



ABBEYFIELD COMMUNITY PROJECT

Marlborough Place Update

November 2008

Greetings! And a warm (if possible!) welcome to anyone new to the area, we hope you will feel at home here.

As a project we are keen to work with the residents in this area of development to make it a great place to live.

In the absence of any local facilities we are using the home of our community worker for a number of activities.

We continue to hold toddler groups on Thursdays from 9.30 to 11.30, all welcome. We are also happy to host the polish toddler group, Tuesdays from 10.30-12, the residents group (details over) a monthly poetry group (contact Beverly, on 547835) and the Icenii Midwives monthly 'parentcraft' classes. We are looking forward to a new 'scrap-booking group' meeting here on the second Saturday each month from January, more details to follow.

Unfortunately we have made the difficult decision to close the youth drop in, due to both loss of equipment in a recent theft and shortage of volunteers to run it. We do hope to re-launch it in the new-year, however, having had time to find the right people to run it, possibly by 'buying time' of one of the youth services in the town. I do try to keep an up to date record of any groups meeting locally, please contact me if you'd like a copy. Please check out our website for up to date information at: www.abbeyfieldcommunity.com

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Residents Association

Marlborough Place Residents Association

At our meeting on 29th October we elected new committee members; Jane Mason is acting as chair (details over) and Jane Moseley agreed to be the secretary (moseleyjane@hotmail.com) Laura continues as treasurer (laura-jayne.wade@hotmail.co.uk 364555).

We also discussed a number of different issues that affect us as a Community, including;

1. The new emergency number

It seems that some of us have old contact numbers for Taylor Wimpey, the one to use is: 01277 236 800

The company managing the 24hour emergency call out service has also changed, you should have had a letter from them, if you missed it they are HomeServe and their number is 0800 073 3311

2. Litter

Several people have expressed concern about this, you are reminded not to put bin bags out before Thursday morning if possible, as foxes have ripped several open recently.

Recycling; paper/card and glass/cans are collected one week (November 6th and 20th) and garden waste, plastic and textiles the weeks between (November 13th and 27th), please note recycling will not be taken if left out on the wrong week.

We are contacting waste services about having the bins in Circus Square emptied.

3. Dog Fouling

Two new dog waste bins are to be installed along the footpath on Berechurch Road, please take responsibility to clean up after your pets as there are many children at risk.

4. Parking

An ongoing issue of concern, especially close to junctions. Please be considerate to your neighbours and use your allocated spaces where possible. You are reminded that it is illegal to park on junctions and blocking footpaths.

Next meeting: Wednesday December 3rd, 7.15pm at 170 Berechurch Road . If you are unable to attend but would like something raised please let us know, we are especially keen to hear ideas about projects we could explore to improve the area.