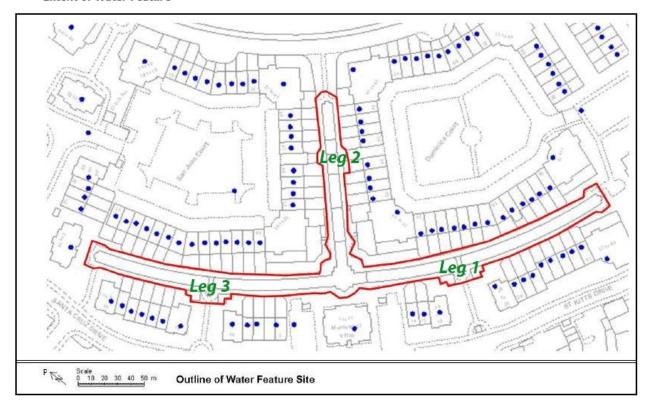


# **Members Newsletter: September 2023**

The map below identifies legs 1-3 of the Water Feature.

#### **Extent of Water Feature**



# **Company matters**

## **Annual General Meeting**

The company's AGM is scheduled to take place at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club on Thursday 19 October, starting at 7.00 pm. A formal invitation, draft agenda and other papers were issued last week. If you have not received yours (either through the link provided to the HML portal or by post) please let us know (details at the end of this newsletter).

The deadline for additions to the agenda and new director nominations is close of business on Tuesday 19 September.

#### Join the Board

It is hoped that at the Annual General Meeting, we will have an opportunity to welcome at least one new member director of Columbus Point (Management Company) Limited.

Unfortunately, Jean Addington (Dominica Court), has had to retire as a director of the company as she has moved from Dominica Court. With her retirement, there will be just three directors – Christine Allan (St Kitts Drive), Colin Lockett (Dominica Court) and Phil Hunt (Monserrat Villas) – and it is vital for the well-being of the company that at least one member joins the board as soon as possible.

The Articles of Association allow for a maximum of seven (7) directors, and a minimum of three (3).

The company has been running successfully since the handover in 2015. This means that any new directors have the benefit of the experiences of past board members who faced the daunting task of managing the company and the Water Feature without knowing what that entailed.

The directors meet on a monthly basis at the Waterfront for a team meeting, and every quarter for a management meeting with the property managers, each lasting around 1½ hours. A job description has been included with the AGM papers as well as a form to volunteer.

Please give thought to whether you have the time to spare to join the board and participate in the management decisions made by the directors. If you are unsure but would like to know more, please contact either Erica Robinson or the directors (contact details at the end of this newsletter).

Meanwhile, the directors would like to take this opportunity to thank Jean for her very hard work on behalf of the members and for her commitment to support us as a non-executive director moving forward.

### **Water Feature matters**

#### Safety & Unsociable Behaviour

During August, the centre jet of the fountains at the bottom of leg 2 was pulled off centre, the result of unsociable behaviour. It was repaired at the next maintenance visit at no cost.

At its team meeting in August, the board considered whether Private Property signs should be erected around the amenity. After some discussion, it was agreed not to add any further signs to the site.

### Communication

CPMCL welcomes questions and comments from members. These can be directed to the company or the HML Property Manager. Contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

#### **Electronic communications**

If you receive company communications from HML Property Managers electronically, please make sure HML have an up-to-date email address for you. You can do this by contacting them at the email address or telephone number at the bottom of this newsletter.

### **Keeping members informed**

Send questions and comments related to the Water Feature and CPMCL by emailing CPMCL (details at the end of this newsletter).

CPMCL does not use social media. Instead it uses this **newsletter**, **email**, **its website** and a **WhatsApp Alerts group** to communicate with members. To be added to any of these, email CPMCL with your property address and mobile telephone number.

The company's website <u>www.cpmcl.co.uk</u> is a useful resource for anyone wanting to know more about CPMCL, including the history of the Water Feature.

To join the WhatsApp group requires WhatsApp to be installed on a smartphone. WhatsApp can be downloaded free from your App store.

It is important that all members with email accounts join the mailing list as the bulletin provides regular updates, reminders and information about work issues related to the Water Feature and CPMCL.

If a property close to you has recently been occupied by new owners please ask them to join the mailing list. Easy-to-print versions of bulletins are on the website.

### **Contact details**

Individual members who do not have access to email can have their newsletters delivered by hand. Fortunately, this is only a handful of people. If you are not already subscribed to the newsletter, please let us have your contact details so that we can add you to the mailing list.

The Water Feature is owned by all 369 properties surrounding the Water Feature and the company manages and maintains the amenity on their behalf.

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