



Newsletter May 2006 New Henry Street

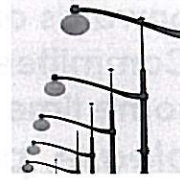
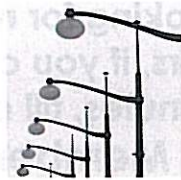
Tenants & Residents Association

Established 2002

The past 12 months has seen the TRA hard at work to both secure better services for local Tenants/Residents and to create a better environment for us all to live in.

We have been carrying out a series of 'Estate Walkabouts' to identify both current problem areas and the solutions to remedy these problems. These initiatives have resulted in:

- Improvements to some of the drying areas including new rotary dryers and tarmac being removed and replaced with non-slip slabs.



Extra Street Lighting

Following the request in 2002 for extra lighting across the estate we are please to inform you that part of the work has taken place much to the delight of Tenants & Residents residing in the following properties:

- 4/14 Edward Street who now have porch lights
- Improved lighting 11-21 All Angels Walk
- 8-19 Old Chapel Walk who also have porch lights

All Tenants & Residents who have benefited from these improvements have stated that they now feel much safer

- There will also be additional lighting on all Car Parks across the Estate in the very near future (Watch this Space!!!!)

A.G.M

The A.G.M took place on Tuesday 21ST March 2006. We are pleased to inform you that the following people have been re-elected.

Chairperson – Sue Hutchings
Treasurer – Christine Bishop
Committee Member – Jane Woodhall

We have a new Secretary - Helen Cockbill



More importantly we have 2 new Committee Members, Matt Shephard and Warner Clinton. We hope the T.R.A will continue onwards and upwards. We are always looking for new Committee Members or Committee Helpers, if you could spare some time to deliver newsletters, flyers, minutes, fill envelopes please, please contact a Committee Member.



TRA Secures Funding Grants

As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a better estate for all Tenants/Residents of New Henry Street we have in the past 12 months secured funding for the following projects:

Community Garden



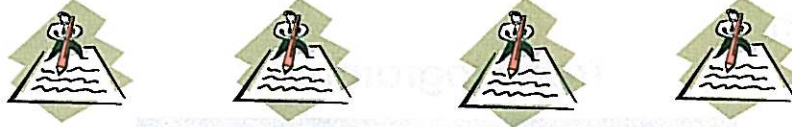
£2500 Lottery Funding & £3000 from Living spaces

Community Aerial Project



£2,500 from Oldbury Town Team for the Community Aerial Project

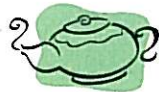
Both Projects are now completed much to the satisfaction of all Tenants/Residents.



Feed back from Questionnaires

As you are all aware a questionnaire was circulated to all properties across the estate, this was an opportunity for anyone who cannot and does not wish to attend meetings. A lot of time and effort went into producing this, however despite the fact that people could leave this outside to be collected therefore you would not be disturbed the total we received back is as follows: -

Delivered 123 Total returned 53 Total not returned 70
2 not completed 2 partly completed



Coffee Morning

34 Tenants/Residents have expressed an interest for the above event. Details will follow soon!!!!!!

Five Year Plan

We have been working with Sandwell Homes to implement a Five Year Plan for improvements across the Estate. This has been discussed at Public Meetings and all Tenants/Residents have been given the opportunity through the recent questionnaire to give their ideas, suggestions and comments. The results from the questionnaires have been very disappointing with the following results: -

36 Tenants/Residents gave NO feedback
14 Tenants/Residents gave feedback



Extra Street Signs

Following a number of requests received from Tenants/Residents for extra street signs this work is still ongoing.



Dog Fouling Notices

Following the extra notices we are still having problems with people who do not live on the Estate bringing their dogs and allowing them to foul footpaths and grass verges. We are still liaising with Sandwell Officers and other Agencies as to a remedy to this problem.

Tree Programme



The Chairperson took part in an Estate Walkabout with Steve Robinson from Urban Forestry on the 16th November 2005 following concerns raised by Tenants/Residents in respect of overgrown trees. As a result the trees on the Estate have been included in a proposed programme of work 2006/07

New Venue

Following feedback from the recent questionnaire we have taken on board everyone's views. All future Public Meetings and other events will now take place at the:
Sandwell Christian Centre
Langley Crescent

The Committee continues to work on behalf of all Tenants/Residents on the Estate. We are always looking for new Members or Committee Helpers.

For more information on becoming a Committee Member or helper please contact either:

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