



# Dudley Federation

## of Tenants and Residents Associations

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### Dudley Federation Update

We recently said farewell to Federation Board member Tony Brain who has resigned to focus on family. Tony joined the Board in late 2017 and has been an excellent asset to the organisation. We are very sad to see him go and wish him and his family all the best.

Our next general meeting will once again take place on Microsoft Teams on Thursday 30th June at 6pm. If you would like to attend please email [info@dftra.org.uk](mailto:info@dftra.org.uk) to request the link.

We will have a stand at the Netherton Park Fun Day on Saturday 2nd July to help Netherton Central TRA promote their group. The event is run by The Friends of Netherton Park from 10am-5pm (music continues until 9.30pm). More information can be found on the [event Facebook page](#).

If you would like us to attend your TRA meetings or events, or if we can support you in any way please let us know!

### Gas checks

If you are a council tenant, it is Dudley Council's responsibility to carry out annual safety checks on all gas appliances belonging to the council. They will also check tenants' own gas appliances (excluding cookers) - however they will not repair them if they are found to be faulty.

The risks of not carrying out annual safety checks could be fatal to you, your family and residents in your area. Every year around 50 people die in the UK and around 400 are hospitalised from the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning due to faulty gas appliances. By taking care of your appliances properly you are taking care of your home and your loved ones.

Therefore, it is extremely important that you allow access to your home for engineers to carry out these checks.

To book your gas check, call the Repairs Management Centre on 0300 555 8283.

### Reporting repairs

Did you know that you can report your housing repair online?

If you have a non-urgent repair and you're not able to make a phone call, just visit the [repairs & improvements page](#) on the Dudley Council website to report easily and conveniently.

If your report is urgent, you should call the Repairs Management Centre on 0300 555 8283.

## Vicarage prospect Jubilee event

Vicarage Prospect TRA held a right royal event to celebrate the Queens 70th Jubilee for the tenants and residents of Claverley, Clent and Farthings Lodge.

The afternoon tea themed party took place on Friday 3rd June 12pm – 3pm. Entertainment was provided free of charge by local DJ Simon Wren, who provided sounds from across the decades.

Cllr. Cathy Bayton and Housing Manager Carl Barrett also attended the event. Participation officer Sonia Ineson said it was wonderful to see so many people turn up for the event. Following the success of this event, they hope to organise similar projects in the near future with the tenants and residents of Vicarage Prospect supporting their TRA.

## Big Clean Up

Oval & Tudor TRA held a Big Clean Up on Saturday 18th June. It was very rainy but successful with over 30 households making use of the skips provided. The skips were funded through a Community Forum grant and the event was attended by a local Councillor, the local policing team, Martin Smith, (Chairperson of Dudley Federation of Tenants & Residents Associations) and Participation Officer Luke Tilt.

Well done to all involved!



## Be #scamaware

As the Citizens Advice Scams Awareness fortnight comes to an end, the scams won't.

Recently, criminals have been using the cost of living crisis to attempt to defraud people, there have been reports of scammers imitating Ofgem to 'offer rebates', offering 'cut price energy' on doorsteps and cold calling people pretending to be from price comparison sites with special 'one day only' offers.

It's so important to keep an eye out for others as well as yourself when it comes to scams. We have put together a list of useful resources to keep up to date on the latest scams, you can find this on our website.

If you think you may have given your bank details in a scam, report it immediately to your bank and also to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.

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