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Spotlight on: Springfields



The Association held a fundraising stall at the Rugeley Christmas Fair held in The Rose Theatre in December raising £209.60 (see picture on the right).

The group would like to thank all those who donated gifts and also thank members of the public for supporting the stall. The Association also organised a Christmas Raffle to raise funds and wish to thank everyone on the estate for buying tickets to support this, raising a fantastic amount of £325.60, all prizes were claimed.

The money raised from both events was used to give Senior Citizens on the estate a Christmas present and also to take 32 children between ages of 11 to 16 (see above picture), on a trip which took place on 10th February 2010, to Quasar and Ten Pin Bowling, this also included a meal and all the children had a good time.

The Association would like to thank Guy, the coach driver from Happy Days, who informed the Association that the children were very well behaved, so the group would like to say a big thanks to all the children for their good behaviour and for being such a credit to the Association.



Affiliated Group News

Bevan Lee Estate

The Association's AGM took place on 16th February 2010, main Officers are shown below:-

Chairperson – Anne Higgs
Vice-chairperson – L. Plant
Treasurer – S. Devey
Secretary – D. Gosling

Note: Many of the current committee members will not be carrying on with the group next year. For the group to continue next year, new committee members will be required, if anyone is interested or would like to find out what is involved in being part of the committee, please contact a current committee member for further information.

Newman Grove



Pictured left: the Committee of Newman Grove Residents Association at a recent Committee Meeting

Rumer Hill

Oxford Green Play Area – the council gained planning permission on 31st March and subject to the County Council lease and access permission to commence construction works on the site, the work should begin soon. Some of the play equipment items have already been purchased and the council have reserved the playground installation and safety surface companies to carry out the work.

Towers



Above: Members of Towers at their successful AGM on 18th February 2010

CTRF AGM Report

Joss Presland from Cannock Council pictured with the new Blue Bins



The CTRF Annual General Meeting was held on 17th February in the Ballroom at the Civic Centre.

Most of our affiliated groups sent representatives who remained after the formalities had taken place, to socialise between themselves and to take the opportunity of speaking to our guest speakers, Ian Tennant (Head of Housing) and Joss Presland (Engineering & Waste Manager). Also on hand to talk to residents were, Rhona Gudgin (Manager) and Tony Davey from the Street Wardens.

Joss Presland from the council's waste and engineering department came along to tell us all about the new Blue Bins that will be wheeled out to residents in the district during the next few months. These bins will replace the small blue boxes that residents use at the moment for recycling of glass, plastic, newspapers and cardboard. If you would like any further information regarding recycling contact the council on 01543 462621.

The Federation would like to thank everyone who attended the AGM and a give a special thank you to Ian Tennant who carried out the election for us. You can see further pictures from our AGM on the Gallery page of the CTRF website (see back page for website address).



Street Warden Tony Davey and residents are pictured (above) enjoying the social part of the evening at the CTRF AGM

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 – 23rd February 2010

- Celtic Road/Pye Green Road and Scotia Road/Bevan Lee Road Junctions and Bevan Lee Road – Potholes in road
- Celtic Road – Damaged door canopy/Overhanging hedge
- Bevan Lee Road – Damaged Garden/Churned up verge/ Potholes in road and on footpath
- Scotia Road – Churned up verge

Score = 6 Next walk – 6th September 2010

Circle of Residents (CORA) – 22nd March 2010

Briars Way/Danby Drive – Rubbish/Litter

Score = 1 Next walk – 20th July 2010

Cornish Houses (Estate Agreement Area) - 20th April 2010

- Rowley Close by alleyway – Overgrown shrubs and cleaning of alleyway required
- Whole of Rowley Close – Uneven road surface and potholes

Score = 2 Next walk – 1st July 2010

Longford & Avon (Estate Agreement Area) - 5th February 2010

- St. John's Close – Overgrown Shrubbery
- Avon Road Crossing – Pothole in Road
- Rear Avon Road Flats/Avon Road Corner – Overgrown Shrubbery
- Longford Green – Void in roof
- Bottom Avon Road – Lorry parking on grass verge

Score = 4 Next walk – 28th Sept 2010

Newman Grove – 13th April 2010

- Trailers on front gardens
- Pathways/Roads need re-surfacing
- Bags loft insulation left by workmen on front garden
- Allotments – overgrown and unusable

