
BISHOPS COURT & HOLME PARK COURT NEWSLETTER

YOUR HOME - YOUR FUTURE



We would like to thank all those residents who have given property services access to fit new fire doors and smoke detectors in their homes.

We need everyone to work with us by allowing our workmen access to your home, so we can complete essential fire safety work to ensure the overall safety of each block.

You will be contacted by our **Property Assistant Celia Morgan** who will arrange an appointment for the work to be done.

Demolition and Rebuild Update

Following Council's decision to demolish and replace Bishops Court and Holme Park Court with lower height homes, we understand that you will have questions about the next steps.

Moving out – As set out in the July Council Cabinet Report, the current decant process is not anticipated to start until 2025. If it is any earlier than this date we will let you know. We will of course talk with you about alternative accommodation prior to any works starting.

Disturbance payments – You will be entitled to a disturbance payment. This will only be paid when you have moved out of the block.

Re-letting flats - We are no longer allocating flats to new tenants in the blocks. This is to reduce the number of people we will have to move out before any work starts.

If you have any questions, please get in touch by email resident.firesafety@kirklees.gov.uk or 01484 414886

Fire Safety Works Update We are working hard to keep you safe in your home and would like you to thank you for working with us by giving us access to complete works. We have fitted:

- 71 Fire doors fitted in Holme Park Court,
- 77 Smoke detectors in Holme Park Court,
- 69 Smoke detectors in Bishops Court

We are due to begin fitting fire doors to flats in Bishops Court at the end of October.

Work to fit a new door entry system to the main entrance of the blocks will start on the 1st November 2021. Access to your flat will be required to fit a new door entry handset. We will contact you to make an appointment for this work. When the work is complete on the new door entry system you will be provided with a new fob.

RUBBISH THROWN OFF BALCONIES

We have received complaints of people throwing rubbish off balconies.
PLEASE DO NOT THROW ITEMS OFF BALCONIES. This is very dangerous and could cause serious injury.
If you see anyone throwing items off a balcony report it to your housing officer.

BIN CHUTES

We are still facing issues with rubbish not being properly disposed of. The bin chutes are for small bags of rubbish, but the caretakers are finding bin chutes blocked with large bags. Please keep all corridors and stairwells clear of rubbish.

This is not only a fire risk, but also makes the block smell and look untidy.

Please can you dispose of your rubbish by either placing the appropriately sized bags into the bin chutes or by using the external communal bins for larger bags. Thank You

OTHER UPDATES

OUR PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME (PAP)

Applications for the next Pre-Apprenticeship Programme (PAP) is now open, but places are limited.

If you are aged between 16 and 18 years old or have friends or family that are looking to gain the skills needed to secure an Apprenticeship or move into other employment, this could be the programme for you.

It is an unpaid 26-week work experience and study programme delivered with Kirklees College (does not affect UC benefit claims).

If you would like further information, please contact the Employment Support Team on 01484 221028

Don't miss out programme due to start early October 2021. Find the link here if you are interested:
<https://www.knh.org.uk/news/open-for-applications-pap-2021>

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FIRE SAFETY CHAMPION?

We have recently delivered several **Fire Safety Champion** flyers to your buildings. A Fire Safety Champion can be a tenant, leaseholder or householder living in a block of flats or retirement living scheme which is managed by Kirklees Council (Homes & Neighbourhoods Service) and, who would like to represent and share the views of all residents on fire safety to officers.

Fire Safety Champions will be asked to:

- Represent the block of flats or scheme where you live
- Share information relating to fire safety with other tenants and leaseholders
- Help to create a culture where everyone is responsible for fire safety
- Feedback any concerns in the block relating to fire safety
- Take part in block inspections with Housing Officers to monitor communal areas ensuring they are well kept and safe.
- For more information and application form, please contact Val Kelly, Fire Safety Team Leader on val.kelly@kirklees.gov.uk or ring **01484 414886**

If you have a general enquiry about the newsletter or have any ideas about what you would like to see in it to keep you and your neighbours safe, please contact us by email: getinvolved@kirklees.gov.uk or phone

Therese Fox/Joanne Broadley (Housing Officers) or Val Kelly (Fire Safety Team Leader).
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