

Houndwood

New homes at Moonraker Square

We are delighted to welcome the new residents at Moonraker Square and hope they are settling in well.

The 15 Knightstone apartments are now fully let. The next batch of Knightstone homes is expected towards the end of the year and we're looking forward to a further six 1-bedroom flats, four 3-bedroom houses, and two four-bedroom houses.

Wildlife area spring bulb planting

Recently a new community conservation group was set up by Houndwood residents. The group is keen to continue and develop last year's work enhancing the wildlife pond area, as well as develop new gardening projects.

A few weeks ago, with assistance from Knightstone, 34 residents and young local police cadets planted over 1,400 wildflower bulbs under the large Ash Trees.

We hope for a spectacular spring 2016.

Your priorities

Community triggered actions

During a 2 day door-knock carried out across the estate last year residents highlighted a number of things that they were concerned about. Since then, Knightstone Housing, the police, Barratt Homes, Crest Nicholson, Street Parish Council and other local organisations have been working together to address these issues. Below are the top 6 raised and what has been done about them:

1. Concern about the level of anti-social behaviour on the estate in particular 'hot-spots'. - Evicted key troublemakers.
2. Young people on the estate with nothing to do - provided support and training.
3. Speeding - installed temporary speed ramps.
4. Litter - installed litter and dog waste bins.
5. The condition of the wildlife area which has the pond and ditches - carried out planting and maintenance work.
6. Lack of play provision for young children - starting a series of 'Play Ranger' sessions on the green.

We will be doing another door-knock on 27 and 28 April from 2pm-7pm. Any queries please contact: Guy Braga - 07921 336828,



Anit-Social behaviour on decrease

The police would like to thank the community and partner agencies for all the hard work they have put into reducing Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) on the Houndwood Estate over the last couple of years.

Our records show that there has been a significant drop in ASB – 41 calls in 2014 compared to 70 in 2013. We can be confident that this is not due to lack of reporting of incidents. Where an increase was seen we continue to work closely with partners and a final resolution is close at hand.

We are pleased that local people are demonstrating a confidence in our service by reporting incidents of concern.

We look forward to working together to continue improving Houndwood.

Slow down and respect

For everyone's safety remember that the maximum speed limit across Houndwood is 20mph. Instances of speeding will be reported to the Police.

Please park in your own designated space, don't drop litter and use the dog waste bins.

Houndwood Icon Community Conservation Group

Well, here we are - we have a logo, equipment and a friendly welcome for everyone!



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Our aim is to care for and improve the nature area and generally promote a pleasant environment for enjoyment by all. Also, an opportunity to socialise and spend time in the open enjoying and learning about nature.

Please contact me if you would like to join us, so that this may be a truly community inspired project.



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