

# NEWSLETTER



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## Chairperson helps judge competition



**Well done to all the children who submitted entries in the Road Safety Competition and congratulations to all the winners (pictured above), the results were: -**

**1st:** Joe Williams aged 10 (centre) from Heath Hayes Primary School winning tickets to take six friends for a Laser Tag game.

**2nd:** Chloe Jade Lester, aged 8 (left) from Longford Primary School winning ice-skating tickets.

**3rd:** Amy Bishop, aged 6 (right) from Norton Canes Primary School winning a ticket for Twycross Zoo.

Anne Ames, the Chairperson of the Federation, along with Head of Housing for Cannock Chase Council, Ian Tennant, was invited to judge a Road Safety Poster Competition which was organised by Debbie Adams, Resident Liaison Co-ordinator from Lovell, a local housing refurbishment specialist who has local offices in Martindale, Hawks Green, Cannock. The Federation works in partnership with Cannock Chase Council and sends representatives along to meetings with Lovell who has been working with the council since 2003 helping to deliver a programme of improvements to council homes in the district. Pupils from six local primary schools, Heath Hayes, Longford, Norton Canes, Bridgtown, Littleton Green and Moorhill took part in the competition which was run in conjunction with Cannock Chase Council, Davina Hickman, Police Community Support Officer, also helped to support the poster competition.

The winning entry, Joe Williams from Heath Hayes Primary School, designed to encourage children to make sure they can be seen by drivers when out and about, shows a boy on a zebra crossing wearing high-visibility clothing and gloves with the slogan *Be Bright Tonight* and Debbie said “Well done to Joe for coming up with a powerful poster which really gets the message across”, adding “We had some great entries in the competition and they all showed that the children were thinking carefully about road safety and the importance of staying safe when they’re out”.

In celebration of his winning entry, Lovell also presented Joe’s school with 60 mini high-visibility reflective vests that pupils can use on outings as well as high-visibility wristbands.

## 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

### Cornish Houses



*Pictured above are committee members of the Association at their Annual General Meeting held at the Birds Club in Bradbury Lane on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.*

The group has had another busy year, they took a coach to Blackpool in September to see the Illuminations, took 2 coaches to see Aladdin on the opening day at the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton on December 11<sup>th</sup>, which featured Christopher Biggins and Paul Zerdin with his puppet Sam, it also featured a '3D' Genie amongst other 3D effects which helped to create a magical afternoon. The Senior Citizens on the estate were treated to a Christmas meal along with Bingo games at the Byrds Club on 16<sup>th</sup> December and Chocolates were being given to households. Thanks go to all those who are involved in the regular Bonus Ball collections, the trips and all the Christmas activities and presents, also thanks to all residents who participate in the Bonus Ball draws and raffles which raises money which enables the Association to organise such events for residents.

### Pine View

#### Minor Works

The Association has arranged for 3 street signs to be repaired and for Neighbourhood Watch signs to be put up around the area from their Minor Works Budget.

#### Christmas

The group gave a Christmas Gift voucher to their Senior Citizens.

### Rumer Hill

#### Oxford Green Play Area



After many years of the Association being involved in trying to get new equipment for the Oxford Green Play Area, work has finally been completed and new equipment has been installed by Cannock Chase Council. Residents were consulted on the plans and had a choice of options for various equipment

### Springfields

The Association would like to thank Kate and Lisa for putting on a great Halloween event at the Springfield shops. They put on workshops through the week leading up to Halloween. Kate and Lisa worked with the children in the workshop making Halloween lanterns and pumpkins. There was also live music from three bands and a girl singer and a competition with prizes for best boy and girl costume.

The Association would also like to thank Rugeley



Community Church for donating food parcels for OAP's, which the group are distributing for Xmas.

