

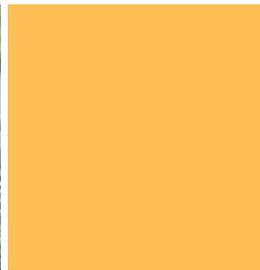
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Tenants' and Residents' Associations and Community Groups



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NEEDLERS WAY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Residents' Association has worked hard to encourage local residents to get involved and to take pride in their estate.

- ▶ The group applied for funding from the National Lottery Fund and Hull City Council which has meant they've been able to buy special tools and equipment to help their gardening scheme get up and running. For a small donation, the gardening crew will carry out tasks such as grass cutting and weeding to spruce up the neighbourhood.
- ▶ The association's efforts were proudly rewarded when they were announced as one of the joint winners of the 'Resident Group of the Year' award category in the 2013/14 Chevin STAR Awards.



ST EDMUND'S TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Since starting out in July 2007 the TARA has gone from strength to strength.

- ▶ As well as getting several grants over the years to help fund special projects, such as installing security cameras and purchasing two mobility scooters for residents to use, they've planned an array of social outings and events which are open to residents and non-residents.
- ▶ In the TARA's first year they started off with a Christmas dinner event, but through the dedication and support of the committee and other members, they've been able to increase the number of outings last year to eleven and are planning to continue this good work.

>> SANDYBED RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



The Sandybed Residents' Association looked like it was about to fold after a number of their members left. The remaining members pooled resources and set about attracting new members with eye-catching flyers to promote a fun-packed calendar of events, including summer fun days and Christmas events.

- ▶ The group's biggest project to date has been the creation of a nature trail throughout the Sandybed estate. With funding help from Newground Together and Scarborough Council, they've been able to buy and plant daffodil and crocus bulbs, and install benches along the trail for the other residents to enjoy.
- ▶ The association are also proud to say they were one of the joint winners of the 'Resident Group of the Year' award category in the 2013/14 Chevin STAR Awards.

Green Vale



»» EDMOOR CLOSE TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

» Edgemoor Close in Shawforth consists of 38 - one and two bedroom flats with a mix of young families and older residents. The tenants formed Edgemoor Close Tenants' Association nearly three years ago.

» The main focus for the group was to set up a community garden. One of the tenants, Lorraine Hammonds, obtained permission to use a piece of spare land at the side of the flats and with the help of her husband and other tenants turned it into an allotment.

» Over the last two years they've had large planters installed by Green Vale which they use to grow various fruit and vegetables in. All of the produce is available to tenants and some of them have made jam and pies from the produce, which has been shared with other residents. The allotment has a shed, a greenhouse, chickens, and there is also a pet rabbit. The chickens lay lots of eggs which are shared out around the estate, as well as providing an interest to the younger residents of Edgemoor Close.



Pennine

ABBAY PARK RESIDENTS' GROUP

- » Tenants created a new group in the Abbey Park area to help generate community spirit and work with the residents who will continue to live there following demolition work, which is planned in the area.
- » The group will be instrumental in developing the landscape of the area once the demolition is complete.

STONEY LANE RESIDENTS' GROUP

- » Tenants worked in conjunction with the local Youth Offending Team and other residents, holding an action day at Beech Grove, Lightcliffe to install artwork to an unused shop and to install planting to a grassed area. This has brightened up the area and is preventing graffiti on the shopfronts.

WEATHERHOUSE TERRACE/ GROVE STREET SOUTH/ CRABTREE STREET

- » Tenants on the Area committees were responsible for funding for local community projects, including 40m of fencing at Weatherhouse Terrace, fencing at Rye Lane and Ryecroft Lane.
- » Staff worked with residents at Grove Street South/Crabtree Street and installed deployable cameras, which were also funded by the Area committee. Police increased their patrols, and a new residents' group formed.
- » Tenants on the scheme say that the cameras and patrols have reduced antisocial behaviour.



Housing Pendle



HODGE HOUSE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Hodge House Residents' Association started in 2011 with the aim of getting local children off the street by providing them with fun activities to get involved with.

➤ Since 2011 the Residents' Association have held many events such as: The Elderly Christmas Lunch, Queen's jubilee celebrations, a week of summer activities (in conjunction with Hope Church).

