

THE CITY AREA



Six months ago, Chester & District Housing Trust residents in the City 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:

- Additional 'Doggie Bins' for other areas of Chester but not yours - 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



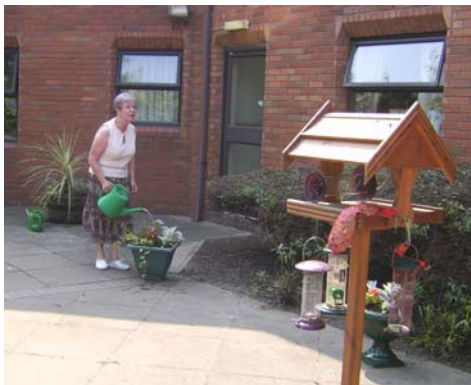
Litter

The Trust worked with the City Council and a recycling scheme is being trialed in the City area. Glass & plastic and tins & paper containers are on site located at Rowlands Heights & Carter Street. If successful we hope that this scheme will be extended to the whole district, locations permitting.

If you have any queries, please telephone Freephone 0808 1007701 and ask to speak to your Community Housing Officer, Mike O'Sullivan:



Grounds Maintenance – what have we done so far?



The Trust have worked with residents on local gardening days at Cherry Grove Road, Kingfisher Court and Richmond Court.



I would like to hear from residents who have ideas that would benefit from similar events. Please call me.

Vandalism, Youth Nuisance And 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 issued two (Anti Social Behaviour Orders) ASBOs in the City area and will continue to work with the Police to combat youth nuisance & vandalism
- The Trust have commenced possession proceedings against a Trust tenant in Newtown for anti social behaviour
- The Trust served an injunction with the power of arrest on a tenant in Vicars Cross after an assault on a Trust employee
- An injunction the Trust served on a tenant in Newton for verbally abusing other residents, is still in force
- Following the eviction of the Poole family from Carter Street, Newtown, reports suggest that the community is now more peaceful

Improvements to Homes

Our improvement programme is continuing.

What have we done so far?

- Heating Upgrade - 100% complete.
- External Doors Upgrade - 100% complete
- New Kitchens - Work has commenced and is ongoing
- External Painting - 100% complete for Spring and Summer
- External Painting - Autumn & Winter programme due to commence December



You have Money!

Local residents have cash to spend in the City area. All applications must be approved by TRAIL (Tenants Residents Associations Including Leaseholders) Federation. So far you haven't spent any! 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.