

JUNE 2020 UPDATE

I hope you and your family have been keeping safe in these strange times. Thank you to all of you who have followed the Government advice and not visited the estate, I know we have all missed it and cannot wait to return. Fortunately it does look like that will be allowed to soon and we are, like everyone else, monitoring the Welsh Government website to see when we can return.

But the virus has not gone away so there are a few things worth bearing in mind when you do visit.

- The bin store is a shared facility so the doors will be removed to reduce a shared touching point and increase ventilation. John Chirgwin will also where possible try to leave bin lids open to reduce the need to touch handles. When the estate is busy we only just have enough bin space for normal domestic waste, certainly not enough for the annual clear out people do in the spring. Please do not use the bins for larger items (duvets, pillows, old furniture or equipment) either take them home or to the council tip that is open again.
- The external space is shared and everyone has a right to walk around the estate so please if you are sitting outside remember people will be walking past so please make sure they still can whilst remaining socially distanced.
- We have been asked by several people whether there will be any refund for council tax surcharge while we have not been allowed to visit. Based on replies people have received they have made no decision on this although they have suggested it will not be high on their priorities, we can only suggest you continue to make individual requests.

Works

We are grateful to John Chirgwin for looking after the estate while the majority have not been able to visit. He has increased his external inspections which has been important to keep insurance cover simple, and organised or carried out many minor tasks (not always straight forward with the shops being shut).

Fortunately the plans for wall works were agreed with Rock Engineering in February so as soon as they were able to work again they replaced the wall top on the stretch of wall overlooking the railway aswell as several smaller repairs on the rest of the wall. A large area of slabbing outside 26-28 on the estuary side has been lifted and relaid as it was very uneven. It was good to get these jobs done while the estate was quiet and the weather good.

Following repeated drain blockage problems Welsh Water carried out an inspection and a shared drain and quickly repaired it without any cost to the estate at the beginning of the year.

Gardens

The area of bamboo in the car park area has been taken out along with some larger plants around the estate. Removing all of the roots will be carried out over a period and new planting will be put in next year. We had intended to replace some other areas of planting this spring but obviously that will also be delayed.

Photos

We have uploaded photos of the work carried out during lockdown onto the estate web site at www.southsnowdonwharf.co.uk for your information.