

# NEWSLETTER



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## C.O.R.A. Success in Raising Funds for Residents



Circle of Residents' Association (C.O.R.A.) have been very busy over the Summer months, apart from introducing a weekly bonus Ball draw to raise funds, the committee members have also been approaching local businesses to request donations for Raffle Draws to raise funds. Pictured above is Debbie Adams from Lovells presenting a microwave to Tilly Hodson (Acting Chairperson) and Mary Stakes (Acting Secretary), this donation will be used as one of the main prizes for the Christmas Draw. The Association purchased a licence enabling them to sell raffle tickets outside of their catchment area raising even more funds. The 1<sup>st</sup> Draw with 20 prizes was held in September and raised £500; this draw took

place on 7<sup>th</sup> September at an Open Meeting at Prospect Village Hall. The winning tickets were drawn by guests from Lovells and P.H. Jones (both Cannock Council Contractor Partners) with one lucky person winning the main prize of 1 night's accommodation with breakfast for 2 persons at the Roman Way. The committee would like to say a big 'thank you' to both local businesses and individuals who have supported them with donations. They would also like to thank everyone who purchased tickets. The group's next draw will be taking place on 14<sup>th</sup> December at their Annual General Meeting, for further information on tickets for the draw and more pictures please turn to page 2 of this newsletter.

## Affiliated Group News

### Circle of Residents (C.O.R.A.)



*Julie Childs  
from P.H. Jones  
presenting a  
£50 cheque  
to Mary  
Stakes, Acting  
Secretary*

The Association had a stall in July at a local fete (see picture below) to raise funds for the group and had a very successful raffle draw in the Summer; all funds raised will benefit all residents in the Association's catchment area. Tickets are now on sale for their Christmas Raffle and cost 50p per ticket with 5 tickets per book, there will be 20 prizes with the main 3 prizes being a Sony Smartphone, a microwave and a pair of tickets to see an Aston Villa football match. If anyone is interested in purchasing tickets please contact a CORA committee member or telephone the CTRF on the contact number given on the back page of this newsletter. The draw will take place at the group's AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> December (see below advert for details). Well done to all the committee members who have helped to make the group's fund raising such a success.

**Circle of Residents Association (C.O.R.A.)  
Annual General Meeting  
7.00pm  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
Prospect Village Hall  
Refreshments Available  
Christmas Raffle Draw to take place  
Please come & support your Association**



*CORA  
Committee  
Members  
pictured on  
their stall at  
the Summer  
Fete in July*

### Rumer Hill



The Association applied to the Cannock Council to get fencing erected for the Oxford Green Play Area, the fence is now in place (pictured above) with the funding coming from the Minor Works Budget and matched funding from the Leisure Department.

Staffs County Highways have now completed the parking bays in Worcester Close. The group has also applied from the Minor Works Budget for new street signs to be put up where they are needed on the estate and are waiting to hear if this will be approved.

### Towers

The Association held a Fun Day on 29<sup>th</sup> August at the Birds in Bradbury Lane and was very well attended by local residents. Attractions included a barbecue, bouncy castle, face painting, bottle stall, penalty shoot-out, magician, car wash, disco and karaoke raising over £200.

The group also took a coach full of residents to Blackpool for the day on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the group for their great fund raising work thanks go to everyone who helped with these events in any way.



*Pictured above are Jorga  
Pinson (aged 3) & Ellie-  
Mae Littlewood (age 7)  
& shown below are  
Anthony Littlewood &  
Terry Pinson*



# Estate Walks Feedback & Dates for Future Walks

All Associations have regular Estate Walks with their Estate Manager to highlight any estate problems; those with an Estate Agreement in place include these walks as part of the process of their Agreement. Unresolved issues are in the hands of the council. The council score ratings and what they mean for your area is shown below. Dates of the walks are shown below each Group's report. All Residents' will be informed of the start time and meeting location, prior to their own walk taking place.

<b>Score Rating</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Walks</b>
<b>Excellent (0-2)</b>	<b>Green</b>	<b>Twice per year</b>
<b>Good/Average (3-8)</b>	<b>Amber</b>	<b>Three per year</b>
<b>Below Average (9-15)</b>	<b>Red</b>	<b>Four per year</b>

## **Circle of Residents (CORA) – 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

- Danby Drive – Peeling paintwork on bungalows/ Overgrown tree/Overgrown garden
- St. Bernards Close – Weeds in parking area/ Potholes in road/Overgrown trees
- Ironstone Road – Land leading to walkways very overgrown
- Corner Danby Drive – Hedge needs attention

**Score = 2**

**Next Walk 17<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

## **Cornish Houses (Estate Agreement Area)- 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

- Rowley Close & Bradbury Lane – Overgrown gardens and rubbish
- Entrance old Garage Site in Rowley Close – Rubbish & litter

**Score = 2**

**Next Walk – 21st March 2012**

## **Pine View – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

- Shaftesbury Drive – Broken kerbs, trip hazards and crumbling slabs trip hazard
- Shaftesbury Drive Garage site – keys required to access garage