➤ The Residents' Association is now a regular fixture on the estate and has weekly sessions of crafts, Zumba, choir and The Homework Club.

➤ The association is going from strength to strength and hoping to continue its success.



"It's hard work and tiring but it's so satisfying . . ."

KATH BRYAN
CHAIR OF HODGE HOUSE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

» NORTH VALLEY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



North Valley Residents' Association was formed 27 years ago. For the last 7 years the Residents' Association has grown and gone from strength to strength and is now an integral part of the community. The centre has a thriving youth club as well as activities for the older members of the community such as the silver surfers, the crafts club and regular luncheon clubs.

The association has been involved in a number of community events and projects over the years including:

➤ Creating a memorial garden in the grounds of the centre, in memory of those that have passed away in the local area. The memorial garden is also home to a cabin named 'Hagrids' which is available to hire for community events.

➤ A holiday club – This six week programme has been devised for children to attend during the summer holidays, which also gives parents a break during this time.

➤ Achieving a 'Level 5 Outstanding' status by North West in Bloom for the community involvement and environmental projects which are managed by the centre and include a rain water harvesting system, poly tunnels and hanging baskets.

Twin Valley



DAISYFIELD FLATS TENANTS' ASSOCIATION

› Daisyfield Flats Tenants' Association is an active group who regularly hold coffee mornings, bingo groups, run a weekly breakfast club, computer sessions, craft classes, darts and dominoes and 'knit and natter' evenings.

› There is a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme operating in the area and some of the tenants monitor the local environmental service standards which were set by the group. The garden club has been running for a number of years and volunteers have helped with bulb planting, a clean-up session and the general upkeep of the new garden area which was installed after the demolition of some old derelict garages.

› Successful events to date include trips out to Brighton and Haworth, quiz nights, table top sales, car washes, garden opening and garden parties, a remembrance tree ceremony and star making.



›› ROE LEE AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



› The Association runs from a community base and hosts a variety of different events and clubs to cater for all age ranges in the area. These include an over 55's club, youth groups and mother and toddler club.

› The group organises events throughout the year and has enjoyed trips out to Skipton and Cleveleys. They have assisted in community clean ups and organised gardening and planting activities, fun days, first aid and crime prevention sessions.

› The association has formed strong links with other community groups, including the local Park Committee and work in conjunction with the local school for activities and events.

Twin Valley



» HIGHERCROFT TENANTS' GROUP

› The group's main aim is to provide help and advice for Twin Valley tenants for all aspects of their lives, holding weekly job clubs, credit union collections and every Thursday the invaluable 'housing officer, debt recovery and councillor's surgery breakfast club'.

› The group regularly hosts family fun days and community events such as community clean ups

and Christmas parties, as well as raising money for the Macmillan cancer charity through their coffee mornings.

› The group is proud to have project managed the creation of a community garden. Plans have also included a summer fun day, WW1 Commemoration event, and gaining funding for a road closure to help with safety on the estate.



SHADSWORTH TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

› The Shadsworth TARA is run by volunteers who hold a regular 'Big Breakfast' club every Tuesday and events such as a Halloween Party, summer garden competition, and a Christmas party and fair.

› The group's commitment extends to improving the lives of younger people living in the community by regularly organising football training, hosting youth groups, and the group is hoping to start an indoor bowling club.

› The group is proud to have been awarded a Big Lottery grant to fund their new 'Girls Out Loud' scheme – a programme aimed at mentoring the under 16's high school kids.

› Other successes this year include May Day celebrations, a WW1 Commemoration event and summer carnival.



WHITEBIRK TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

› Whitebirk TARA holds regular advice drop in sessions at the 2000 Centre.

› Members of the Association are active fundraisers, helping to fund local children's trips. The weekly job club and credit union collection are also popular.

› Summer activities have included an estate clean-up, summer carnival, family sports day and a WW1 Commemoration event.

"After years of hard work and the partnership between the Tenants' and Residents' Association and Twin Valley Homes, I'm proud to say that the Whitebirk estate is as good a place to live as any other housing estate."

JACKIE MCGREW
CHAIR OF WHITEBIRK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



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We need you!

If you would like to organise an event in your area, or set up a Tenants' and Residents' Association (TARA) or a more informal group, please call or text your local Resident Involvement Officer . . .

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