

# What Your Neighbourhood Officer has done this quarter

## Grounds Maintenance

Now the grass cutting has finished, during the winter months our grounds maintenance team will concentrate on shrub work to the front and rear of our walkup flats, garage site maintenance and clearing spare land.

## Bulky Refuse

Are you aware you can call Environmental On Call on 945 9000 to remove bulky items free of charge from outside your home, such as furniture.

## Estate Walkabouts

I have been completing weekly walkabouts on the patch to pick up on environmental issues and ensuring that the area is clean and tidy and taking enforcement action where there are untidy gardens, abandoned vehicles and fly tipping.

## Newall Green Tenants and Residents Association

I attend monthly tenants and residents meetings on the last Wednesday of every month at Johannesburg Gardens starting at 2pm.

## Surgery

I have been holding weekly surgeries at Newall Green Baptist Church on Tuffley Road on Wednesdays between 10am and 12pm where local residents can drop in to discuss issues with their property, tenancy or environmental concerns.

## Police

I work closely with the police and other agencies to improve the lives of our residents in the local area.

## Mutual Exchanges

I have recently had a lot of queries regarding exchanging homes. Parkway Green now subscribe to the HomeSwapper service and this can be accessed by logging on to [www.HomeSwapper.co.uk](http://www.HomeSwapper.co.uk). This service is free to all Parkway Green Housing Trust tenants. You can swap homes with anybody in the country through this service as long as you meet the relevant landlord's criteria.

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## Welcome

Hi I'm Julie Brennan your Neighbourhood Officer for Newall Green. If you need to contact me over tenancy matters or just to have a chat please ring 0161 946 6428 email [j.brennan@parkwaygreen.co.uk](mailto:j.brennan@parkwaygreen.co.uk) or come along to our neighbourhood surgery on Wednesdays at Newall Green Baptist Church on Tuffley Road between 10am and 12pm



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## Manchester Home Security Project

Could your home benefit from free basic security improvements funded by the Home Office?

Please check the list below, and if your home is missing any of the equipment, give them a call and find out what they can offer you.

- 5 lever locks on your front and back door.
- Yale type locks
- Window locks
- Door viewer (spy hole) and chain.

The project will agree what work needs to be done and you will be contacted by a qualified locksmith.

They will make an appointment to come to your home and carry out the work.

If you think your home would benefit from this free service, please contact your local victim support on: 0845 456 8800.

### **Do you want to join a 6 week volunteering programme in Wythenshawe Park? Are you between 16 – 25 years? Please read on.....**

Groundwork is a group of charities helping people and organisations make changes in order to create better neighbourhoods to build skills and job prospects and to live and work in a greener way. Groundwork is currently working in partnership with Manchester City Council on a new programme called “Dig Deep” Dig Deep will begin at Wythenshawe Park from Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>

April 2010. It will give volunteers the opportunity to make a difference to the walled garden in Wythenshawe Park and a chance to meet new people and gain new skills.

You can get further information by contacting Kate or Abigail on 0161 220 1000.

### **Current void (empty) properties**

There is currently 1 void property and 1 property on notice to vacate. These properties are on offer to housing applicants.

### **Tree maintenance**

You may have noticed tree technicians in the area carrying out routine maintenance on trees that have been recently audited. All high priority tree work will be completed by the end of March 2010.

### **Environmental Update**

After consultation with our residents it was evident that parking was an issue, therefore over the next five years Parkway Green Housing Trust will be looking at improving front boundary treatments. Work will commence in May on our Royal Oak Estate.

### **Help the Aged**

Help the Aged, can help over 60's with minor repairs & DIY tasks, fitting extra stair & grab rails. They may also help with additional security to your home. To apply ring 0845 026 1055.

### **Mother and Tots**

Why not try the mother and toddler Group “Tuffley Tots” this runs every Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9am to 11.30am, at the Tuffley Baptist Church.

Go along and meet the volunteers. “All Welcome”

### **Tree of Life - Urgent Appeal**

The Tree of Life Centre urgently needs your donations. They urgently need cookers, washing machines, beds, sofas and all other household goods and clothing. They will collect all large electrical items and furniture free of charge from you. Please call 0161 437 0835 or 0161 437 7623.

### **Tenancy Agreements**

I have 23 Tenants on my area that haven't signed their Parkway Green Tenancy Agreements, if you are one of these tenants could you please sign yours and return it to me, Thank You.