

Dovecotes TMO

A message from the Board

New beginnings bring with them a fresh start and a new perspective. Each year following our Annual General Meeting we experience changes in our organisation. This September our change comes in the form of new leadership. Ann Webb was elected by our members and has been voted as the new Chairperson of Dovecotes Tenant Management Organisation. With 6 years of experience under her belt Ann will take the batten from our former Chair Joan Curtis in leading the organisation. Supporting Ann will be Stuart Harrison, Vice Chair, Andrew Slater, Secretary and Joan Curtis now appointed as Treasurer.

We would like to thank those members who attended our Annual General Meeting this September, it was wonderful to see so many of you and share with you our successes over the past year. We also would like to thank you for your patience and understanding, the election process can be an emotive subject and whilst we understand that our members show passion and enthusiasm we expect everyone to act inline with our values as an organisation.

We are excited to celebrate the first Dovecotes TMO Black History Month this October and our annual Christmas Grotto late December. We will also be introducing our new Friendship Fridays from October.

It is in times of great struggle that we all come together, show solidarity, friendship and hope. It is our hope that despite the challenges we all face we can face them together.

Dovecotes Management Board



**Dovecotes
Celebrates Black
History Month**



**Friendship
Fridays**



**Ian's Do's &
Don'ts**



**New CCTV
System at The
Haymarket**

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday &
Friday

9:00 - 4:00

Closed for lunch
1:00-2:00

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Black History Month

On Thursday 20th October we will hold our celebration event for Black History at Dovecotes Primary School. Traditionally celebrated in October in the United Kingdom(UK). It must be noted that black history and culture is widely celebrated all year round.

In the UK celebrations of Black History are elevated in October, with events ranging from community activities to national theatre performances and film shows.

October generally known as BHM (Black History Month) provides the opportunity to showcase and highlight the great achievements of the black community (Global Majority).

This October Dovecotes TMO will be celebrating past, present and future leaders focusing on local and international heroes who contributed to breaking down the barriers in terms of race relations.

About Black History Month

October is Black History Month. This national celebration aims to promote and celebrate Black contributions to British society, and to foster an understanding of Black history in general. Its origins go back to the 1920s and the establishment of Negro History Week in the United States.

This evolved into Black History Month and was marked every February, the month being chosen because of the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass, the African American social reformer and Abraham Lincoln, the president who 'freed the slaves'. In the UK it was launched in the 1980s in London and was largely the result of local community activism challenging racism in general in



British society and the Eurocentric version of history that dominated the state school system.

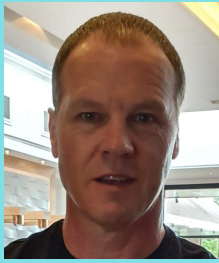
Today Black History Month has become an important date in the cultural calendar of many of the UK's museums, galleries and local authorities. Extract taken from <https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/culture/events/blackhistory/about.aspx>

Please join us to celebrate Dovecotes Black History Event on 20th October at Dovecotes Primary School from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. This is a family friendly event.

Paulette Wilson



Paulette Wilson (20 March 1956 – 23 July 2020) is one of our featured past leaders who was a British immigrant rights activist who fought her own deportation to Jamaica and brought media attention to the human rights violations of the Windrush scandal.



Ian's Do's and Don'ts

DO - If you are happy with my repair, share your experience by putting a review on Google.

DON'T - If you have a sink blockage and have failed to clear the obstruction **DON'T** attempt to dismantle the waste, call the office! The blockage may be further down and cause flooding in your home.

REMEMBER - Before I visit clean and tidy the area where the work is needed.



**Bring your Baby & Toddler 0-5 years
Only £1 per family**

**For more information:
Contact Conchita 07595269578
Seventh Day Adventist Church
Ryfield, Pendeford
WV8 1UD**

**Thursdays
10 - 11.30am
Starting...
15th September
2022**

Updates from our AGM

Each year at Annual General Meetings, changes to our standing orders or rules must be considered and voted by our members. This year our members voted to accept a new standing order of the TMO;

“The elected board and any co-opted members of Dovecotes TMO will be restricted to a maximum of two members of the same family only. This good practice in governance will maintain the integrity and transparency of Dovecotes TMO to the highest standards as required of Directors of the Company”

We would also like to report to our members that following board elections our management committee is now fully subscribed. Our current board members are; Ann Webb (Chair) Stuart Harrison (Vice Chair) Andrew Slater (Secretary) Joan Curtis (Treasurer) Janet Smith, Glenford Clarke, Ambreen Raza, Natasha Curtis-Warner, Sarah Harrison, Ste Webb, Debbie Bentley and Ryan Pitt-Woodcock.

Our board are responsible for protecting our members interests, establishing policies for management, oversight of Dovecotes TMO, and making decisions about important issues the organisation faces.

Our Mission;

‘Together we will listen to our community to provide a safe, supportive, accessible and inclusive environment where people want to live’

Dovecotes TMO Friendship Fridays



The cost-of-living crisis in recent months has affected 9 in 10 adults across the country. With spiralling energy, fuel and food costs we understand that our tenants are struggling now more than ever.

The harsh reality of the increase in cost of living and the current fuel crisis presents a very real and concerning prediction for our tenants and residents.

