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Spring 2014 Newsletter



A Message From Your New Telford Millennium Community Co-ordinator

Hi, my name is David Churm and I am the new TMC Co-ordinator, taking up my role from 17th March 2014 – you may have seen me walking around the estate over the last few weeks. I am in the process of getting to grips with my new role and hope to meet as many of the community as possible whether it be at a Residents' Meeting, calling at your home or passing the time of day whilst walking through the estate. I hope you will bear with me whilst I find my feet in my new role but would invite each and every one of you to contact me even if it is just to put a face to the name.



Just so you know a little bit about my background I have an extensive background in housing, including resident involvement and estate management albeit this role is slightly different to what I have been used to, the principle is somewhat the same.

One of the main aims of my first few weeks is to arrange a Residents' Meeting and the date and time for the next meeting is included below. I also want to try and keep the website up to date and am currently doing a bit of 'housekeeping' in relation to the contents.

The Telford Millennium Community, from my initial impressions, seems a lovely place to live and whilst there is on-going construction work I am sure you will appreciate there will be a certain amount of disruption to the normal activity you would expect on an estate. However, if you feel any activity is unreasonable or indeed unsafe then please contact me and I will try my best to put it right.

I can be contacted between 8.30a.m. and 4.30p.m. Monday to Friday by telephoning 01952 616545 or via e-mail David.Churm@sanctuary-housing.co.uk. However, I appreciate these times may not be convenient for everyone so if you wish to meet with me outside the above times, I will be more than happy to arrange a mutually convenient time and date to meet.

Here's hoping to hear from you in the near future!



Next Residents' Meeting Wednesday 16th April 2014

The next Residents' Meeting will be held at Ketley Parish Community Centre, Holyhead Road on Wednesday 16th April 2014 starting at 6.30p.m.

It would be really great if as many people as possible could attend whether it be to make comments on some issues regarding the community, some ideas you may have to improve the community or ideas for community involvement. Personally, I would like to meet as many people as possible so even if you come for a cuppa it would be really nice to see you.

Ecology Project

We will shortly be progressing this and consulting with residents over the signage etc. If you have an interest in this and want to be involved then please contact the Co-ordinator.

Ketley Parish Council Vacancy

Due to the resignation of one of the Parish Councillors there is now a vacancy in the Ketley Ward. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor for Ketley and want to make a difference by working within your local community then please contact the Parish Clerk on 01952 612035 or e-mail parishclerk@ketleyparishcouncil.co.uk for an application form.

Completed application forms need to be returned to the Parish Council by no later than **25th April 2014**.

Easter Fun
Thursday 17th April 2014 at 7.00p.m.



Attention all children and adults! Come and join in some family fun with Easter bingo at Ketley Parish Community Centre and win some Easter eggs and other prizes. There will also be a short quiz when questions will be asked between each game of bingo so come along and join in the fun of trying to win an Easter egg and other prizes!

Dog Fouling

There is a problem with dog fouling on particular areas of the estate. The main area that is affected by this is the area where the 'mushroom' seats are on the grassed area adjacent to the gravel footpath that runs from the top of the Holyhead Road. Please contact us if you are aware who is allowing their dogs to foul on the communal landscaped areas – it is an offence for a dog owner not to clear up their dog's excrement.

Why Is It Important To Clear Up After Your Dog?

Dog faeces are not only unpleasant if you tread in it and have to clean it off your shoes but it can cause disease in humans. Diseases such as Roundworm can cause toxicariasis. This disease is caused by little eggs contained in the faeces which can remain in the soil for up to 2 years and if swallowed could develop into larvae. This can cause blindness or conditions such as epilepsy or asthma depending on where the larvae settles in the body.



Children playing in open spaces are particularly vulnerable to the above so if you are a dog owner please ensure you clear up after your dog.

Engagement or no Engagement ??

One of my aims during the first few weeks in my role as Telford Millennium Community Co-ordinator is to ascertain who would like to engage with the community and at what level. For example, from experience some people are happy to complete and return short questionnaires on a specific subject, some are happy to respond to a text/e-mail survey and some want to be involved at a much higher level eg as a member of a Residents' Group and attend meetings.

I would like to build up a profile on each and every household as to if you want to be contacted about your community and if so at what level. Don't worry if you decide you don't want to be

contacted from a consultation point of view we will still send you the quarterly newsletter informing you what has gone on – you may then change your mind regarding your involvement!

I would also like to build up a profile as to HOW you would like to be contacted eg if you have access to the internet we could send you the newsletter electronically or via a web link. Furthermore, you may prefer to answer short surveys via text/e-mail. Of course for this to work you would have to inform us of your mobile telephone number and/or e-mail address. Please see the enclosed form for your completion and return – simply place your completed form in the envelope provided and post it through the Sanctuary Housing office on Ketley Park Road. **NB any contact details given will not be disclosed to any third party and will only be used for the purposes of contacting you on Telford Millennium Community business.**

Estate Walkabouts

I propose to carry out regular walkabouts at the Telford Millennium Community to ensure there is a regular inspection of the communal areas for the benefit of all. My reasons for this are firstly to be proactive in addressing any issues that may arise and secondly to ensure you receive a good service. If you see me walking around the Telford Millennium Community why not stop me to have a chat?

Ideas for Community Engagement/Activities

We would like to hear from you if you have any ideas for how we can engage with more residents or if you have any suggestions for activities whether young or old. The ideas do not need to be innovative but something you think will capture some interest from residents of the Telford Millennium Community.

There is a section in the enclosed form for you to include your ideas.

Extra Care Development Update

You will notice the Extra Care Scheme is now taking shape and it is pleasing to report that completion is anticipated November 2014.

Phase 3 Development Update

The next phase of the Telford Millennium Community is now well underway and the first properties in this phase are anticipated to be completed in May 2014.

Spine Road Update

You will have noticed that work has started on the spine road on phase 1 and is anticipated to be completed by May 2014. In the meantime please be patient regarding any disruption that may be caused by the contractor carrying out the work – hopefully any disruption will be kept to an absolute minimum but should you have any concerns please contact us.



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