

# The Van Alen

## Newsletter – January 2019

### Intruders update

The two intruders who we have seen frequently on our CCTV were arrested over Christmas. One was subsequently released, pending further investigations: The other was out of prison on licence, which was then revoked. He is now serving the remainder of his sentence. We understand that he will be charged with various offences, including stealing bikes from The Van Alen, in due course. We should remain vigilant and if you see any intruders, the Police request that we do not confront them but dial 999 immediately.

### Blocked drains

After the serious blockage at the bottom of the middle block recently, resulting in sewage coming up into the shower and bath of a ground floor flat, please do not flush anything other than toilet paper and FLUSHABLE wipes. Face wipes are NOT flushable, as indicated on the packaging. Cotton buds are a definite NO as the stick is often plastic and jams the drains.

### Boiler flues

To facilitate replacing the original PowerMax gas boilers for a modern, energy efficient gas Combi Boiler, the Directors have decided to allow, subject to written approval, flat owners to install new boiler flues on the front and rear elevations of the building, using when possible one of the existing flue exit positions.

### Large rubbish bin

Please put large items of rubbish in the Council bin on Camelford St. All domestic rubbish should be in tied rubbish bags before being placed in The Van Alen bins. Never smoke in the bin store.

### Have your say about the Pride Village Party

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/life-events-and-communities/community-and-voluntary-sector-support/pride-village-party>

### Additional gates on underground car park

In the light of problems with the intruders, the Board have taken the decision to have a set of automatic gates installed at the entrance to the underground car park. The installation of the gates will begin before the end of January

### Marine Parade garden

The garden between The Van Alen and the New Madeira Hotel has been replanted with Hebe plants.

### Snail

The snail in the garden is a gift from Mark Powney, Flat 16. Please don't climb on the snail.



### Contact and Feedback

To view minutes of board meetings or raise an issue, please contact us - [directors@vanalen.info](mailto:directors@vanalen.info) , pass a note to David Brown, Flat 36, or give him a call on 07887 983352. We have had reports that some people can only access one of the two Sky TV satellite feeds. Please report any issues as above. [www.vanalen.info](http://www.vanalen.info)