

Grove End Gardens Residents Association (GEGRA)

The block has a new TV system, but what does it mean for you?

The old TV system was a very limited analogue cable system, provided by Virgin Media (formerly NTL). The new system provides a number of different TV feeds into your flat so you can choose between various free and subscription services depending on your needs:

Digital Terrestrial TV – Freeview

1. The simplest option is to connect a TV that contains a Freeview receiver to the new socket. New TVs contain integrated Freeview receivers and if you connect one of these TVs to the socket you will be able to tune into all of the Freeview digital terrestrial channels without paying a fee. For this option use the aerial socket labelled 'TV'.
2. If your TV is analogue only, you can buy a Freeview set top box to receive these digital terrestrial channels and relay them to your analogue TV. Set top boxes can be bought for as little as £20. The set top box will come with instructions that will explain how to connect it to the new socket and your TV. For this option use the aerial socket labelled 'TV'.

Satellite TV – Freesat

If you don't want to pay an ongoing subscription but you want access to more channels than are available from the terrestrial options above, you should consider Freesat, which provides about 140 TV and radio channels that can be accessed for free provided you have the right equipment.

1. The simplest option is to use a TV that contains an integrated Freesat receiver to the socket labelled 'Sat1'. You can then retune your Freesat compatible TV to pick up the various channels.
2. If your TV does not contain a Freesat receiver, you can buy a Freesat set top box to receive these digital satellite channels and relay them to your analogue TV. These set top boxes can be bought for around £50. The set top box will come with instructions that will explain how to connect it to the new socket and your TV. You will then be able to see all of the Freesat digital satellite channels without paying a fee. For this option use the aerial socket labelled 'Sat1'.

For further features, consider Freesat+ which is the Freesat equivalent of Sky+ This is a special set top box containing a hard disk recorder to allow you to pause live TV or record it. Currently there is just one model available which retails at around £300. For this option use the aerial sockets labelled 'Sat1' and 'Sat2'.

Satellite TV – Sky, Sky+ and Sky HD

Sky provide various different packages at different prices. If you want more information you can contact AV UK, who were the installers of our TV system, as they are able to sell you a subscription directly. If you prefer you may buy a subscription directly from Sky or from a retailer of your choice. Depending on the option you go for you will need to use either or both of the aerial sockets labelled 'Sat1' and 'Sat2'.

Satellite TV – Hotbird

Hotbird provide various specialist channels including foreign language channels. To access Hotbird you will need to buy a special set top box and AV UK can provide further information. For this option use the aerial socket labelled 'Sat1'.

Radio

The new system also provides a high quality analogue and digital radio signal. If you have a radio that has an aerial socket on the back you may connect it to the aerial socket labelled 'Radio'.

Useful contacts:

AV UK 0800 31 66 380 www.avuk.biz

Freeview www.freeview.co.uk

Freesat www.freesat.co.uk

Sky www.sky.com

GEGRA have prepared this information sheet in order to assist residents with the new service. We have information regarding other aspects of block in the amenities section of our website.

Please support your residents association by renewing your membership which costs just £5 per annum for the year to 31-Mar. Membership also entitles you to attend our AGM which provides an opportunity to question the Managing Agents and Grove End Housing Association. Currently more than a third of residents are members.

To renew your membership or to contact GEGRA, please leave a note for our attention with the porters.