

Issue 29

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Merry Christmas from
The Halton Moor Estate Action
Team

HALTON MOOR ESTATE MANAGEMENT BOARD HAS JOINED THE CYBER-SPACE BANDWAGON!



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Well Done Corpus!



Headteacher – Mr Mike Woods speaks at the launch.

NEW TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE LAUNCHED IN LEEDS. Hundreds of pupils and staff attended a special ceremony to mark the official launch of Corpus Christi Catholic College at Halton as a new Technology College. The Launch Ceremony, held as part of the college's annual open evening on 16 October, included a presentation by pupils and speeches by representatives of the college's key business partners. Two Year 7 pupils, Emily Holmes and Jack Davies took centre stage to unveil a commemorative plaque. The college formally known as Corpus Christi RC High School was granted specialist status in September, following a campaign in 2000/1 which saw the school raise nearly £60,000 in local and national sponsorship.

WHAT IT MEANS FOR STUDENTS

The new status means the college is receiving extra funding for the four technology subjects of Maths, Design & Technology, Science and Information & Communication Technology (ICT). Capital investment plans include the creation of a £35,000 Open Learning Centre where students, parents and local community groups can use computers and learn a range of subjects. Headteacher at the college, Mike Woods, hosted the college lunch event and welcomed prospective pupils and parents who packed the main hall along with governors, staff and current students. He said 'Corpus Christi has seen many changes over its 71 years of history and we are now entering a new era as we become a technology college.'

Technology co-ordinator at the college, Allan Pearson, aided by students, gave a PowerPoint presentation about recent achievements in Maths, Science, D&T and ICT. They were also aided by a former pupil, Phil Driscoll, who is helping to install the new hardware at the college. He said that when they are installed Corpus Christi '...will have possibly the best school computing facilities in the country.'

Mr Woods thanks everyone who helped raise sponsorship money for the college and continued to comment that the new status would benefit college students and the local community. The EMB and the rest of Halton Moor and Selby Road estate would like to say well done on your magnificent achievement.



Pupils from Corpus Christ College unveil the new plaque.

Estate Action Update

ESTATE ACTION WORKS TO HALTON MOOR ARE NEARLY COMPLETE.

The final phases of work on the Halton Moor Estate have taken shape over the past year and are due to finish with the Levens properties in early 2002. This will be the culmination of 10 years worth of improvement works where all of the estate has benefited from some sort of home improvements. £23 million has been spent raising the quality of your homes and surrounding environment.



Work to the Levens on THMS/9 will be the last Estate Action Refurbishment on Halton Moor

Although this is the last Halton Moor refurbishment, there will still be some improvements to selected environmental areas in the New Year. Work may include removal of some feature walls, installation of more speed cushions, high profile kerbing, bollards and additional fencing. This will help to make the estate a 20mph zone.

If you would like further information about the intended environmental works, please contact us at the Estate Action Team on 0113 21413630. Alternatively you can visit the website and click on the community safety links on the 'what we get up to page' to find out more about community safety.

The Estate Action Team (pictured) will however be here for sometime. We will be here to check defects you report within 12 months of your home improvements being completed. You can also contact us if you wish to contact the Estate Management Board. Please telephone 0113 2141363 or visit us at the Halton Moor Centre, Neville Road.



If you have any comments or suggestion about anything in this newsletter , or you would like to have your comments in print, please contact the Estate Action Team on 0113 2141363 or fax 0113 2607797. Alternatively, you can e-mail the team on HSG.Halton.Moor.EAT@leeds.gov.uk



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Housing Management News

CLAMPERS CLAMPDOWN!!!!

Over recent months we have been working closely with a number of agencies to try and improve the condition of the Halton Moor Estate. One initiative which has been undertaken has been to work with the clamping unit of the DVLA to remove untaxed and abandoned cars from the estate which have been a problem in the past.

The wheel clamping unit have visited the area twice and are planning to make this a regular monthly occurrence where vehicles not displaying a correct, valid licence will be clamped and removed. If you are aware of any such vehicle please report them to the Police or your local Housing Office and we will pass the information to the clamping unit.

LONDON'S CALLING

During the Autumn Simon Swift, Housing Manager, and David Haigh from the Estate Action Team attended a 'moving on' roadshow in London. There are a lot of people living in and around London area who are looking to move to other parts of the country where properties are more readily available.

