

THE RURALS



Six months ago, Chester & District Housing Trust residents in the Rural areas 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. They have been operational in Mickle Trafford, Elton, Ashton, Tattenhall and Guilden Sutton. Is there anywhere else that could benefit? Please call; I need your help and volunteers!

Dog Mess & Strays

The Trust has initiated the following:

- Two additional 'Doggie Bins' one in Saughall, one in Tattenhall - 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?

The Trust lobbied the City Council and new recycling litter bins have been installed in Malpas, Nomansheath and Elton.

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

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



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.

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:
Stacey Dirkin of 60 Parkway, Saughall was evicted in July
- There is one ongoing mediation case in your area
- After a spate of burglaries at The Square in Christleton, the Trust installed high fencing; security lighting and SMART water was given out to all residents. Since these improvements have been introduced there have been no further incidents.

Grounds Maintenance - What have we done?



The Trust have worked with residents at Chapel Close, Saughall on the removal of shrub beds & at Craddock Court, Malpas to fill the pond and turf over it to create a new seating area.

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?

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



You have Money!

Local residents have cash to spend in the Rural areas. All applications must be approved by TRAIL (Tenants Residents Associations Including Leaseholders) Federation. So far you have spent some on providing Tattenhall First Aid Responder Group with two resuscitation mannequins for training volunteers. We have also installed a gate to the car park of the Tarvin Medical Centre to restrict access to the site and alleviate ongoing anti social behaviour issues. 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.