



Wollaston Farm

Tenants and Residents Association



Spring Newsletter 2017

What have we been up to?

Since our last newsletter we have held another Community Information Day on Kent Road park. We were joined by agencies such as West Midlands Ambulance Service, PDSA, Stop Loan Sharks, Healthwatch Dudley, Dudley Federation of Tenants and Residents Association, Dudley MBC's Participation Team, ASB team, Income team and also Tenancy Support plus others.

There was a free raffle ticket for everyone who attended and liked our Facebook page, with some great prizes up for grabs thanks to some **very generous local businesses**. The TRA committee would like to say a big thank you to everyone who made a donation:

Freestyle Hair Salon
Wollaston Beauty Clinic
Langs of Wollaston
Stepalong
Pets Paradise
Fletchers
Select n Save
Boots
Wollaston Bathrooms



We loved meeting some of the local residents and we are always open to suggestions for how we can engage as a community.

Suggestions include a quiz night, coffee mornings or an afternoon tea and dance! If you have a preference or other ideas for future events please get in touch.

What's next?

Our next public meeting: 21st March 2017, 7pm at St James School

The TRA have been working with Greencare and Estate Assistants to identify areas of the estate that need extra attention and hope to assist in making the services more efficient.

As well as regular walkabouts we will be planning litter picks, the first one as part of The Great British Spring Clean www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk. If you are interested in joining in a litter pick, let us know! Keep any eye out on our social media pages and in the noticeboards for dates and times.

Dates for your diary

Public meetings 2017

These will be held at St James's School from 7pm

Public meetings allow tenants and residents of the estate to find out information and raise issues, as well as get involved with projects and decisions.

- 🔊 **Tuesday 21st March**
- 🔊 **Tuesday 11th July**
- 🔊 **Tuesday 3rd October – Annual General meeting**
(committee elections will take place at this meeting)

Walkabouts

Meet on the corner of Kingsway & Norfolk Road at 10am

These involve a walk around the estate, noting issues

- 🌲 **Wednesday 10th May**
- 🌲 **Wednesday 20th September**

Local councillors are often present at our meetings, taking up issues and dealing with problems



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Want to get involved?

Come and see us at our meetings - - Visit our Facebook page

Follow us on Twitter - - Message via our blog

Join the committee

Why join the committee?

- ★ As a **TRA Committee Member** you can access lots of **free and some very low fee training** such as: **Family First Aid, Make Up and Threading, Using Social Media, Organising Events, Admin Skills or Basic Accounting.**
Paediatric First Aid is available in March and is a free course for anyone who is interested – first come, first served.
- ★ Why not **build up your CV** by volunteering with your local TRA – from as little as **2 hours a month.**
- ★ Being part of a group helping to **improve the community** is also great for **building self confidence** and **gaining experience** in a variety of areas.

We also have training and volunteering opportunities for people who find it difficult to leave the house due to health difficulties or child care responsibilities.

If you're interested please get in touch via a method below or call 01384 815168 and ask for Lucy Nearney.

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