

BLACON NORTH



Six months ago, Chester & District Housing Trust residents in the Blacon North area told me their key issues of concern. This set the Trust a challenge and a Community Contract was drawn up. We have worked with you and other partners to tackle local issues and here are the results so far.

Speeding Traffic

We can help! All you need to do is:

- Identify a street that is a problem
- Contact me; it's as easy as that!

I can arrange the use of a Speed Indicator Device (SID). It records information on speed which provides evidence that can be taken up with Highways & the Police. It works! Lower speed limits in several areas of Chester have been introduced using this. Please call, I need your help and volunteers!

Dog Mess & Strays

The Trust has initiated the following:

- An additional 'Doggie Bin' - we can get more, where would you like them?
- Joint funding of 'Doggie Bags' available from any Trust office
- A meeting with Chester City Council's Dog Warden in the new year – please contact me if you'd like to attend

Fly Tipping & Litter

What have we done about it?



A bid has been put forward to improve community recycling for your area

The Trust has provided skips in various locations over the past 6 months for residents to dispose of any unwanted items **free of charge**. We will continue with this initiative on a regular basis

If you have any queries, please telephone Freephone 0808 1007701 and ask to speak to me, your Community Housing Officer, Leanne Jackson:



Vandalism, Youth Nuisance & Anti Social Behaviour

Since Community Contracts were introduced more of you have come forward with anti-social behaviour issues. The Trust will continue to work with the all agencies including the Police to combat this in line with the Government's RESPECT Agenda. What have we done so far?

- The Trust obtained one full possession order for anti-social behaviour:
Joanne Lloyd of 71 Hatton Road was evicted in June
- The Trust issued two injunctions with powers of arrest against one tenant and his visitor in your area. The purpose being to stop their anti social behaviour towards other local residents.
- The Parade - The Trust worked in partnership with Cheshire Police, there are now additional Police patrols and new security doors & windows have been fitted
- A diversionary activities workshop was held at the Delta Centre. The purpose of this was to educate young people on the effects of anti-social behaviour on a community and offer alternative ideas for entertainment and activities

Grounds Maintenance - What have we done?



BEFORE

Volunteers from the Trust have carried out 2 gardening & planting initiatives at the high rise blocks in Blacon South.

Can you think of anywhere in Blacon North that would benefit?
Please call me.



AFTER

And what else?

Improvements To Homes

Our improvement programme is continuing. What have we done so far?

Heating Upgrade	100% complete
External Painting	100% complete
External Doors Upgrade	100% complete
Electric Upgrade	Work has commenced and is ongoing
New Bathrooms	Work has commenced and is ongoing
New Kitchens	Due to commence February 2007



You Have Money!

Local residents have cash to spend in Blacon North. All applications must be approved by TRAIL (Tenants Residents Associations Including Leaseholders) Federation. So far you have spent some on the Blacon Fun Day & Summer Splash Initiative. Do you know of any community scheme that would benefit from additional funding? Does a local football team need new shirts? Would you like a community garden? **It is in your interest to contact me.**

This is your community, let's work together to make a difference.