A number of Councils from around the country were at the event and it was an opportunity to promote this area of Leeds and the positive aspects of Halton Moor. A number of people were interviewed at the roadshow who are wanting to move to Leeds and expressed a specific interest in Halton Moor. This could bring new families into the area and help to reduce the numbers of empty properties.

HALTON MOOR BENEFITS FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WARDEN

In the New Year a Neighbourhood Warden will be appointed to work in the area covering the Halton Moor and Selby Road Estates. This is a partnership project along with our neighbours on the William Sutton Trust Estate.

The Warden will be a visible patrol in the area who will deal with aspects of anti-social behaviour. They will undertake regular patrols, identify and take action to resolve areas of concern such as rubbish dumping, vandalism etc.

The Warden will work closely with the Housing Office and Police to report and instigate action against individuals causing anti-social behaviour in the area. The warden is a welcome addition to the good work which is already going on in the area.

Lastly, all the staff at the Housing Office would like wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Simon Swift – Neighbourhood Housing Manager

Estate Management Board News

The EMB welcomes Hilary Benn MP to the Halton Moor newsletter.



'It is a great privilege to be your Member of Parliament. Since my election in 1999 I have been really impressed by the commitment of local people in Halton Moor to improve the area and the work being done by the Halton Moor EMB. I can assist you in a number of ways as your MP by:



- Raising a constituency issue in the House of Commons or with the relevant government minister.
- Acting as your voice on individual or constituency matters
- Taking up your concerns with government departments, for example if you have problems with the Benefits Agency, immigration or Child Support Agency.
- Dealing with local problems such as health services or to do with the Council.
- Listening to your views on national issues.

I have a full time constituency office in Leeds where you can contact me by telephoning 0113 2441097 or fax 0113 2341176 or you can write to me at: Hilary Benn MP, House of Commons, London. SW1A 0AA. Alternatively you can contact me by e-mail at bennh@parliament.uk

Finally, don't forget that I am here to help and to represent your views, so please do not hesitate to contact me. Best Wishes.' Hilary Benn MP for Leeds Central

COME AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE..IS THE MESSAGE FROM THE EMB..

If you want a real say on what goes on in Halton Moor, the Halton Moor Estate Management Board is for you. There are vacancies on the Board at the moment, so, if you think you can help make Halton Moor a safer place in which to live, please contact us and we will contact you. Please either telephone 0113 2141363 or e-mail HSG.Halton.Moor.EAT@leeds.gov.uk or you can visit the website and leave a comment. Remember.. you can make a difference.



How can I Contact my Councillor?

Councillor Mick Lyons office on 0113 251 7219
Or write c/o Civic Hall
Leeds. LS1 1SU



Councillor Marlene Lyons office on 0113 2474045
Or write c/o Civic Hall
Leeds. LS1 1SU



Councillor Eamonn McGees' office on 0113 2475200
Or write c/o Civic Hall
Leeds. LS1 1SU

Surgeries are held at the Halton Moor Centre between 10.00am and 10.45am on Saturday. Please telephone your Councillor to obtain a date and time of next years surgeries.

William Sutton Update

A Sutton Estate for the 21st Century

Residents on the Sutton Estate have agreed a three-part strategy to keep the estate a 'good place to live'. This includes

- Demolition of unpopular, 'hard-to-let' flats and bungalows
- Further improvements to remaining homes
- Improving the environment and community facilities
- Involving residents at all stages

Wherever we can this is being done in co-operation with the EMB and the residents of Halton Moor so we can contribute to, and benefit from, the improvement of the area as a whole.

Home Improvement

Work to improve security, increase insulation, modernise kitchens and upgrade electrics will make sure that all our homes meet or exceed the new 'decent' standard set by the government.

A better place to live

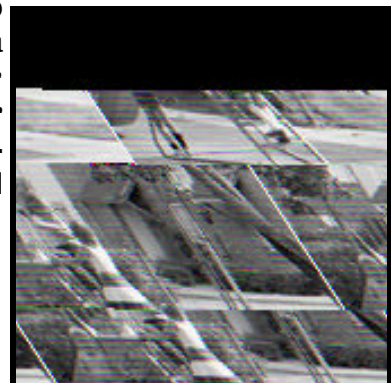
Work has now begun on a major programme of environmental improvements to streets on the estate. This follows the improvement to the central area, now complete and worth a visit.

