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## Summer 2014 Newsletter



## A Message From Your Telford Millennium Community Co-ordinator – David Churm

Well, I am now over 3 months into my role as Co-ordinator and have had the opportunity to meet and chat with some of the people who live on the Telford Millennium Community. I have also had the opportunity to assess what issues there are, whether they are ones brought to my attention by residents or those that I have identified myself. I have listed these issues later in this newsletter and would be grateful if you would take the time to read these.



Following on from the Spring newsletter and the survey which was included, I have received no indication as to what community events you would like to be involved in. The survey was returned by only 4% of people living on the estate and of those that responded there was no desire to be involved in community activities but I would like to thank those people who took the time to complete the survey which included some useful feedback. The comments that were received included a number of estate management issues such as dogs fouling and the condition of some of the landscaped areas.

Since the last newsletter, a Residents' Meeting took place on 16<sup>th</sup> April and it would be fair to say similar issues arose that people commented on in the survey. The Easter Bingo also took place on 17<sup>th</sup> April and subsequently we had 4 Easter Eggs left over which were put 'up for grabs' on our website [www.telfordmillenniumvillagetrust.co.uk](http://www.telfordmillenniumvillagetrust.co.uk). By simply doing a bit of reading on the website and attending the office with an answer to a question, residents could have claimed an Easter Egg. It seems that either nobody reads the website or did not want an Easter Egg!! Therefore, whilst Easter and the closing date to win an egg of 9<sup>th</sup> May has passed I am now extending this to 18th July so you can still win some chocolate by finding out from the website what recently happened at the Extra Care Scheme currently under construction and attending the office with the answer (first 4 people to attend the office with the correct answer can take away an Easter Egg– by the way the Easter Eggs are still in date!

### Estate Issues



#### Gardens

I have noticed there are a few gardens on the Millennium Community that are looking a little unkempt. This makes the general appearance of the estate look untidy and is in breach of the covenant and/or tenancy agreement you have signed up to. Therefore, please ensure the garden area you have responsibility for is free from weeds, the grass is cut and maintained regularly all year round.

#### Unroadworthy Vehicles

Again since I started in my role as TMC Co-ordinator there have been a couple of vehicles that either have had a flat tyre for some time and/or have been in a general unroadworthy condition. Please ensure vehicles parked on the estate are in a roadworthy condition – if you have a vehicle that is awaiting repair please let us know and we will bear with you (within reason) until it is repaired.

## Parking

Please ensure you use your designated parking space. If you are unsure what number your parking space is please contact the Trust. All visitors' spaces are on a 'first come first served' basis. Please note that the parking bays on Ketley Park Road Spine Road are primarily for visitors' use and in most of the bays 3 cars can be parked as long as people park maximising the space provided. Please park responsibly and do not block other people's driveways, gates or parking spaces.

## Litter

I have noticed that litter is being strewn on the communal areas and whilst some of this maybe when recycling is put out for collection I am sure some of it is being irresponsibly disposed of on the communal areas. Whilst in your stewardship charge you pay a contribution towards the upkeep of the landscaped areas the more time the landscape gardeners spend on collecting litter the less time they have to concentrate on gardening. Please ensure that all litter is disposed of appropriately and maybe pick up any litter directly outside your home.



## Dog Fouling



Since the Spring newsletter there has been an improvement in the amount of dog excrement found on the estate so thank you for your co-operation in cleaning up after your dogs. However, there are still some dog owners who continue to allow their dogs to foul and not clean up after them and I am in contact with Telford & Wrekin Council about this matter.

**Did you know**.....that poop scoop bags, **FREE** of charge, are available from Ketley Parish Community Centre to help encourage dog owners and walkers to clean up after their pets.

Please act responsibly and clean up after your pet - collect your free poop scoop bags today.

## Alterations to Properties

Under the covenant/declaration all homeowners and tenants signed up to when they moved into their home, no alterations eg conservatories should be carried out without the prior permission of the Telford Millennium Community Trust Board. Therefore, should you have plans to carry out any alterations to your home you must write to the Trust at the Sanctuary Office, 20 Ketley Park Road, Telford prior to you commencing the work. The Trust reserves the right to decline permission and even if granted some alterations may need the planning consent of Telford & Wrekin Council.

## Water Leaks

Residents may be aware of water leaks that occurred on Partridge Drive and Princess Square which have affected the block paving. The Trust is assured that the issue with the block paving will be sorted by Taylor Wimpey.

## Next Residents' Meeting - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2014

The next Residents' Meeting will be held at Ketley Parish Community Centre, Holyhead Road on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30p.m. **Everyone Welcome!**



## Ecology Project

We now need volunteers to assist in helping us select what type of signs should be used to direct people to the ecology areas on the Millennium Community. Furthermore, we wish to place some information boards containing details of what can be found in the ecology areas and again we would like your help in choosing these. Another important factor for these signs is where the best places are to erect them.



Therefore, if you want to get involved in the above please contact the Trust Co-ordinator by 18th July 2014. From the article in the Spring Newsletter there has been no interest from residents in participating in this project so should this remain the same the Trust will decide the type of signs, what information is included on the signs and where to erect them.

## Estate Walkabouts

As mentioned in the last newsletter I proposed and will continue to carry out regular walkabouts around the estate for 2 reasons, firstly to try and meet people and secondly to be proactive in addressing any issues that may arise. I propose to be on the estate on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2014**. If you would like to walk around the estate with me then please meet me at the Sanctuary Offices at 9.30a.m. or if you see me walking around why not stop me to have a chat?

## Walkaround Ketley

Do you know any of the history of Ketley? Want to find out more about the area you live in and stretch your legs at the same time? Then why not join me and members of the Ketley History Group on a walk around Ketley on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2014 - meet outside the Sanctuary offices at 20 Ketley Park Road at 10.00a.m.** The walk will take no more than 3 hours and will give everyone a chance to learn something about the area they live in. Adults, children (under 16s must be accompanied by an adult) and families all welcome. All you need to bring is a drink (particularly if it is hot!) and to wear some sensible shoes for walking. This invite is being extended to the rest of the Ketley Parish.

## Ideas for Community Engagement/Activities

Since the last newsletter I have not received any ideas from the community about what activities they would like to see organised.

Did you know there is a full programme of activities at Ketley Parish Community Centre? These include art classes, karate and many others. Please go to the 'What's on at Ketley Parish Community Centre' page at [www.telfordmillenniumvillagetrust.co.uk](http://www.telfordmillenniumvillagetrust.co.uk) for full details of all activities or visit the Community Centre itself. We would like to hear from you if you have any ideas of how we can engage with more residents or if you have any suggestions for activities you would like organised.

## Construction Updates

The Extra Care Scheme is still on schedule for completion in November 2014 and the first few homes in phase 3 are now occupied and the development is proceeding well.

## Spine Road Update

You will have noticed the first part of the work on phase 1 has now been completed and the contractors are now working on the road at the side of the Millennium square.



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