



# Dudley Federation



## of Tenants and Residents Associations

# Autumn newsletter 2023

### Dudley Federation update

Our next hybrid general meeting will take place in person at a new venue and also online on Monday 23rd October at 6pm. You can get venue information, request a Teams link or confirm your attendance by emailing [info@dftra.org.uk](mailto:info@dftra.org.uk).

We changed the day of our general meetings following feedback received on our Satisfaction Survey.

To have your say on various aspects of Dudley Federation, please complete our Satisfaction Survey (this has been sent to members by email, if you haven't received it please [let us know](#) and we will send you the link).

### Cost of Living support

A 4th Cost of Living Support Hub has opened at Christ Church in Lye (open Thursdays), this joins Brierley Hill Methodist Church and Halesowen Library (open on alternating Wednesdays), and Provision House in Dudley (open Fridays) in being a resource for those struggling with rising costs.

Access to Hubs is by appointment only, these can be booked via Eventbrite <https://CA.DudleyandWolverhampton.eventbrite.com> where you will also find information on criteria and other important updates.

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/cost-of-living/> also provides extensive resources for many issues that the Cost of Living Crisis may be causing.

### Know Your Community Housing Team

We are very happy to be able to share a document containing local [Community Housing team](#) information as well as some useful contact details.

This comes as part of an array of changes which aim to make services more accessible to Dudley Council Tenants, in compliance with upcoming proposed amendments to [The Regulator of Social Housing's Consumer Standards](#) (more information on all of the above can be found on our website: [www.dftra.org.uk](http://www.dftra.org.uk)).

Along with the Housing Board, we have been working with Dudley Council on the impact that these changes will have.

**Tipas** - The tenant engagement experts, quite rightly state: "The voice of social housing tenants is being heard loud and clear by Government, MP's and the national press agenda right now" so it's a great time to get involved in the discussions.

If you're a Tenant interested in being more involved, get in touch and we can advise on the best way to do so.

### Dudley Council email bulletins

To keep up to date with Council information, you can sign up at:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDUDLEYMBC/subscriber/new>

Once you sign up, you can select from a detailed list of topics to receive only the news that you want to see!

## Vicarage Prospect Tenants and Residents Associations

We'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate Vicarage Prospect TRA on their recent successes. Each year, TRA groups set their aspirations for the coming 12 months and this past year has been very productive for this group of active volunteers!

This TRA covers the high rise blocks Clent and Claverley Court as well as Farthings Lodge in Dudley, you can keep up to date with their meeting dates and other information on their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/vicarageprospectTRA>

In the last 12 months they have achieved:

- ✓ New flooring and painting in both blocks
- ✓ New benches and seating area outside Claverley Court
- ✓ New bin storage for both blocks
- ✓ Hosted a Coronation Party



Well done to everyone involved!

## Ellowes Hall & Area Tenants and Residents Association litter pick



On Saturday 23rd September, Ellowes Hall & Area TRA, together with the Lower Gornal St James Cubs & Scouts, set off in sunshine for their litter pick.

They said "The weather was fantastic, the hills not so good but we all managed it with smiles even towards the end".

26 cubs and scouts, 8 leaders, 15 adults and over 20 bags later, the team had a well deserved end to the morning with refreshments waiting for them.

They would like to say a big thank all who joined them, as well as Ellowes Hall Sports Academy who allowed them to use their Sports Block facilities.

Find more information about the group at <https://www.facebook.com/elloweshalltra>

Great work everyone!

Dudley Federation were happy to be able to provide insurance (under our policy) for the above litter pick event, as well as for the Coronation Celebration at Vicarage Prospect and the Oval and Tudor TRA clean ups in both March and July this year. If your TRA is having an event that needs insurance cover (if there is limited/no Council officer presence) please [contact us](#) to see whether we can provide it, and we will let you know what you need to do!

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