

GROC Newsletter

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News from GROC

Welcome to the Autumn 2023 edition of the GROC Newsletter.

Although we're still in the process of reviewing and amending our website it is still available for viewing at :-

<http://www.gramacho-owners.com>

For contacting GROC please do it through the Secretary at groc.secretary@gmail.com

We're aiming to keep the quarterly Newsletter both relevant and interesting so please let Dave Bruce know what you think and if there are any topics you want covering in future editions.

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The Owners Committee represents Residential Owners best interests in partnership with Pestana; built on mutual trust, effective communication and includes all Residents in the community.



Just a reminder, for any security matters with your property ring [62000](#), and in case you need urgent assistance from the COPS team you can contact them on their mobile number [+351 933 225 398](#).

Alarms: Pestana confirmed that all households requesting upgrades to their alarm systems from Delta-Force have been visited and quotations forwarded. **(IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN, EMAIL artur.santos@pestana.com).** Owners are now in the process of arranging dates for their new systems to be installed.

Security: We agreed at the GROC AGM that we would share the COPS Incident Report quarterly. In this last quarter Pestana have reported that **no serious incidents** have been logged, although one incident is being investigated.

Recently you will have seen at least two emails from Pestana highlighting the importance of recycling. So, to try and help you understand what the options are we thought it useful to share the following information:-

Recycling



Glass waste (Green); Paper waste (Blue); Metal and Plastic waste (Yellow) can be placed inside the recycling bins just past the Pestana offices on the road to Sesmarias – just across the road from the fairway of the 3rd.

If these bins are full, please **do not** place items at the side, as there are other recycling centres for this waste at Pinta and also at nearby Supermarkets.

For the disposal of Green Waste (garden rubbish mainly), Electronic and Electrical equipment, Bricks and Rubble, **items such as SunBeds**, Large items of Cardboard the “**Espaço Cerca da Lapa**” Waste Disposal Centre is the place to go (see map below). They will deal with these items in a regulated manner and in accordance with good environmental practices and with current legislation. There are also licensed sites for receiving this waste, located near the municipality of Lagoa, are the **Barlavento Sanitary Landfill** and the **Ecoentro de Portimão**, both run by Algar.

For the large items mentioned: fridges, freezers, furniture, etc: you may contact the Lagoa municipality, via the following contact and schedule the collection of the items: **+351 282 380 400**



For items you just don't want anymore, including clothes, there are a number of charities that will accept them. Please ask for recommendations from fellow residents or GROC if you don't know of any.



Recreational Activities



The Recreational group includes Eveline Sidenvall, Renee Gonggrijp, and Marina Bessell (from Pinta). The purpose is to create more of a “community feeling” by getting owners together for various activities in and around the Algarve.

Previous activities have, amongst others, included guided tours to Silves, Lagos, and Albufeira; visits to the Salt Mines in Loule; Sardine Museum in Portimao; olive oil orchard in Moncarapacho; cork factory in Sao Bras de Aportel and a boat trip on the Arade from Portimao to Silves.

In October there is the guided tour in Faro, and in the planning stage for November and December are a boat trip along the coast and a visit to the salt pans in Castro Marim.

For updates and invitations please watch your email.

Meet GROC – Special Advisors

In the Summer 2023 Newsletter we introduced you to people who serve on GROC. Here we highlight our Special Advisors



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Dog-Fouling



Unfortunately, it has come to our attention that some dog owners are allowing their dogs to defecate in common gardens and outside apartments, without clearing up.

We asked Pestana about putting notices up but agree it would be both costly and not solve the problem.

Therefore we are pleading with dog owners to be respectful of others and to “Bag It – Bin it”.

Can rental owners please ensure that their tenants are made aware of this. It really is just common sense and decency.