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Fundraising workshop for CTRF members



Pictured from Left to Right are Vi Rusinek and Shirley Smith from Cornish Houses RA and Graham Barham and Roger Prosser from Pine View RA.

The Federation arranged a workshop on Fundraising; it took place at the Museum of Cannock Chase in Hednesford on Thursday 12th May and was facilitated by Kate Newbolt from TPAS. It was attended by members from most of our affiliated groups. The session covered general fundraising principles, types of funding, planning funding campaigns, how to find and approach funders and how to develop your own ideas

along with how to fill out application forms to funders. Everyone was given a workshop manual to take away. Members who did attend said they found the course excellent from start to finish. Some of the participants have already managed to put the knowledge gained from the workshop into practice and have since gained funds for their own Associations.

See back page for further pictures.

Summer Holidays – Office Closure

Offices will be closing 3.00pm Friday 19th August

Re-opening 10.00am on Wednesday 31st August

Please note: the CTRF Support Worker will not be back in the office until Wednesday 7th September so if you need any administration work done, especially for any AGM's or, your group accounts need to be checked during this period, please contact the office at least 7 days prior to the closure so that we can endeavour to do your work before the shutdown.

Affiliated Group News

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



Residents attending the Association's General Meeting

Fundraising

The committee of CORA have been fundraising for the group to benefit all residents within their catchment area. A weekly Bonus Ball draw takes place with the winner receiving half of all monies collected, this is usually around £25.00, and the remaining monies collected go into the group's funds and will benefit residents in their catchment area. This year, residents are going on a Pantomime trip to the Prince of Wales in Cannock on 29th December, transport costs are being subsidised by Corky's Cars of Cannock.

Members of the committee have also been successful in approaching local companies for donations suitable for Raffle prizes, proceeds go into the group's funds and will go towards future events/outings for their residents. The group would like to thank everyone who has contributed in any way including participants of the Bonus Ball Draw.

**Congratulations to Mrs Fields
Our 1st Bonus Ball Winner**

Meetings

A General Meeting for all residents took place on 6th April and the group arranged for Vicki Singleton, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, to come along to a meeting held on 15th June to update residents on Neighbourhood Watch activities.

Pictured right & below: residents at the Neighbourhood Watch Meeting



Springfields

The Association has been involved in various activities over the last few months. They have worked in partnership with Cannock Council on initiatives such as the 'Spring Fest' on the 27th April, this involved having some gates erected which some of the children from the estate helped to paint with the Association providing the refreshments, all involved had a good time. Then on 1st June, a 'Dig & Dance' event took place, again in partnership with the council, children from the estate got involved in planting the rockery and planters. Refreshments again were provided by the Association and, music for both



events was provided by Greenwood Studios. Congratulations to everyone involved who helped to improve the environment around the estate. The Association also held a Tombola stall at Rugeley's Annual Charter Fair on 4th June, they raised a fantastic £152.59, one of the Senior Citizens from the estate donated £20 and the group would like to thank all those involved, from donating prizes, helping out on the stall, to members of the public who visited and supported their stall.



In April, residents (pictured above) in William Morris Court celebrated the Royal Wedding with everyone having a great time!

Estate Walks Feedback & Dates for Future Walks

All Association's 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

Circle of Residents (CORA)

Next Walk 6th July 2011

Cornish Houses (Estate Agreement Area)

- 16th March 2011

- Rowley Close Garage Site – Leaves on the entrance
- Rowley Close – Rubbish in gardens
- Entrance to Rowley Close – Uneven road surface/ Potholes

Score = 5

Next Walk 14th September 2011

Pine View

Next Walk 7th September 2011

Rumer Hill (Estate Agreement Area)