**Score = 2**

**Next Walk - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

## **Towers – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011**

- Croft Avenue – Overgrown garden
- Cotton Grove – Overgrown garden/Rubbish/ Overgrown weeds
- Broadhurst Green – Overgrown garden

**Score = 4**

**Next Walk 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

By joining the estate walk in your area you can help to improve your own estate by highlighting any issues or, make suggestions to the council for any improvements (e.g. security lighting/gating/signage)

ALSO

People who participate in their estate walks are entered into a quarterly prize draw for a chance of winning **£25.00** local shopping vouchers

Please Note: Estate Walks take place on all council estates within the Cannock Chase District. If you do not have A Residents Association in your area and would like to participate, please contact us or, Estate Management at the council, for further information.

## **Rumer Hill (Estate Agreement Area)-25<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

- Surrey Close parking area and footpath opposite Asda – Overgrown weeds
- Rumer Hill Estate Drying Areas – Overgrown weeds
- All over estate – Gutters have accumulation of weeds
- Oxford Green – Loose steps to flats/Overgrown gardens and trees
- Courtyard adjacent Warwick Close – Potholes
- Oxford Green Garage Site – Overgrown weeds
- Oxford Green Play Area – Green bin dumped in shrubs
- Worcester Close – Overgrown garden/Garage concrete lintel damaged
- Devon Green rear garages & rear Salop Drive Drying Area – Rubbish dumped
- Oxford Road – Potholes in road/Copper pipes board needs replacing
- Devon Road – Overgrown strip of grass/Damaged Wall/Overgrown garden/Overgrown Bushes blocking driving view on Green/Garage site has rubbish and blocked drain
- Warwick Close garage site – Damaged woodwork needs replacing

**Score = 7**

**Next Walk 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011**

## **Springfields**

### **Area 1 - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

- Holyoake Place – Broken trip rail round planters/Weeds/Dog fouling/rear drying rubbish
- John Ball Close – Weeding required/fencing & gate needs repairing
- Wat Tyler Close – Broken trip rail round planters/ Rubbish/Weeds/Hanging wires
- Byron Place – Rubbish & planters need attention/ Kick rail and shrubs needs removal/ Cherry tree removal request but will not be carried as work not deemed necessary/Walkway has loose & missing bricks in wall/Untaxed car
- Harney Court – Rubbish/Overgrown gardens/ Shrub needs removal
- Grindcobbe Grove – Weeds

**Area 1 Score = 5**

**Next Walk 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

### **Area 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011**

- Holyoake Place – Fruit trees require crown lift
- Aneurin Bevan Place – Dog fouling/Overgrown garden/Dead trees need removing & crown lifting
- Along an in Harney Court – Empty tree grills need removal/Crown lift on tree required
- Lovett Court – Damaged tree branch/Tree crown removal required
- Winstanley Place – Tree removal required/Tree crown lifting required.
- Walkway between Aneurin Bevan – Vehicles driving along footpath to park at front of property

**Area 2 Score = 5**

**Next Walk 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011.**

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### Resident Scrutiny Training

David Stagg and Reg Wells from the ATRC and Mary Stakes and Tilly Hodson from CORA attended a residential training course in August at Trafford Hall in Chester. The training was for Resident Led Scrutiny and helps residents to scrutinise the services of their landlord. In Cannock a Scrutiny Group has already been set up and David and Reg are part of this group which will begin to scrutinise council services in the near future and this training will enable them to do this much more effectively. If you require any further information on Scrutiny please contact us here at the Federation.



*Pictured above L to R are Reg Wells (ATRC), Tilly Hodson, & Mary Stakes (CORA) on the right at Scrutiny Training, Trafford Hall*

CTR Federation Consultation Meeting Dates  
7.00pm Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
7.00pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
The Museum Of Cannock Chase

Meetings are open to all residents in the district  
Transport can be arranged upon request

### Resident Champions Clarification

As you will be aware, if you read our last newsletter, we published an article on the 'Right Stuff' Boxing Project in Chadsmoor. We would like to clarify that the 'Resident Champions', some of whom are Federation members, were involved in the setting up of this project and they are not to be confused with any other organisations who are using the same name of 'Resident Champions'. Contact us if you would like any further information on the Boxing Project which has been set up to try to reduce Anti-social Behaviour.

#### Are you getting those annoying telephone calls?

**To stop cold calling (e.g. Accident insurance, double glazing, want a loan etc.)**

**Contact**

**The Telephone Preference Service  
Telephone number 0845 0700 707**

**Or if you have access to the internet**

**Visit [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk)**

**To stop silent calls (e.g. where your phone rings but when you pick up there is no-one there)**

**Contact**

**Silent Call Guard Service  
Telephone 0844 3722325**

**Or if you have access to the internet**

**Visit [www.ukdatait.co.uk](http://www.ukdatait.co.uk)**

**Please note there is no cost to remove your number from these databases.**

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