



Moor Park (1958) Ltd BiteSize Update



Welcome to Moor Park (1958) Ltd UPDATE Issue 48 – 26 March 2025

Moor Park (1958) Limited Annual General Meeting...

Save the Date: The 65th Annual General Meeting of Moor Park (1958) Limited will be held in the Exam Hall at Merchant Taylors' School on Thursday 29th May 2025 at 7.00 pm.

All members will receive the AGM papers either by email or hand delivered in due course.

Estate Manager's Report ...

Estate Management WhatsApp Group

MP58 is launching a new WhatsApp group to focus on Estate Management. The purpose of the new group is to enhance communication between the Estate office and Residents. The WhatsApp group will be in addition to the emails that you already received from the office. If you would like to receive these updates, please use this link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HKg0UbdtsV56oT3KOgHgpN>, or scan the QR code to join. We will continue to send email updates as well.



Upcoming Road Works ...

Road resurfacing and repairs are scheduled for Wolsey Road, South Approach, North Approach, Askew Road and Sandy Lodge Lane between April 2nd and April 17th. For further details please refer to the most recent email sent from the office on April 26th.

Working hours on the Estate ...

Gardening- Spring is around the corner and the days are getting longer. There has already been an increase in gardening work across the Estate in preparation. Please be aware the hours of work allowed for commercial gardeners are from **8am to 5.30pm on Mondays to Fridays** and from **9am to 1pm on Saturdays**. Gardening is **not allowed on Saturday afternoons after 1 pm or at any time on Sundays or public bank holidays**.

Building Work- Please remember weekday work must be limited to the hours of **8am and 5.30pm**. Saturday working hours are **9am to 1pm**. No work is to be carried out outside these hours or on Sundays or Bank holidays.

Knight Security Update...

- Throughout February, you may have noticed the team placing roadblocks around the estate. This initiative is part of our effort to utilise the technology on-site, which has identified vehicles using the estate as a 'cut-through'. This operation will continue into March, focusing on another identified area.
- We have been closely monitoring contractors working on the estate during weekends to ensure adherence to the designated 1pm finish time. Any breaches are reported to the Estate Office for follow-up with the relevant property owners. During our patrols, we note which sites are active and visit them to ensure work ceases by 1pm. If works continue, we will revisit the site until compliance is achieved

- We have been actively tackling the issue of illegally parked vehicles, which can compromise safety and accessibility.
- Throughout February 2025, we recorded 112 vehicles attempting to access the estate during the night. Many were turned away due to the absence of a valid reason for entry, ensuring the estate remains secure and reserved for authorised users.

Theft / Handling Stolen Goods

A recent incident involved an individual approaching a resident at their gate, claiming their truck had broken down and needed towing, with a load of 21mm gravel they needed to offload. The story seemed implausible, and the resident declined. This tactic aligns with a recurring scam seen at this time of year, often involving discounted garden supplies or plants supposedly offloaded due to vehicle issues like breakdowns or tyre changes.

Moor Park Residents Association – Forthcoming Events ...

Moor Park Litter Pick – 10.00 am Saturday 29th March 2025. Meet outside MP (58) office

There was an excellent turnout for the last litter pick and residents are encouraged to attend this important environmental event this coming Saturday. As part of the litter pick, Angie Brew, a resident who is also an ecological artist, will be creating an installation art piece based on the recyclable litter collected. She will be assisted by several students from the local schools.



Residents Association AGM - 6.30 pm on Tuesday 29th April at Merchant Taylors' School

All residents are invited to attend the Residents Association AGM where Simon Everson (Headmaster of Merchant Taylors School) will be the guest speaker and will explain how the school is responding to the changes in government education policy and the changes the school is introducing on admissions. For further details please contact the Residents Association at moorparkres@gmail.com

Moor Park Annual Golf Day – Tuesday, June 10th at Moor Park Golf Club

All residents and their friends & family are welcome to attend the annual golf day. For further details contact Hans Patel at hans@hotmail.co.uk or 07860 688853.



Life in Moor Park 50 years ago ...

As someone said that life was very different in Moor Park 50 years ago, I thought it would be fun to tell you what it was really like from the perspective of traffic and crime. I came to live in Moor Park in 1967 from a small (not anymore) town in Wales. My parents bought our house in Wolsey Road at an auction at the reserve price of £12000. This was because it rained on the day so no one came to the auction and more importantly, Moor Park was blighted! The London Orbital (now known as the M25) was planned to go right through the estate, on a flyover, following the route of the electricity pylons.

How different the estate would have been!

Traffic

Traffic was controlled at the gatehouse by an actual human manoeuvring a metal barrier. He knew everyone by name and you would be greeted by Good Morning Mrs Smith or welcome home. It was easy to turn people around as traffic was light but I remember one incensed driver rammed it in annoyance, leaving it out of action for weeks.

Traffic was light because there was no prep school, Merchant Taylors' started at 13 had boarders as well as day pupils, and was half the size it is now. The average household had one or at the most two cars. Everyone walked too, mostly to Northwood station if they commuted because it was significantly cheaper to travel from there.

Cars were smaller too and a tractor belonged on a farm, not the Chelsea variety we have now, capable of traversing road humps at over forty miles per hour! So, speed wasn't an issue either.

Crime

I was not aware there was much. The estate had two policemen who lived in the police houses in North Approach and patrolled the roads on bicycles or foot. They knew everyone by name. When you were away on holiday you would let them know and they would give your house extra attention!

Children got into trouble sometimes, for example playing in the spinney would get out of hand or stealing sweets from Taylor's newsagents, and then the local policeman would have a word with the parents. Children were respectful of the police! Crime was certainly not something people worried about,

We already had a Moor Park and Sandy Lodge Residents Association formed in 1942 to give residents' better representation on the estate under development at the time by Moor Park Ltd. It was established to make the Estate a neighbourly and enjoyable place to live in and strive to continue to celebrate and develop the strong sense of community that comes from living in such a unique neighbourhood.

Moor Park (1958) Ltd was then formed 16 years later to inherit and manage the assets of the original development company, such as the roads, verges, lighting, the open spaces and enforce the covenants applied to all houses on the Estate to preserve its beautiful surroundings and individual style.

So, this is my memory of life in the 1960s living in Moor Park. It was, as someone recently commented, very different!

We would love to hear your memories of the estate from the past. Submit your stories to the office.