- 24th May 2011

- Surrey Close – Garden waste dumped on garage site/Parking area overgrown/Blocked drain in adjacent highway
- Oxford Green – Overgrown tree/Overgrown gardens
- Warwick Close – Adjacent courtyard has dead moss and trip hazards
- Oxford Road – Tree overhanging footpath/Potholes in road
- Worcester Close – Dumped rubbish
- Salop Drive – Rubbish/Potholes in road
- Devon Road – Damaged garage needs securing
- Rumer Hill Estate – Paths in rear communal areas need spraying

Score = 5

Next Walk 25th August 2011

Towers

Next Walk 31st August 2011



Springfields – 11th May 2011 (Area 1) and 19th May 2011 (Area 2)

Area 1

- Harney Court – Overgrown shrubs on corner/
- Overhanging trees/Some shrubs need to be removed
- Wat Tyler Close – Weeds in drying Area/ Overgrown shrubs in parking area/ Overgrown trees by flats/Rubbish in drying area
- William Morris Court – Low tree branches
- Grindcobbe Grove – Untidy planters/Overgrown gardens/Rubbish in drying area & needs to be sprayed/Overgrown gardens/Overgrown shrubs/Fencing needs attention/Low branches on some trees
- Holyoake Place – Untidy planters/Fencing needs replacement/Drying areas terrible/ Rubbish/ Overhanging tree on walkway/Overgrown hedge
- John Ball Close – Drying area needs to be sprayed/ Overgrown shrubs/Overhanging trees
- Various grass verges on estate have weeds

Area 1 Score = 3

Next Walk 25th August 2011

Area 2

- Aneurin Bevan Place – Dog fouling/Overgrown gardens/Overgrown hedge
- Byron Place – Path lifting needs attention/Thorny Shrubs needs removal/Overgrown gardens
- Lovett Court – New street sign needed/ Rubbish/ Wood in planters
- Winstanley Place – Dog fouling/Rubbish in drying area/Wood in planters/Overgrown gardens/Grid in public pathway lifting/Hole in substation door/ Shrubs edging lifting
- Wat Tyler Place – Tree lifting path

Area 2 Score = 7

Next Walk 1st September 2011

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

Congratulations to Mr Ghent from Rumer Hill, Winner of the first Prize Draw

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.

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Members of CORA (left) and ATRC (below) with Kate Newbolt, Trainer, at the recent Fundraising Workshop (see front page for details)



CTRF Consultation Meeting
7.00pm Tuesday 9th August 2011
The Museum Of Cannock Chase

Guests:

Jack Powell from Cannock Council's Grounds Maintenance

Julie Childs, Liaison Officer for P H Jones (Council's Gas Contractor)

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

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Telephone the CTRF for further information.

The Right Stuff Project Launch

In May 2010, a training event was held at the Bevan Lee Community Centre in Cannock to discuss the setting up of a project to deal with Anti-social Behaviour in the District. The Home Office gave Cannock Chase Council £10,000 for a Resident-led Project to be chosen by Resident Champions.

Approximately 5 of these 'Champions', which include some of our members from the Federation, have been working on the chosen project since then along with Council Officers, Police and other agencies. On 25th May 2011, the 'Right Stuff Project' was launched at the Coniston Hall, Chadsmoor and some of the Resident Champions presented medals and certificates to young children who had been involved with the project prior to the launch. Please see advert below for further information on the project and for contact details.

The Right Stuff Project is a government funded initiative led by Staffordshire Police in association with Cannock Chase Resident Champions' Group and Staffordshire County Council to tackle and prevent anti-social behaviour and raise awareness of alcohol and substance misuse in your local community.

For more information about the Right Stuff Project contact
PC Andy Whitehall (ABA Boxing Coach & Right Stuff Project Leader)
on 0300 123 44 55
or **Cher Farmer (Youth Worker & Boxing Tutor)** on 01543 512440
or visit www.therightstuffproject.co.uk

This leaflet can be provided in Braille, on audio cassette tape/disk, large print and in alternate languages on request to the Right Stuff team on telephone number here.

Advert Source:
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search for the 'Right Stuff Project Champions'



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