



Dudley Federation Newsletter

May - June 2016

of Tenants and Residents Associations

-- DFTRA Update --

Dudley Borough has been quite used to difficult times over recent years, and unfortunately it seems that these are set to continue for the foreseeable future. We believe that active communities are more important than ever, as we are stronger as a united front.

We believe that the tenants and residents voices are important and their views should be taken into account, whether this through the Tenants Annual Report, Social Media, in meetings or to their local councillors on the street. We are here to listen too - if you have any issues, please give us a call.

-- Partnership Updates --

Well done to Lift & Engineering Services Ltd (LES) - who are Dudley Council's contractor for passenger lifts - on winning the Leadership & People Development Award at The Celebrating Construction Awards. They also scooped the Health and Safety Award for the third year in a row! Congratulations!

Summer Safety

We have been quite fortunate with the weather lately, and as things start to heat up there are several safety issues that you should keep in mind to avoid having the fun of your summer dampened:

Water Safety: It may be tempting to go for a swim in the local canal or lake but this can prove fatal. Always ensure children know the dangers of entering unguarded water.

Home Security: The sun is out, windows are wide open and there's a lovely breeze in the house, but failing to close the smallest of windows is an open invitation to burglars.

Food Safety: Barbecues are a summer staple, but food poisoning can easily spoil the merriment! Always make sure food is cooked thoroughly before serving.

For further advice and tips on keeping safe and well this summer visit:

www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Summerhealth/Pages/Summerhealthhome.aspx

Gardening Initiative

Are you a green fingered gardening guru?

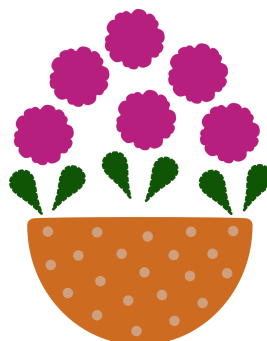
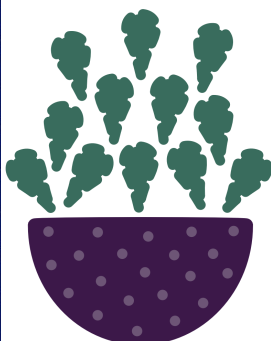
Have you got an interest in gardening but no garden to tend to?

Do you have a few hours to spare to improve your local area?

Even if you've never picked up a spade, we would love to hear from you!

We are hoping to get a willing group of people across the borough to help transform community green spaces to make them great again.

If you are keen to get involved - or you know of a green space that needs some love and attention - please let us know by contacting Dudley Federation or Lucy Nearney (Participation Liaison Officer, DMBC) on 01384 815168 or lucy.nearney@dudley.gov.uk.



Stay up to date on meetings and events - sign up for FREE email and text alerts



Online at www.dudley.gov.uk/housingalerts



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



Call 01384 815168 to sign up to the service

Upcoming TRA events

Wednesday 22nd June - Hawbush TRA coffee morning at St Pauls, Hawbush Road from 8.45-11am

More information here: <https://goo.gl/laLpKZ>

Saturday 2nd July - Halesowen Carnival at Highfields Park, off Highfield Lane 12-6pm

More information here: <https://goo.gl/pWo3hQ>

Saturday 9th July - Gornal Fun Day at Vale Street Recreation Ground (The Quarry) 12-4pm

More information here: www.facebook.com/GornalFunDay

Sunday 10th July - Black Country Day in Brockmoor & Pensnett, The Dell Stadium 1-5pm

More information here: <https://goo.gl/flvx6a>

Saturday 3rd September - Chapel Street Fun Day, Nine Locks Community Centre 12-4pm

Keep up to date via their Facebook page: facebook.com/ChapelStreetEstateTRA

Find out about all events taking place around Black Country Day at black-country-festival.co.uk

-- Let us know if you have an event that you would like us to advertise --

TRAs on Social Media

A list of all the TRAs and their social media sites can be found at: <http://goo.gl/pjJoi9>

'Community Council' - what does it mean?

Every day lots of people in Dudley borough contribute to their community in many different ways, such as through volunteering, organising community activities, sharing their skills, knowledge or interests with others, or helping to look after their neighbours or their local environment.

Dudley Community Council wants to support and enable you to do more of these things, as we know that when people come together and work together you are able to achieve lots of positive results. Things like reduced levels of crime, cleaner and more attractive environments, and less isolation and loneliness. If you get involved in your local community you are also more likely to feel positive, happier and more fulfilled, and enjoy a better quality of life. This is because spending time with other people and volunteering, helping others, or participating in community events has been proven to have a positive impact on your health and wellbeing; and people who report a greater interest in helping others are more likely to say that they are happy themselves!

We know that you often have some great ideas and solutions which could help to address local issues. Dudley Council wants to hear about your ideas for making Dudley borough a healthier and safer place to live, work and study, and make it easier for you to turn your great ideas into action. We want to encourage and support you to have a go and share your stories, to provide inspiration to others. We want to work with you to help make things happen, rather than find reasons why it can't be done! We want to support more people to volunteer and connect with others in our local community, because volunteering provides a great opportunity for you to meet new people, increase your confidence and skills and have some fun!

If you have an idea, a skill, interest or passion that you would like to share with others contact Dudley Federation or the Participation Development Team on 01384 816168, participation@dudley.gov.uk or on their Facebook page facebook.com/participationindudley.



The 'Love Your Community' campaign encapsulates all community involvement in the borough. Whether you are reporting an incident or issue, part of a TRA or attending a community forum as a member of the public you are supporting your community and helping to make it better!

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