

What Your Neighbourhood Officer has done this quarter

Estate Walkabouts and Baguley Clean Up Days

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. Because of the importance of how the area looks I have now arranged four clean up days for the coming year.

The first of these will be held on the 18th of August. The second will be held on Wednesday the 17th of November. The third will be held on Wednesday the 16th of February 2011 and the fourth one will be held on Wednesday the 18th of May 2011. If anyone would like to help out please come to our office on Bowland Road for 9am on the day in question. We will finish around 3pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Anti-Social Behaviour

At present I have 5 cases of Anti-Social Behaviour open. It is important that people adhere to their Tenancy Agreements and respect their neighbours especially in communal flats.

Ginnels.

Whilst I have been carrying out my estate inspection I have noticed that a lot of ginnels have had items placed in them. I would like to remind you that ginnels are not storage areas and need to remain clear at all times in case of emergencies.

Police

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

Welcome

Hello everyone. Hopefully most of you will know me now but for those of you who don't I'm James Wilcock, your Neighbourhood Officer for Baguley. If you need to contact me for any reason please ring me direct on 0161 946 6420. Alternatively you can contact me by email me at j.wilcock@parkwaygreen.co.uk

If I am not available you can, of course, contact PG Direct on **0300 111 0000** at any time and leave a message for me.

I offer office appointments on Tuesday mornings, home appointments on Monday afternoons and you can still visit me at my surgery at the Harvest Centre on Friday mornings. If these times are not convenient please contact me for a more flexible appointment.



I also walk around the estate regularly. If you see me out and about do not hesitate to stop me for a chat. You can't miss me in my green jacket.

James.

Patch News

Tenants and Residents Association

Unfortunately the association has folded. Some of the tenants from Baguley have been attending the meeting held in Newall Green. I will now be attending the meeting there and it will be held on the last Wednesday of the month at Johannesburg Gardens at 2pm. See you there. Of course if you would like to get involved there are other ways. Just ring myself or Pedro, our tenants liaison officer and will be happy to talk to you.



DON'T GET BITTEN BY A LOAN SHARK

Have you borrowed money but not got any paper work?
Does your loan keep growing but you've been making payments?
Have you been threatened when you couldn't pay?
Had your cash card or benefit book taken off you?

If the answer is yes to one of these YOU may have borrowed money off an **ILLEGAL MONEY LENDING LOAN SHARK**.

It has been brought to my attention that loan sharks are operating in Baguley. I would like to inform you that illegal money lending is a crime.

To check to see if your money lender is legal or to report illegal money lending and get help stopping the payments the Illegal Money Lending Team is here to help you:-

Ring them on 0300 555 2222 or text 'loan (space) shark (space) + your message to 60003 or email stoploansharks@manchester.gov.uk

Get a loan from a legal and trustworthy money lender - go to the Manchester Credit Union and ask about a loan today. They offer affordable weekly repayments and it won't cost you the earth. The Wythenshawe branch of the credit union shop is now open in the Civic Shopping Centre (opposite Home Bargains) - pop in today and have a chat with one of the advisors.

Of course if you want to discuss this with me I will be happy to talk to you. Just give me a call.

Void Properties

There are currently no void properties in Baguley.

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 Support.

Do you feel you are coping in your tenancy? If not, why not speak to our Tenancy Support Officer, Melissa McDonald on 0161 946 6326 to discuss your concerns. You never know we might be able to help.

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 or white goods.

Tenancy Agreements

All my residents have now signed their Parkway Green Tenancy Agreements. I would like to thank you all for your co-operation in returning your agreements.

Money Guidance Surgery

Money Guidance Surgery is available at Parkway Green House every Thursday from 9.30am to 4.30pm to give Money Guidance to tenants. To book an appointment speak to Margaret Hall your Rent Officer on 0161 946 6342.

Information and guidance is available on Benefits; Budgeting and Money Management; Credit and Loans; Banking; Pensions; Child Trust Funds; Insurance Products; Banking; Savings; reducing your expenses and much more.