Score = 3 Next walk 13th July 2010

Pine View – 25th March 2010

- Land adjacent to Shaftesbury Drive – Overgrown brambles
- By Mount Street Shop – Trip hazard, broken kerb
- Howard Crescent – Road sign broken/Broken wooden front gate
- Shaftesbury Drive -No Dog Fouling Sign requested due to frequent dog fouling on footpath

Score = 2 Next walk – 24th September 2010

Rumer Hill (Estate Agreement Area) – 16th February 2010

- Top Oxford Road – Damaged fencing at playing field border
- Oxford Green Playing Field – Rubbish in hedgerow/Cars driving over field
- Garage Sites – Rubbish
- Dogs in Flats causing nuisance
- Oxford Road/York Road and Surrey Close/Devon Road Junctions – Potholes
- Devon Green – Raised slabs/Potholes/Missing kerbstone/Rubbish/Raised slab/Damaged drainpipe
- Courtyard between Worcester Close/Oxford Green – Mossed over/Rubbish
- Surrey Close/Warwick Close – Overgrown weeds

Score = 7 Next walk – 16th Sept 2010

Springfields – 15th April 2010 (Area 1) and 22nd April 2010 (Area 2)

- Area 1 – Harney Court – Uneven Slab/Dog fouling
- Grindcobbe Grove/Winstanley Place/John Ball Close/Harney Court – Untidy planters/Overgrown shrubbery
- Grindcobbe Grove – Overgrown garden/Dog Fouling
- Wat Tyler Close – Dangerous Broken fencing/ Rubbish/Overgrown garden
- John Ball Close – grassed area not being cut

Area 1 Score = 6 Next walk – 8th July 2010

- Area 2 – Aneurin Bevan Place – Rubbish
- Corner Lovett Court/John Ball Close/Winstanley Place -Overgrown shrubbery/Garden waste/ communal grassed area needs cutting/Bricks in garden
- Lovett Court/Aneurin Bevan Place – Overgrown Shrubbery/Rubbish
- Holyoake Place – Rubbish/Overgrown garden
- Byron Place – Overgrown garden

Area 2 Score = 5 Next walk – 15th July 2010

Towers – 29th March 2010

- Cotton Grove - Rubbish

Score = 2 Next Walk – 3rd June 2010



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Anti-Social Behaviour

Cannock Chase Council has set up a 24hr Anti-social Behaviour hotline for reporting anti-social behaviour, the telephone number is 01543 464657.

You can also report anti-social behaviour online via the 'REPORT IT' section of the council's website which is a secure facility and only the appropriate council personnel would have access to any information given, to report via the website go to www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk

Important note: The nuisance hotline and the website reporting is not a substitute for emergency services. In a real emergency, dial 999. To report a crime call Staffordshire Police on 0300 123 4455 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Eviction due to anti-social behaviour

Cannock Chase Council successfully applied for a possession order on 26th March and were also awarded costs. The District Judge evicted a tenant in Wrights Avenue, Chadsmoor for anti-social behaviour towards local neighbours and vandalising their property. Inside the property, doors had been smashed, brickwork exposed and graffiti sprayed across internal walls. The council has now warned the small minority of tenants who fail to look after their properties that action will be taken. The council introduced a new Tenancy Agreement for tenants on 1st April 2010 following consultation with tenants making tenants responsibilities much clearer.

Source: Estate Management, Cannock Chase Council

Federation News

Tackling Anti-social Behaviour Event

Some of our members attended the above event at Cannock Cricket Club on 10th March. Presentations were given by representatives from Cannock Chase Council and Staffordshire Police.

Attendees were informed about Tools and Powers open to them as residents and also what various agencies can do for them regarding anti-social behaviours on their estates. The Police gave a presentation on 'Operation Matrix' which aims to reduce incidents of under-age drinking and related anti-social behaviour in the area. Workshops relating to the presentations took place during the afternoon session.

Anti-social Behaviour Residents Champions

Some Federation members are becoming 'ASB Residents' Champions', they will be receiving in-depth training in the near future with a view to tackling Anti-social Behaviour in the district.

CTRF Consultation Meeting Dates 2010

29th June	24th August
19th October	14th December

All meetings take place at the Museum of Cannock Chase in Hednesford and are open to any resident in the Cannock Chase District. Transport can be arranged upon request. Telephone the CTRF for further information.

This newsletter is also available in large print and on tape in spoken word formats for visually impaired readers. Please contact us on telephone number 01543 502905 to request a copy.

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