*Pictured below are children on the estate enjoying the Halloween party. Left: among them was Kian Falls, just 18 months old.*



# 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.

## Score Rating      Colour      Walks

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

### Bevan Lee Estate – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010

- Cars parked on gardens and no dropped kerbs
- Overgrown hedges
- Alley overgrown
- Large hole in verge
- Verge badly damaged and trip hazard
- Blocked drains need unblocking

**Score = 6**

**Next walk - 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011**

### Circle of Residents (CORA)

**Next walk - 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

### Cornish Houses (Estate Agreement Area)

**Next walk - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

### Newman Grove – 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010

- Pathways need resurfacing
- Roads need resurfacing
- Parking of commercial vehicles

**Score = 2**

**Next walk - 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

### Pine View – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010

- Howard Crescent – Broken street sign/Broken wooden gate post
- Shaftesbury Drive – Concrete pathway breaking up/Overgrown hedge by fencing/Overgrown brambles on side fencing

**Score = 2**

**Next Walk - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**

### Rumer Hill (Estate Agreement Area – 9<sup>th</sup> November

- Top of Oxford Green adjacent to Playing Areas – Damaged fencing
- Oxford Green playing area adjacent to Lichfield Road – Damaged fencing
- Oxford Green – Tree needs cutting back

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### Rumer Hill (Estate Agreement Area) – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010 – continued

- Worcester Close – Vehicle driving over green
- End of Salop Drive/Entrance to top Devon Road garage site – Untaxed vehicles
- Corner of Salop Drive/Devon Road – Shopping trolleys
- Devon Road bottom garage site – Garage doors broken/1 full of tyres

**Score = 3**

**Next walk - Date yet to be confirmed**

### Springfields – 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010 (Area 1) and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010 (Area 2)

- **Area 1** – All over estate – Shrubs in planters need attention
- Wat Tyler Close – Rubbish in courtyard/Uneven slabs in front of flats/Cables hanging from roof
- Grindcobbe Grove – Overgrown garden/Blocked road drain
- Corner Harney Court/John Ball Close – Damaged litter bin was removed, needs replacing.
- Harney Court – Overhanging branches next to walkway/rubbish in gardens
- John Ball Close – Overgrown trees blocking street light/Rubbish in garden/Blocked drain/Planters frequently have broken glass inside
- Holyoake Place – Rubbish in courtyard/needs spraying/Overgrown Trees/Cables hanging from roof
- William Morris Court – Rubbish/Needs spraying/Tree Overhanging

**Area 1 Score = 6**

**Next walk - 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

#### Area 2

- Aneurin Bevan Place – Rubbish in front of flats/Weeds on footpath/Raised slabs trip hazard
- Winstanley Place – Raised slab trip hazard/Overhanging trees/Rubbish in communal area
- Arthur Wood Place – Overhanging tree
- Lovett Court – Skip been left for sometime/Rubbish dumped close to skip
- Jennie Lee Way – private hedge blocking footpath

**Area 2 Score = 7**

**Next walk - 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

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

- Cotton Grove – Rubbish in garden

**Score = 1**

**Next walk - yet to be confirmed**



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## CTRF Training Feedback

The Federation arranged a Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Day on 3rd November and was attended by Officers from Cannock Chase Council along with Tenants and Residents. Everyone who attended said the training was very informative and they enjoyed the day.

The training was provided by Liam Watson from Drugs Education Training who provide training to Organisations such as The Metropolitan Police, YMCA, Health and Education Authorities, Addaction and many more.

Here are just some of the comments received from delegates:

*“Good materials provided to take away. Excellent trainer”... “Very interesting, opened my eyes to things I never gave thought to before”... “Very well presented, some shocking statistics, but very Informative on both drugs and alcohol use. Great course”... “Excellent, well worthwhile”... “Very interesting in every way. Very well presented”... “It helped me to realise I am drinking my week’s units all in one night. Very informative”... “Entire course useful.”*

The CTRF is hoping to arrange a further awareness day, just concentrating on alcohol, some time next year.

There was also a training session for members arranged by the CTRF on Resident-Led Self Regulation. The training was provided by Kevin Lovatt and Carol Beardsall (pictured right, in the foreground along with Tilly & Gordon Hodson and Arnold & Mary Stakes from Circle of Residents Association). Kevin and Carol, who are from Stoke on Trent Housing Service Review Group, have been involved in regulating their authority for six years. They gave a presentation on this, giving a lot of information to residents on how best we should regulate our authority.

All those attending enjoyed this training!



**Next CTRF Consultation Meeting - 7.00pm on Tuesday, 15th February 2011**

*Guest Speaker: Martin Brookes speaking about the 2011 Census*

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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