



Dudley Federation

of Tenants and Residents Associations

Newsletter March 2015

DFTRA Update

We've been out and about a lot this month attending meetings, information days and coffee mornings to meet people and see how we can help.

We're working on a few things for various groups and people at the moment and hope that there will be lots of good news coming in the future.

If you would like us to attend your upcoming event or meeting please get in touch and let us know.

Fix-a-Home

The latest edition of Dudley Council's Approved Traders (The Fix-A-Home Scheme) booklet is now available online at:

<http://goo.gl/hvSgFD>

The booklet, produced in partnership with Dudley Trading Standards and Age UK provides details of trades people who have been vetted and approved to complete good quality maintenance in your home

If you would like a copy sent by post please let us know.

Keeping your home secure

Are you being as safe as you can be when it comes to securing your property?

As warmer weather (hopefully) approaches there will be lots of windows opened, children playing outside and coming in and out of the house every few minutes and you may even leave the back door open to allow the dog to run around in the garden.

Although burglary rates in the area are relatively low, these are the times that it is vital that you remember to lock all windows and doors when you leave the house, as in most burglaries, thieves gain access through an open window or door. There is lots of advice on keeping your property secure at:

www.west-midlands.police.uk/saferhomes

There are also property marking systems that make any stolen property easier to trace back to the rightful owner. For more information go to:

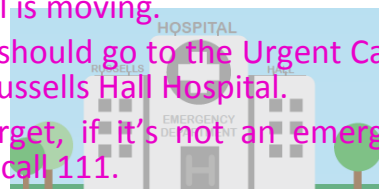
www.immobilise.com or
www.selectadna.co.uk

Walk in centre moving

From 1st April 2015 The walk-in centre at Holly Hall is moving.


Patients should go to the Urgent Care Centre via the Russells Hall Hospital.


Don't forget, if it's not an emergency you can now call 111.

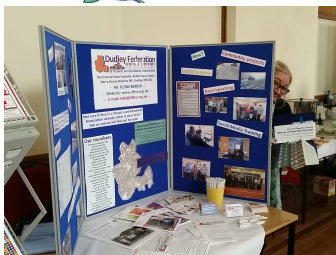


**Would you like free tenants and residents associations meeting alerts?
Keep up to date on meetings and events in your area by:**

 Signing up for emails at www.dudley.gov.uk/housingalerts

 Texting your surname, house number and postcode to **07797 870352**
e.g. Brookes, 10, DY1 1HF (initial text will only cost your standard text rate)

 Or by ringing on **01384 815168** to sign up to the service



Hawbush TRA coffee morning

Hawbush TRA hosted an excellent event at St Paul's Neighbourhood Learning Centre on Wednesday 18th March and encouraged lots of people to get involved with the TRA. We even heard about a couple of exciting ideas that we hope to see happening over the next few months.

Well done to the TRA members and everyone who was involved in making the event a success.

Social Media update

Thanks to some extra encouragement at events by the Participation Team www.facebook.com/takecontrolgetinvolved there have been lots of extra likes for Hawbush TRA www.facebook.com/hawbushtra, holding events and promoting a Facebook page that you then update regularly is a great way to engage with your community.

If you wish to join Hawbush and the other TRAs on Facebook www.dfta.org.uk/?p=1821 let us know and we will help you to set one up. If you have already set one up for the group please let us know so that we can promote it for you.

Upcoming events

Saltwells community action Day - Wednesday 8th April at Spring Meadow Road 11am until 3pm, information at <http://goo.gl/KJSDfV>.

Black Country Fun Day in Pensnett - Sunday 12th July, more information at www.corbynsbromley.co.uk/black-country-fun-day

Chapel Street 50th Anniversary - there will be various activities happening to celebrate the anniversary, if you have ideas or want to get involved please let us know.

If you have an event that you would like us to advertise please get in touch!

Keep up to date on housing news at: <http://www.housingtakecontrol.org.uk>



If you live in the Love Claycroft TRA catchment area why not go along to one of their public meetings or events?

Their next event will be fun for all the family - an Easter Egg activity and some Spring planting. Why not go along on **Thursday 9th April**, get involved and have some fun.

To keep up to date on what's happening go to:

www.facebook.com/takecontrolgetinvolved.

To find out if you live in the TRA catchment area go to www.dudley.gov.uk and type your postcode into the 'find my local' box.

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