

BIRDS EYE VIEW



News Letter of the Tile Kiln Residents Association and Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

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Annual General Meeting

Its that time of year! The Tile Kiln Residents Association and Neighbourhood Watch annual general meeting will be taking place on the 29th September at 7:30pm at the Mildmay junior school, all residents are encouraged to attend as it is your chance to have your say! This months issue includes the agenda for the meeting and the annual report for 2007/2008.

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Minutes of last years AGM.
 - 3. Matters arising.
 - 4. Annual report.
 - 5. Treasurer's report.
- 6. Neighbourhood watch report.
 - 7. Election of committee.
 - 8. Any other business.

Tea and coffee will be available before the meeting starts so get there early and take the opportunity to have some input! This is your neighbourhood and we would all appreciate your comments and suggestions positive or negative. We look forward to seeing you on the 29th!

Make a note of our web site : www.tilekiln.co.uk

Tile Kiln Residents Association and Neighbourhood Watch

Annual Report 2007/2008

This is the seventh report being presented to the residents at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Planting of Spring Bulbs – Following the previous success in the planting of daffodils in the grassed areas either side of the entrance to the estate from Galleywood Road, Goshawk Drive, Linnet Drive and Petrel Way, other sites were identified. These were at, Robin Way by the shops car park, in front of the school entrance and in Linnet Drive by the junction with Robin Way. This time crocus bulbs were included. Children from the schools also helped to plant these bulbs.

Spring Display of Daffodils – we hope the display of daffodils and crocus helped brighten the estate this spring. As last year, we will be looking to identify further sites for planting in the Autumn. Any resident who can suggest an area to be planted should contact any member of the committee.

Front Garden Competition – For the first time this year we held a front garden competition. It proved to be a success and the winners of the best normal and best paved front gardens have received their £50 Abercorn garden vouchers. We thank the owner of Abercorn Garden Centre for undertaking the task of making the selection of the best gardens.

Community Speed Watch – at the end of the last year a few of the committee received training in the use of the speed radar gun. So in January we had the first of a number of Community Speed Watch exercises. The purpose of which is to remind road users of the speed limit so that they drive safely on the estate. Of course, if someone is found to be excess of the speed limit then they can be reported to the Police who will take action. It is hoped that the Community Speed Watch signs are enough to remind drivers and riders of the need to keep within the 30mph limit.

Shops Car Park – Most drivers are respecting the reason for the posts and refraining from parking on the grassed areas.

Walkabout – The Committee continues its very good relationship with Jackie Lane from Chelmsford Borough Council. This liaison between the Council and the Association is of immense help to the Estate. Members of the committee undertook another 'walkabout' in June this year with Jackie, and the problems of overgrown bushes and damaged or missing road signs will be passed to the relevant council department by her.

Orange Phone Mast – <u>WARNING</u> – Although over the past year there has been no movement by Orange on the phone mast in Linnet Drive we now hear that they are intending to put in a planning application for another mast. This time it is said that Orange want to erect a phone mast near the phone box by the shops car park. Our local councilor has indicated that if such an application is made then she for one will vote against it. As soon as there is any further new we will advise residents.

Moulsham Lodge and Tile Kiln Police Consultative Group- these have not been organised as frequently as before but we will continue to ensure, as much as possible, that a representative attends.

Birds Eye View – the newsletter continues to be delivered to every household on the Estate three times a year. You will have noticed that there are more adverts appearing as businesses realise that the newsletter is read by residents and retained for future reference. Copies of Birds Eye View are also on the website. If you would like to advertise in the newsletter please contact the editor.

Committee Meetings – Since the last annual General Meeting the committee have met on seven occasions. The minutes of these meeting can be seen on the website. <u>www.tilekiln.co.uk</u>

Website- Adrian has updated the format of the website and it is now more user-friendly. He has also included photographs of the Estate. If you have any photos of your area of the Estate that you would like to submit to the website, please contact Adrian, via <u>www.tilekiln.co.uk</u>. The site can also be used for residents to contact the committee to raise any issue that they wish (within reason).

Death of Brian Whitelaw – Many of you will have seen in the local press and on the website that Brian passed away on the 15th June this year. Brian and his wife Diane were the main instigators behind the rebirth of the Residents Association. Brian was the original editor of the Birds Eye View and continued to support the association after he stepped down from the committee. He will be greatly missed and our condolences go to his widow and family.

Roy Knivett

GARDEN COMPETITION



The garden competition was a great success this year, a big thanks to all those who nominated their friends and neighbours and also to the effort made by all the nominees to brighten up our neighbourhood. The committee would also like to thank Abercorn garden centre for taking the time to judge the entries and come to what we are sure was a difficult decision in choosing the winners and runners up in both the categories. We all look forward to seeing photographs of the winners on our website in the near future



HOLIDAY PHOTOS



In the light of the excellent response to our garden competition we decided it might be a bit of a laugh to hold a funniest holiday snaps competition! Send your snaps to webmaster@tilekiln.co.uk and we will post the best ones on the website, there may be a prize or two for the snaps that give us the best laugh!

Bulk Refuse Collection



The bulk refuse collection will take place at Robin Way shops on November 1st. Please be aware that there is a note on the council website regarding these collections advising that they will no longer collect any items that can be recycled i.e. plastic bottles, newspapers etc as these should be made available for the appropriate collections on a Monday.



Chelmsford Community Police Team

If you need to contact the **Chelmsford Community police team** they can be contacted on 07710 034768 **Note** This number should not be used in an emergency.

Or Email address: CDCPT@esseex.pnn.police.uk

Our Neighbourhood Police Constable is Annette Lucking and PCSO Sandra Strange :- 07710 034768 E-Mail - Annette.lucking@essex.pnn.police.uk Chelmsford Police Station - 01245 491212 or 999 Crime Reduction Officer: Trish Staerck 01245 212548 or 07973 380833

Crime stoppers - 0800555111 Moulsham Lodge Police Station - 01245 491 212 Essex Police Headquarters - 01245 491491 Neighbourhood Watch - 01245 290261

Useful Numbers

Chelmsford Borough Council - 606606 CRUSE Bereavement Care - 0870 167 1677 NHS Direct 24 hour nurse helpline - 0845 4647 Alzheimers Society Helpline - 0845 300 0336 Multiple Schlerosis Helpline - 0808 800 8000 Samaritan Helpline - 0845 790 9090

Carers UK - 0808 808 7777 State Benefits Enquiry Line - 0800 882200 Monday to Friday 8-30am to 6.30pm Saturday 9am to 1 pm

For reporting : Fly Tipping, Litter, Graffiti and abandoned vehicles **Street Scene Hotline -** 0845 245 1234

For reporting : Vandalism and other damage to parks and open spaces **Park Watch Report Line** - 07831 189918

Did You Know?

There is a free service offered by Chelmsford Borough Council to all people receiving a state pension for the removal of furniture and white goods (up to 5 items) but not for household fittings. Contact 01245 353771

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All residents on Tile Kiln are members of the Association and are urged to support it in every way possible.

Final Bulk Refuse Collection For 2008 at Robin Way shops

1 November



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