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ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - UPDATE

Since our last News Letter we have secured another eviction of a family (Bellrock Street) where the tenant had been convicted of drug dealing. This is the second eviction secured by FACT in relation to drug convictions this year. A third convicted drug dealer ended their tenancy prior to an eviction hearing. We can also report a marked improvement in youth disorder in Startpoint St and the surrounding area. Temporary CCTV cameras were installed and police presence was stepped up. Tenants from this area have confirmed a reduction in Anti Social Behaviour. This also demonstrates that if we are made aware of any problems in your area action will be taken. So please report all Anti Social Behaviour to your Housing Officer. Anti Social Behaviour unfortunately continues in our Multi Storey flats. One case is currently being sent to our Legal Department in order to secure an Anti Social Behaviour Order. We continue to liaise with our local police to remedy this situation.

DISABLED ADAPTATIONS

FACT have a budget for carrying out Disabled Adaptations to properties to enable people with disabilities to better enjoy their house and continue to live there.

If you think that you would benefit from alterations to your home then please contact Laura Honeyman on 274 7082

Examples include handrails both internally and externally, disabled showers, bath-grips, door widening for wheelchairs, etc.

THINKING ABOUT BUYING YOUR GHA HOUSE?

It is important to remember that when considering buying your property from us under Right to Buy, that you are aware that there will be additional costs over and above the Mortgage that you go onto pay. In addition to the quarterly factoring costs, you will be liable to pay your share for all Common Repair Works including drain works from the street pavement to the property, controlled entry doors, vandalism, painting, backcourt upgrades, etc.

What is Anti Social Behaviour?



See our list below for some examples of what can be called anti-social behaviour:

- Harassment of residents or passers by
- Name calling, swearing at others (Verbal abuse)
- Damaging something that belongs to another person (Criminal damage / Vandalism)
- Causing a lot of noise (Noise nuisance)
- Writing graffiti
- Getting into groups in order to threaten other people
- Racial abuse
- Smoking or drinking alcohol while underage
- Using illegal drugs (Substance misuse)
- Joyriding
- Throwing things at people
- Physically hurting someone (Assault)
- Stealing or damaging vehicles, such as cars or mopeds

CHAIR'S COMMENT

Welcome to FACT's latest newsletter. This is our fourth newsletter in the latest series. We hope to continue to keep you informed of our activities and business.



In this edition we provide information on Investment Projects, Buying your GHA house, Disabled Adaptations and our monitoring of Anti Social Behaviour.



**WE
NEED
YOU**



FACT NEEDS YOU – BECOME A MEMBER

Fact is a local organisation run by local people like you. We are here to represent you and provide the services that you want and need. There is always strength in numbers and therefore we need more local people to become Members.

If you live in Cranhill and are over 16 (for a tenant) or 18 for anyone else, then you can become a member. All it requires is for you to complete an application form and return it with £1. Contact your Housing Officer for an applications form.

This will enable you to stand for election to become a Committee Member or vote in such elections at our AGM. To become a member you do not require to attend meetings or do anything else, although we would encourage you to be an active member and give us your views and support.

Become a member before end Jan 2007, and we will enter you in our free prize draw to win a DVD Player!

INVESTMENT PROJECTS

We have a number of projects this year and next.

1. Kitchen Bathroom Rewire completed in main doors at Longstone Road and Lamlash Crescent.
2. Kitchen Bathroom Rewire completed at Lamlash Square.
3. Kitchen Bathroom Rewire nearing completion in main door properties in Ruchazie Road and Place, Fidra St, Loretto Street, Startpoint St, Malin Place Milford Street, Corran Street and Sumburgh Street.
4. Kitchen Bathroom Rewire completed at 210-212 Bellrock Street and 5-17 Crowlin Crescent.
5. Kitchen Bathroom Rewire to start early in 2007 for 17-23 Crowlin Crescent and 5-27 Gantock Crescent.
6. Controlled Entry and CCTV renewal in Multi Storey Flats completed.
7. Cladding investigation at MSF completed - awaiting report.
8. Controlled Entry and backcourt security at 4-18 Lamlash Crescent currently issued for design.
9. Environmental works in back courts and front gardens in main door properties in Bellrock Crescent, Fastnet Street, Cloch Street, Cumbrae Street, Lamlash Crescent and Longstone Road currently being discussed with contractors.
10. Gas Central Heating completed in 5-23 Crowlin Crescent and other individual properties previously missed.
11. Drain works at Strone Road/Crowlin Crescent to begin shortly.

If you have received a Tenant Satisfaction Survey to complete, please ensure you complete and return to Laura Honeyman. Your comments on investment are very important to us.

