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Local News

Citizenship Lessons at The Sutherland Business and Enterprise College

The Donnington Partnership visited The Sutherland Business and Enterprise College recently, to deliver a lesson to year nine about the importance of residents and communities working together to help keep their neighbourhoods safe, clean and green.

The Donnington Partnership includes local agencies, service providers, authorities and resident representatives working together to tackle important issues in the area.

The young people actively participated in discussions and commented on many of the same problems as those identified by adults in Donnington. A youth forum will be set up from this year group, who will meet once a month to help raise issues with the Community Safety Working Group and work alongside the Trust to help resolve community problems.

Trust Housing Executive Theresa Carson says, "This is the third year the visit has been arranged and as we've found previously this experience is as rewarding and beneficial to the partners as it is to the children involved."



Donnington Wood Residents' Survey

A recent survey to tenants in and around Donnington Wood has shown that residents enjoy many positive aspects about living in the area, including convenience of public transport, access to the Lifelong Learning Centre and close proximity to shops within the area.

The Trust recently handed out the surveys in order to help determine the basis of an estate agreement. The positive responses show that the residents consider the services around the estate to be of a sufficient standard, and as a result the estate agreement is being put to one side for the time being. Instead, a Residents' Group will be formed, so attendees at regular group meetings can ensure any issues that the local community may have are resolved, giving residents a voice and a chance to have more say about the area in which they live.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in the Residents' Group should contact Carol Smith on **217435**.

The photo shows Shandy Price and Chris Shepherd from the Trust (left and right) with residents who made suggestions during the survey Mr & Mrs Nicholls and Stephen Frost.

What's happening in your area!

Operation Clean Sweep

Earlier this year, Operation Clean Sweep 2009 hit the streets! Joining the Trust and residents in the mission to clean up and improve the quality of life in the local area were many partners, including the Donnington Partnership, West Mercia Police, Neighbourhood Watch, Shropshire Fire & Rescue, Telford & Wrekin Council and many others.

Residents and partners joined together to organise and undertake a variety of different activities to deal with the 3 "E's"- education, environment and enforcement.

Two Saturday morning graffiti workshops helped children work as a team to explore opportunities through visual representation,



whilst children at Donnington Wood C of E Junior School enjoyed talks from Community Support Officers about 'Consequential Thinking, Bullying and Peer Pressure'.

To provide useful information for adult residents, a number of agencies held morning workshops at Asda and Turreff Hall, providing advice on a range of subjects and engaging with over 100 customers.

Environmental clean-ups were also undertaken in the area, removing rubbish and litter, cleaning bus shelters, checking

street lights and collecting abandoned shopping trolleys. Many people were involved, including 32 young people from Sutherland School and Junior Youth Club who litter picked in two areas of Donnington.

Shandy Price, Area Manager for Donnington shop says: "As in previous years, Operation Clean Sweep has been a great success and well received by residents and partners. All those involved are looking forward to continuing to work together for the benefit of the area."

Estate Walkabouts

Area	Location	Meeting point	Date	Time
Donnington West	Surrounding areas of meeting point	Junction of Winifreds Drive and Leonard Close	28th Jan	1.30pm
Donnington West	Surrounding areas of meeting point	Junction of Winifreds Drive and Leonard Close	29th Apr	1.30pm
Donnington East	Surrounding areas of meeting point	Junction of Hayward Avenue and New Road	2nd Feb	1.30pm
Donnington Wood	Barn Close, Waxhill Close, Penistone Close, Ash Lea Drive	In front of Life Long Learning Centre	11th Feb	2pm
Donnington Wood	St Matthews Road, The Common, The Glebelands	In front of Community House	18th Feb	2pm
Monarch Fields and Lioncourt Homes	Station Road, Highlander Drive, Dukes View	Wyevale car park	19th Jan	10am
Monarch Fields and Lioncourt Homes	Station Road, Highlander Drive, Dukes View	Wyevale car park	20th Apr	10am

NEW!

Newsflash - the new Monarch Fields walkabout has been set up in response to customer feedback and the Trust will be joined by members of the Donnington Partnership.

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