

# NEWSLETTER



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## The 2011 Census – Shaping Future Services



*Martin Brooks, 2011 Census Area Manager for Cannock Chase, East and South Staffs and Stafford, pictured explaining the Census to Residents at the CTRF Consultation Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011*

The CTRF invited Martin Brooks, Area Manager for this district for the 2011 Census, to attend a recent Consultation Meeting at the Museum of Cannock Chase. Martin gave a presentation to residents on the purpose of the Census and explained the procedures involved. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is carrying out the survey for the Census, which is carried out every 10 years and asks questions such as; the type of jobs people do, their health, education, language, religion and marital status along with other questions, this information helps create an accurate picture of the population and gives information that can be fed into funding and building services which people need over the next 10 years. This year's Census will be carried out on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and completion is compulsory, anyone who does not complete it could face a fine of up to £1,000. Any personal information given is never shared with any other Government Department, the information collected is kept confidential by the ONS and protected by law, it is the statistics from the returned questionnaire which are used to give accurate local insights, for example, highlights the local need for services like schools, roads, hospitals and housing. You can complete your questionnaire online if you have access to the internet, you will need your unique internet access code which can be found on front of your household's form or, you can complete by hand and return it by post.

**Further information and help can be found on the Census website at [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk) or, call the Census Helpline on 0300 0201 101.**

*(Source: 'The 2011 Census: what it means for you' Government leaflet 2010)*

## Affiliated Group News

### ATRC -

#### (Area Tenants' & Residents' Collective)

This group was set up for tenants and residents who do not live in the catchment area of a Residents' Association to enable them to have representation for their own areas at meetings and, to ensure their voices are heard. If you would like to find out what they do and how it could improve your Community, then contact us here at the CTRF.

### Bevan Lee Estate

The previous committee of the Association stood down at a recent AGM, they consisted mainly of Housing Association tenants and Owner Occupiers so had not received funding to run their group from the Council in the last few years. Unfortunately, no-one else came forward at the AGM to volunteer to run the Association so the group has now ceased to exist. Remaining funds from the group were donated to charity.

#### Thanks

The Federation would like to thank all committee members and, any other residents on the estate, who have given up their own time volunteering on behalf of all residents on the estate since the group was launched back in March 2004. If any tenants would like to re-launch the Association in the future please contact us.

### Newman Grove

The Association recently held a Special General Meeting to see if any residents on the estate wished to volunteer for Main Officers and Committee roles, unfortunately, there was no interest and the existing members stood down so the group has now dissolved. Grants received from Cannock Council will be returned to the council and any funds raised independently by the group will be donated to charity.

#### **Future**

If any residents would like to set up the Association at any time in the future, please contact us here at the Federation and we will advise and support you.

### Rumer Hill

#### Note to Residents living near the Communal Area Security Gates

Could you please keep these gates locked at all times as the communal areas are not meant to be used for play areas or for dog walking. Thank you.

#### Annual General Meeting

7.00pm

Monday 4th April 2011

Mill Street Methodist Hall

Cannock

*Everyone Welcome*

*Please come along and show support for your Association.*

*Transport can be arranged, please telephone*

*01543 502905 to arrange this.*

### Springfields

The Association raised a fantastic £244.00 from the Raffle that was held at Christmas which meant that Senior Citizens on the estate received a gift of either chocolates or biscuits; the Association also distributed food parcels to the pensioners which had previously been donated by Rugeley Community Church. We would like to thank everyone who bought raffle tickets and also, to thank anyone who made donations for the raffle or sold tickets for us. We are holding a Tombola stall at this year's Charter Fair which takes place on 4<sup>th</sup> June, if anyone has any items which they wish to donate for our stall, please contact myself or a committee member.

*Janette Stevenson* (Chairperson)



*Members from affiliated Associations enjoy a social event arranged by the CTRF as a thank you for all their hard work during the year on behalf of their communities and for the Federation.*



# 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 new 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.

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

## Bevan Lee Estate

Next Walk 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011

### Newman Grove – 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011

- Pathways need resurfacing
- Roads need resurfacing
- Rubbish in gardens

Score = 3

Next Walk 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011

*Please note: for future estate walk information on the above estates, please contact estate management directly at Cannock Council on telephone number 01543 462621 or, look at the Estate Walk Programme 2011-2012 which will be delivered to all tenants*

### Circle of Residents (CORA) – 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011

- Danby Drive – Potholes
- Pathway in Danby Drive – Sunken tarmac
- Corner of Danby Drive/St. Bernards Close – Moss on pavement

Score = 3

Next Walk 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011

### Cornish Houses (Estate Agreement Area)

Next Walk 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011

### Pine View – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011

- Whitfield Road – Broken Kerb, trip hazard
- By 1 Shaftesbury Drive, corner of shop – Requires 'no dog fouling' sign
- Shaftesbury Drive – Reported repairs still required

Score = 2

Next Walk 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011

### Rumer Hill (Estate Agreement Area)

Next Walk 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011

## Springfields – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011 (Area 1) and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 (Area 2)

### Area 1

- Corner Harney Court flats – Large area long weeds
- Area next to John Ball Close – Weeds growing over concrete area/long weeds and overgrown area
- Flats Wat Tyler Close – Black bags of household waste
- Communal area near Flats Wat Tyler Close – rubbish and children's toys
- Grindcobbe Grove – Rubbish inside property
- Arthur Wood Place – Overgrown tree
- Wat Tyler Close – Rubbish in garden
- Adjacent to John Ball Close – Overgrown area of 'no man's land'
- Harney Court – Shrubs in planters require attention/Rubbish in gardens
- William Morris Court Communal Area – Rubbish and children's toys
- Holyoake Place Communal Area – Rubbish
- Path in front of Byron Place – Dumped 3 piece suite

Area 1 Score = 6

Next Walk 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011

### Area 2

- Aneurin Bevan Place – Dumped furniture and Dog fouling in Communal Area
- Lovett Court – some planters need attention/wood left behind from skip
- Open space next to Lovett Court – Dumped Settee on shrubs
- Winstanley Place – enquiry from occupier regarding type of bushes allowed
- Communal Area in Winstanley Place – Dumped Suite
- Walkway by Byron Place – Fallen leaves, slippery when wet
- Arthur Wood Place – Tree overhanging footpath
- Block by Winstanley Place – Tree in communal Area overhanging footpath
- Winstanley Place – Grassed/shrubbery area overgrown and growing over drains.

Area 2 Score = 3

Next Walk 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011

### Towers – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010

- Cotton Grove – Rubbish in garden

Score = 1

Next Walk 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011

