

4. Redecorations

2013/14 Programme

Satisfaction surveys for the 2013/14 redecoration programme to Bryer Court, Bunyan Court and John Trundle Court have been carried out and although the response level was not high, residents were generally satisfied with the contractor and the work carried out.

2014/15 Programme

The 2014/15 programme includes the following blocks:

- Cromwell Tower (External)
- Ben Jonson House (External)
- Breton House (External)
- Bunyan Court (Internal)
- Frobisher Crescent (Internal & External)

Condition surveys have been carried out and the work is deemed to be necessary to the blocks listed above. Statutory consultation is currently being carried out

5. Roof Apportionments.

BLOCK	CURRENT STATUS	Estimated Final Account Verification	Estimated Final Apportionments
Breton House	Draft final apportionment being completed before passing to Working Party	N/A	June 2014
Ben Jonson House	Draft final apportionment being completed before passing to Working Party	N/A	June 2014

Shakespeare Tower	Final Apportionment to be carried out. Passed to Working Party Dec 2009	N/A	June 2014
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At the time of this report, the Barbican Association Roof Sub-Committee and the City of London have agreed the draft final apportionment for Shakespeare Tower. A report detailing the final apportionment will be presented to your June Committee.

6. Beech Gardens Podium Works (As at 18 February 2014)

Procurement

The main contractor, VolkerLaser Ltd, commenced initial works in November 2013, started work on the main project in January 2014. The new tiles have been granted approval as a reserved matter under each of the Listed Building Consents issued in respect of White Lyon Court and the main Beech Gardens area. A further approval is required for the material and finished colour of the pond lining and a sample is being prepared for this purpose by VolkerLaser Ltd.

Soft Landscaping

An initial meeting of the Landscaping Working Party have been convened, and Johanna Gibbons, Landscape Architect has been commissioned to provide design consultancy. The next meetings of the Beech Gardens landscaping working party are to be held on 6th and 27th of March. Following these it is anticipated that a consultation exercise will be carried out in order to inform the final design of the landscaping scheme.

Work in progress

VolkerLaser Ltd are presently working at the south end of White Lyon Court, above GSMD and adjacent to the Virgin Active gym, and above the Beech Street Tunnel. Works are about to commence around the pond beneath Bryer Court. The recent wet weather has meant that the liquid applied waterproofing system cannot be used, and this element of the works is now moving forward with the advent of improved conditions. In the interim, VolkerLaser Ltd have been concentrating on removal of the tiles and screed, and preparation of the underlying surface in order to receive the waterproofing solution.

7. Asset Maintenance Plan

The Asset Management software has been deployed onto a COL server and all Barbican assets have been loaded. Over the next 3 months asset data held in various formats will be populated onto the system which will allow Property Services to produce a detailed forward programme which will be included in the Asset Management Strategy. A meeting has taken place with the Barbican Asset Management Working Party to go through a draft of the strategy.

8. Public Lift Availability

Availability of the public lifts under the control of Property Services is detailed below:

Lift	From April 2012 to March 2013	From April 2013 to December 2013
Turret (Thomas More)	99.9%	98.62%
Gilbert House	100%	99.99%

9. Upgrade of the Barbican Television Network

Work has commenced in the subway to upgrade the existing television network and install a new fibre optic broadband network. Email broadcasts have been sent out and information has been posted on the noticeboards. Fortnightly updates will be provided detailed the progress of works.

An open day has been organised for 26th February 2014 where residents can visit and find out more about the services on offer.

10. Concrete Works

A report following the resolution from the Grand Court of Ward Mote (Court of Common Council 19th April 2012) is to be presented to the Barbican Residential Committee on 17th March 2014.

