

For the Residents of Icon & Houndwood



Christmas
**DECORATION
COMPETITION**

Prizes to be won

**Best window / balcony, best house
& best street.**

Committee Member Judges decisions will be made on Monday 23rd December

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In our Community...

Crispin School

This year at Crispin school each year group has a chosen charity that pupils are raising money for. Chosen charities include; the air ambulance service, school in a bag and the Salvation Army. Our year 7s have chosen the charity 'Time is Precious', a local charity that works out of Somerset, creating a more comfortable and relaxed atmosphere for children and their families in hospital or at home.

from the Head of Year 7



Kiah-Nevaeh, a resident on the estate, has chosen to swim 75 lengths of Strode swimming pool. On Thursday the 12th December at 8 pm, Fusion have dedicated a lane for the sole use of the event, it is hoped that a few locals that know Kiah-Nevaeh will come down and show their support by viewing the event from the balcony.

Other students across the estate are doing bake sales, making jewellery, washing cars etc. **please do support all of them where you can!**



Houndwood
Community Group

**Community
Litter Pick**

Join us anytime between

10 AM & 12 PM

even if it's for 10 mins!

20 Couture Grove

(via back gate on Eskimo Court)

*We provide everything you need
Cancelled if it's raining*

ALL ON SATURDAY'S:

14th December

18th January

15th February



Crispin Community Centre
will be running a weekly **soup
kitchen** at Crispin Hall, **every**

Wednesday

(until 26 March 2025)

3pm to 6pm.

Residents are welcome to drop for a hot, homemade bowl of soup, designed to offer **warmth** and **community** through the colder months.

Gardening Update

Lovely to see that some of the perennial plants in the raised beds are still flowering into November, they enjoyed the rain even if we didn't all like it much! The Gardening ladies have continued to refresh some of the raised beds - removing plants that have seen better days and replacing them mainly with plants grown from seeds or cuttings on the estate.

We have also topped up the beds with compost, much of which was produced from last year's recycled leaves and prunings. We were delighted with the amazing haul of pumpkins which are now being composted along with leaves, nettles and coffee grounds and should be ready to put on the beds next summer!



Avery are the gardening company, sub-contracted by Premier Estates, who look after the large green areas of the estate - sometimes there are joint projects with the Gardening Ladies - for example the large old box hedge in Lime Tree Square (along with most other box plants on the estate) had got badly attacked by box moth caterpillar and instead of being green was now permanently brown and crisp. Avery dug up the old plants and roots and disposed of the them all, a job we really couldn't manage, then we dug over the bed, added fresh compost and planted a pittosporum and some stonecrop, both of which are thriving and looking much greener in this corner of the square.

from the Houndwood Gardening Ladies

Residents' Meeting with Premier Estates Re: Lime Tree Square Flats

We had a useful meeting on Monday 25 November with residents of the flats, and Nishka who is Senior Estates Manager for Premier Estates. She will be writing to the flats' residents with updates on the plan to improve the bin store and progress on the eradication of the rat infestation there. Premier have improved the refuse situation with more collections, new bins, and staff to prep the store before collections; but this needs to be sustainable. They plan to improve the lighting and ensure the external gate and internal doors work properly.

We also discussed wider estate issues, including tree surveys and maintenance and also planned repairs to the planters on the estate.

Halloween Decorations: Congratulations! to our winners...

Best Decorated Street -

Retaining their title from last year: **Elgin Grove**



Judges Special Prize

The most awesome
PUMPKIN CARVING



Best Decorated House

With so many well decorated homes around the estate it was a very hard decision for the judges, but the three below were named joint winners this year - well done everyone!

Judges Special Award

"Best legs!"



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