Home Zones are where the Heart is

The work to the central area included a new community hall and multi-use games area. The next phase, affecting Carden and Kyffin Avenues will provide traffic calming, improved off-street parking and boundary wall improvements. For future phases residents will be considering whether they want to create "Home Zones" where streets are designed to be safer and more pleasant for residents, pedestrians, cyclists, children and pets. As with the Community Safety initiatives we will be developing this approach in partnership with Halton Moor EMB with a view to a joint bid for funding and an integrated scheme.

Stop Press.....

Selby Road Community Association have been successful in obtaining Housing Corporation funding to employ Partners in Change to develop a project to encourage more tenants to have a say and get actively involved in what happens on their estate. A similar project is happening on Halton Moor and this will help to develop a joint approach to community investment and tenant involvement that will benefit both estates.



Combined Response Team

Crime - Come on Down

It is a fact that crime levels are falling. This is true on a national level, on a force wide level and more importantly to the community of Halton Moor, on a divisional level.

On Halton Moor the crime levels are **7% lower** this year than at the same time last year. Significant reductions are apparent with regards to **violent crime** and certain categories of **burglary**. However, it is clear that despite such reductions, the 'fear of crime' within the community is still high as the majority of residents on the estate are intimidated by the criminal activities of the few.

Information received either by telephone, letter or personal contact is strictly monitored and is available only to a key Police Officer working within the Intelligence Unit at the Police station. At no stage will an investigating Officer have access to the identity of the confidential source.

Claim a Reward!!

You may of heard of Crimestoppers. It is a national initiative using the media to attract information from members of the public which may lead to a reward in the process. You can telephone the number listed below and speak to an operator in complete confidence. The crimestoppers office is unable to use the 1471 facility and therefore calls cannot be traced. If an arrest has been made as a result of the information supplied, a reward is considered, the size of which is determined by the seriousness of the incident, property recovered or persons arrested. The whole matter including the payment of any subsequent reward is conducted in confidence. Help is needed to address the criminal activities of the few. To do this we need the help of the community at large. Please consider these initiatives. They are here to help you.

The Combined Response Team have recently obtained an Injunction with a Power of Arrest against a 17 year old male who was causing physical violence to a resident on Halton Moor. This is the first time in Leeds that an injunction with the Power of Arrest has been issued against an individual aged under 18 years. In addition to the above, further legal action in the form of Anti Social Behaviour Orders is presently being sought against named youths who are involved in burglaries and vehicle related crimes on Halton Moor.

Useful contacts. Remember, information provided is in strictest confidence. The Police or Combined Response Team cannot act without your help.

Combined Response Team Halton Moor Centre - 0113 2141358

Police Non-emergency/crime reporting - 0845 6060606

Killingbeck Helpdesk (24hr) - 0113 2413659

Crimestoppers - 0800 555111

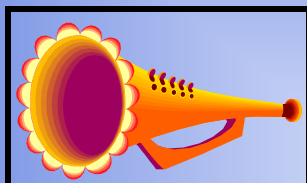
If you have access to the Internet you can obtain all sorts of community safety advice from the EMB website at:

www.geocities.com/haltonmooremb/Page2.html

Youth Service

HALTON MOOR CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY IS HERE....

It is: Saturday 22nd December 2001



**At the Halton Moor Centre
Youth and Community Section
Neville Road
Leeds
Tel: 0113 2141340**



Tickets £1.50 per person

Open to children aged up to 13

COME AND ENJOY!!

The Youth Service also present the:

HALTON MOOR YOUTH FORUM PRIZE BINGO....

**At the Halton Moor Centre
Youth and Community Section
Neville Road
Leeds**



Doors open 6.00pm with eyes down at 7.15pm

Transport available to assist with attending for Senior Citizens.

CAN YOU HELP TO TACKLE YOUTH CRIME IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Do you want to:

- HELP YOUNG PEOPLE MOVE AWAY FROM CRIME?**
- USE SOME OF YOUR FREE TIME CONSTRUCTIVELY?**
- DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE PROBLEMS IN YOUR AREA?**
- DEVELOP YOUR PERSONAL OR CAREER RELATED SKILLS?**

Leeds Youth Offending Team are seeking to recruit volunteers from all sections of the community to sit on Youth Offender Panels. These panels will involve local people meeting with young offenders, their parents and the victims to find ways to nip offending in the bud.

We need people like YOU to give your time to help young offenders change.

Please contact the Leeds Youth Offending Team for further details on 0113 2145662 or e-mail: rebecca.gilmour@leeds.gov.uk