

# Dudley Federation of Tenants and Residents Associations

## Newsletter July 2014

### Social Media

We have been working with the Participation Development Team to help Darby End TRA set up their Facebook page.

We hope to make progress with other TRAs too, if your group needs help with social media please contact us on 01384 868010 or the PDO team on 01384 815168.

### DFTRA Update

We've been out and about a lot recently to see our member TRAs and what they have achieved. If you would like us to come and see your group please let us know.

Our next focus now is the AGM in September where directors due for re-election will stand and we can elect new directors. Nomination forms have gone out to our Tenants and Residents Groups in order for them to put members forward for the DFTRA board. If you or one of your members are interested in becoming a board member and would like to come and talk to us please get in touch.

### Blowing our own trumpet

We have been supporting a tenant who has had an ongoing problem with water ingress for the last few months.

After guiding him through the process and speaking on his behalf to Dudley MBC we are very happy to report that the work has now been completed to the tenant's satisfaction.

He is delighted with the result and has thanked us for our help.

### Engagement Structure

We continue to work with the tenants and residents on the project group and the new board to move the new structure forward. We will publish a full report within the next few months.

### Darby End Allotment opening

The Community allotments at Darby End were officially opened by the Mayor Councillor Margaret Aston and her Consort, Councillor Adam Aston on Thursday 10th July. This is a great project which has seen a disused garage site become an attractive and useful area for both individuals and groups.

The work was completed by the local Tenants and Residents Association who have worked exceptionally hard and consulted with many groups and organisations including Mind and local primary schools. The allotments are now looked after by a sub group of the TRA which has encouraged new members of the community to get involved.



### A Day of Fun in Gornal

We had a great time at the Gornal Fun Day on Saturday 12th July. Joan and the rest of the Committee involved in the planning of the event did a superb job and the turnout was brilliant.

Well done to all involved!



### Would you like an input into communication?

If you're interested in having your say about the council website, Home Affairs, text alerts or any other communication within Dudley Council, there are spaces on the

Communication Group. The group meet every few months to discuss various aspects of communication as well as the content of Home Affairs. If you are interested please call the Participation Development Team on 01384 815 168.





## Q&A with...Norton Green TRA

### Q. How long has the group been active?

A. Caslon & district TRA were active in the area from 1998, in 2002 the catchment area was extended and we became Norton Green TRA.

### Q. What would you say are your biggest achievements?

A. A big achievement has been raising money for the air ambulance and other charities through activities and events, we have also improved the area a lot through doing walkabouts. We also bid for lottery money to set up a youth club which was a great achievement.

There have been a lot of positive comments from people that the area has improved massively over the last few years.

### Q. Have the group been through any difficult times, if so how did you overcome them?

A. In 2002 the group was struggling, a meeting was held to get new life into the committee. This is when Bas Yeates became Chairperson, the group began doing trips and social events to raise funds and encourage people to get involved in the committee and the local community.

PACT meetings are now combined with the TRA meetings as there were a lot of the same faces at both meetings. This is more efficient and is a great way for the TRA to hear about issues.

### Q. What are your plans for the future?

A. To find a new chairman, Bas will stay on the committee for a couple of years but we will need a new leader.

### Q. Any other comments, suggestions or advice?

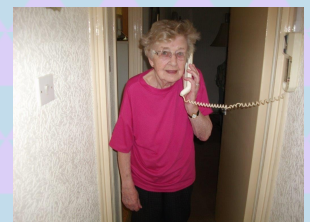
A. The TRA are very well supported and are committed to finding a new chair to continue the hard work which has been done. If anyone in the area is interested please contact the Participation Development team on 01384 815168.



## Spotlight on a Capital Bid project at...Butterfield Court TRA

In January this year Butterfield Court TRA submitted a capital bid application for the relocation of door entry systems. The purpose of the bid was to help people who found it difficult to move fast enough to get to the intercom in time be able to answer their intercoms

Mrs Lili Stokes of Butterfield Court says "it is great because I can now answer the intercom in time, before they were relocated by the time I had got into the hall to answer it people had hung up and gone"



## Black Country Day celebration in Pensnett

On Sunday 13th July Corbyns Bromley TRA hosted their Fun Day and along with local party provider Creative Castles they raised more than £200 which has been shared between Brierley Hill Samaritans and the Georgina Ward at Russells Hall Hospital. Many other local charities attended the event including Compton Hospice, St Johns Ambulance, Black Country Community Radio and UK Homes 4 Heroes.

Dudley Federation had at stall at the event to promote TRAs and community involvement. The event was a great success and we congratulate the TRA for all their hard work, it certainly paid off!

For more photos from events please visit us online

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