Beginning this October and continuing to February 2023 we have changed our drop in coffee mornings to a lunch club each

Friday from 12:00 Midday. Any member of the TMO can attend. Our office provides a place of respite and warmth with all attendees offered a meal choice of either a warm option or chilled sandwich. A recipe and full cost will also be provided with all meals aimed at focusing on low-cost batch cooking to save money.

What: Lunch, warmth and chat

When: 12:00 - 3:00 from Friday 7th October 2022

Where: Dovecotes TMO Board Room

*All meals and refreshments are free of charge, attendees can give a donation if they so wish.

Dovecotes TMO **Black** History **Month** Celebration

Thursday 20th October 2022 6 - 8 pm

Dovecotes Primary School Hall

**Tickets £2 pp will include a
selection of Caribbean food and
entertainment**

**Where: Dovecotes Primary
School Hall**

**When: Thursday 20th October
2022 6-8pm**

**Tickets can be purchased from
Dovecotes TMO Office**

**Tickets
£2**



**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**



30 HOURS
FREE CHILDCARE

Dovecotes Primary school offers Terrific for Twos and 30 hours extended childcare places

Available now for eligible families

We offer:

- 15 hours free childcare for eligible families for 2 year olds!
- 15 hours free childcare for all 3 year olds
- 30 hours free childcare for eligible families for 3 year olds!
- Early Education for your child helping to give your child a good grounding for their future schooling.
- Fully qualified staff led by a Qualified Teacher. Your child will have activities tailored to their needs and interests!
- Support with Toilet Training, learning to talk, social skills, early reading and early number work.
- If your child attends Terrific for Twos they will have priority access to our Nursery with children moving seamlessly into the Nursery class.

Please pop into the school office or phone 01902 558284 for more information and to find out whether you are eligible!

Dovecotes TMO Invests £25K to Improve CCTV at The Haymarket Shopping Area



The safety and security of our community is of utmost importance to us. This year Dovecotes Management Board has approved a complete overhaul of the current CCTV provision covering The Haymarket shopping area.

Beginning at the end of October 2022 the current cameras will be replaced and a new system installed in our office. Our board has also approved an additional camera covering the Ryefield underpass and 24/7 monitoring.

Once installed the new system will be linked to Wolverhampton Homes CCTV control room where operators will view images in real time making our estate safer.

Ongoing monitoring is vital to reducing crime and collecting valuable evidence however, this comes at a cost. Your local Councillors have awarded £1000 to our ongoing monitoring costs this year with the board agreeing the remaining cost from the TMO's surplus.

An Update from your Local Councillors



Councillor Adam Collinge



Supporting individuals and families over the coming months is vital and one of the best ways to help our community is to ensure that information on how to access financial support is available locally. I will continue to work proactively with Dovecotes TMO, who are providing dedicated support and advice for residents, and press for the right support to be provided locally.

I will continue to support stronger community links across Pendeford Dovecotes, including initiatives such as Friendship Fridays by Dovecotes TMO and having supported the Seventh Day Adventist Church host a week of holiday activities this summer for local children and young people. I am pleased my ward funds helped these locally led initiatives; I hope they can be built on moving forward to help improve local community provision. I also thank all those local volunteers who make these ideas a reality. I will continue to work with Dovecotes Primary and Aldersley High School looking at other local support for young people, and I will continue to campaign for more SEND support across Wolverhampton.

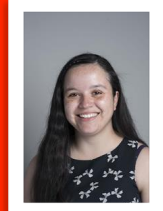
I am campaigning for investment to enhance local play provision across Oxley, including upgrades to the Pendeford Park play area and a review of Dovecotes play area; I have asked for these to be a priority in any upcoming strategy and for more community consultation. If residents have ideas for better play provision, please get in contact. I am also looking at other community schemes and opportunities, alongside Dovecotes TMO and others, to improve a number of areas. As ever, work continues to secure more pothole and pavement repairs, better tree and car park maintenance, as well as advocating for more support to tackle fly-tipping and ASB. I am currently setting up a local working group between the Council, Police and other stakeholders across Oxley to identify and prioritise better maintenance and lighting schemes and tackle dangerous off-roading to provide safer streets and neighbourhoods.

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Councillor's Susan Roberts MBE and Claire Simm



This September we both attended Dovecotes TMO's Annual Genral Meeting, it was wonderful to see so many residents of the estate taking an interest in the activities and performance of the organisation. We would also like to congratulate the TMO on their award for 'Supporting the community and going the extra mile' at the recent NFTMO conference.

In our role as local Councillors we support local groups by supplying ward funds for organisations to deliver projects . This year we have agreed funding that directly impacts on Dovecotes residents by contributing towards the upcoming CCTV improvements at the Haymarket shopping area, Dovecotes Friendship Fridays and Black History Month event.

In our other activities we are negotiating with Wolverhampton Homes their responsibility on communal tree's and ongoing casework with our constituents.

Sue & Claire

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Santa is coming to Dovecotes

This year we will be holding our annual Christmas event on Wednesday 21st December 2022. Slots to see Santa must be reserved in advance. Each child will be given a gift, selection box and a chat with the big man himself.

Tickets are charged at £1 per child and must be booked and paid for in cash by 16th December 2022.



Dovecotes TMO Christmas Event Santa's Grotto Booking Form

Name (parent or guardian) _____ Address _____

Membership No _____

Please complete the below slip and return it to the TMO with details of children under 11 years of age to reserve their place to see Santa.

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Date received by TMO _____ Payment £ _____ Time Slot _____ Officer _____