

## LACHE & HANDBRIDGE



Six months ago, Chester & District Housing Trust residents in the Lache and Handbridge 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' in Handbridge - 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?



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

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



## 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 & rent arrears and a Trust tenant in Lache was evicted
- The Trust have obtained one injunction with the power of arrest in Handbridge following an assault by a male tenant on a Trust employee
- Possession proceedings have commenced against a Trust tenant in Lache for anti social behaviour
- There are two ongoing mediation cases, one in Handbridge, one in Lache

## Grounds Maintenance - What have we done?



The Trust worked with residents from Ramsden Court, Lache to lower brick planters and re-plant them with low growing plants & spring bulbs.

I would like to hear from residents who have ideas for other areas that may benefit from such work.

**Please call me!**

## And what else?

### Improvements To Homes

Our improvement programme is continuing.

#### What have we done so far?

Heating Upgrade -	100% complete
External Doors Upgrade -	100% complete
Electrical Upgrade -	Due to commence March 2007



## You have Money!

Local residents have cash to spend in Lache and Handbridge. All applications must be approved by TRAIL (Tenants Residents Associations Including Leaseholders) Federation. So far you have spent some on the Lache Fun Day and at the Lache Family Centre. We have a further 3 applications for funding awaiting approval. In Handbridge you are using the money to improve the plantation areas around Allington & Prenton Place. 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.**