

UPTON, HOOLE, NEWTON & PLAS NEWTON



Six months ago, Chester & District Housing Trust residents in the Upton, Hoole, Newton and Plas Newton 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:

- Two additional 'Dog Bins' one in Upton and one in Hoole - 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?

Working in conjunction with the City Council, 'Bags On A Roll' scheme is being piloted in Newton & Plas Newton. All three types of bin bags (black, pink, green) are being delivered six months in advance to each household to encourage recycling.

Woodfield House, Newton – there has been an ongoing problem with fly-tipping at the rear of Woodfield House. In the new year the Trust are commencing work to improve the area and reduce the open space used by fly tippers and at the same time providing much needed car parking for residents.

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



The Trust has provided skips in various locations of Chester 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. Is there anywhere in your area that would benefit from this? Please contact me.

A clean up day is planned in Spring 2007 for the Dorset Place area of Newton. Please contact me if you are interested in taking part.

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 has obtained one injunction with powers of arrest for anti-social behaviour in Plas Newton. This was issued to stop a tenant threatening a resident in Upton.
- Two Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs) have been assigned to two youths, one in Upton, one in Plas Newton. The purpose of these was to stop them from causing nuisance and annoyance to local residents. As the parents are Trust tenants a warning has been issued to them about their breach of tenancy.

Grounds Maintenance - What have we done?



BEFORE

The Trust have worked with local residents on gardening days at Aldford Road, Upton Coniston Road, Newton and Newton House & Tiverton Close, Plas Newton.



AFTER

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



You have Money!

Local residents have cash to spend in Upton, Hoole, Newton and Plas Newton. All applications must be approved by TRAIL (Tenants Residents Associations Including Leaseholders) Federation. So far you have spent some of it by providing Upton Junior Football Club with a full football kit and training bibs for the mini soccer team. 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.