve for Onslow Court in 2020. Firstly, the exciting news is that Onslow Court is getting a great deal of positive attention as a significant piece of art deco architecture. Our building has been listed in a book by art historian and journalist Genista Davidson called the Art Deco Travellers Guide. Listed as a building of architectural interest along side buildings like Shoreham airport, Embassy Court in Brighton and Marine Court in Saint Leonards-on-Sea. Onslow Court also features in the plans for the regeneration of Union square in Worthing. Designed by the architect A.T.W. Goldsmith, who also designed the Connaught cinema, Onslow Court is being used alongside other creative architecture as inspiration for the new buildings that will be constructed in Union Square.



During the last 8 years Onslow court has undergone a huge renovation project, which has included installing a new boiler for the communal heating, having the front of Onslow painted twice, and the back and side flanks of the building redecorated. The flat roof has been renewed and the flue from the boiler room lined. The lift on the east side has been replaced. Onslow Court is looking and functioning so much better, and is at last returning to it's former glory.

The front decoration is nearing completion, with the privacy screens newly installed. As the quality and finish of the front doors wasn't very satisfactory the doors will be stripped back and repainted. Brass handles, kick plates and new locks on the front doors are also being considered.

To complement the fresh facade we have tidied the garden and Steve, the gardener, has planted a robust hedge along the front wall to protect the garden against the harsh coastal weather. It will also mask out the traffic for the ground floor flats. Cordyline palms have been planted at each entrance and in a few years will look really impressive. In November a group of Onslow Court residents planted 450 bulbs and some of them are sprouting already! We are hoping for a good show of colour in the spring. Leading into the summer season we are planning to plant seeds and cuttings, including Californian poppies and Verbena. The aim is to achieve a full and vibrant beach garden that looks appealing, and also attracts bees and other wildlife. If you would like to donate seeds or plant cuttings please let us know.

As quite a few residents at Onslow court have bicycles we are keen to get some bike racks installed at the back of the building. We are also planning to remove the damaged glass boiler room skylight near the back carpark, to create a space with seating for residents.

We would like to continue to restore the communal parts of Onslow Court and maintain the fabric of the building, whilst keeping costs consistent and manageable. The financial forecast plan will see Onslow Court back to tip top condition and then future maintenance charges can be revised. We believe that up dating Onslow Court and caring for the building is an investment for our future.

We hope to see you all at the next Onslow Court social event. Please come and have a chat with us at any time if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes from,
Sandra, Zoe, Beth, Richard, John, Graham, Sassa, Jackie and Claire. (Onslow Court RTM)