

Dovecotes TMO

A message from the Board

Our newsletter provides regular communication with our members. We share with you and updates from our partners and agencies operating in and around Dovecotes. In this edition we bring you the 75th Anniversary of the Windrush, helpful tips from Public Health on staying safe in the garden, updates concerning the UK Governments cost of living payment and much more.

We strive to encourage those living at Dovecotes to be part of our organisation, being locally managed by local people is key to being a successful TMO. We do however understand that not everyone can commit to being a board member so, to improve services and champion the tenants voice we have now introduced a new tenants scrutiny model. Being part of scrutiny means that you can directly impact on the services we deliver. If you would like more information or are interested in getting involved please contact us.

As for this summer we are looking forward to some fun days by the seaside and seeing the wonderful garden displays in our annual gardening competition - your application is on the last page.

Dovecotes Management Board

Calling Owner Occupiers Living in Dovecotes

Do you own your home and live on Dovecotes? Are you interested in finding out more about becoming a board member?

We currently have 2 vacancies on our management board for owner-occupiers. If you would like more information please contact the management board by emailing dovecotestmo1@gmail.com

OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday &
Friday

9:00 - 4:00

Closed for lunch
1:00-2:00

CONTACT US



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Summer Gardening Tips from Public Health



Our Garden Competition is back



Ian's Do's & Don'ts



Celebrating Windrush 75



Ian's Do's and Don'ts

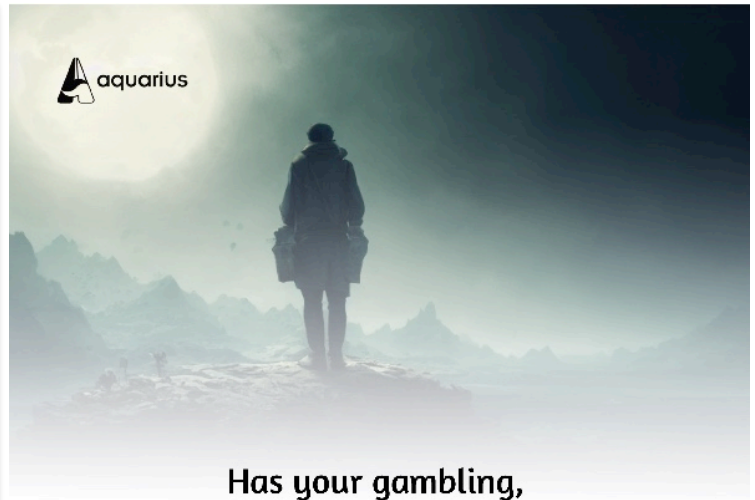
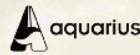
DO – Wipe off condensation from windows when you wake up in the morning and open your windows for 10 minutes to air your home. Keeping this area dry and removing water from the silicone edges will help to prevent damp and mould.

DON'T – Use toilet bowl rim hangers, these can detach and block the main soil pipe and when empty cause staining in the pan. Try to use bleach or bottled toilet cleaner instead.

REMEMBER – Before I visit clean and tidy the area where the work is needed and, if you are happy with the work I have done leave me a review on Google.



Scan the QR with your mobile device to leave a review



**Has your gambling,
or the gambling of someone close to you,
had a negative effect on your life?**

Referral:

gambling@aquarius.org.uk
aquarius.referrals@gamcare.cjsm.net

0300 456 4293

Mon-Thurs: 9.00 - 17.00
Fri: 9.00 - 16:30

Helpful Information from our Housing Support Officer

Are you coming up to pension age? If you are turning 66 this year you should have received a letter inviting you to claim your state pension. The invitation can arrive up to 4 months before your birthday and asks you to apply online. If you haven't received this invitation or have misplaced it please contact HMRC directly on 0800 731 0469. If you have this letter and need help completing your application I can assist you and check that you are claiming all benefits you are entitled to.

There is so much support out there and unclaimed benefits that can really make a difference to peoples lives. If you require assistance or help to access household support call me on 01902 552 780 to make an appointment.

Claire Jackson-Jones

Cost of Living Support 2023 / 2024

The UK Government has announced that cost of living payments will continue and will be paid automatically. The approximate timeline for payments to be issued across 2023-2024 will be:

- Low-income cost of living payment will be £900 paid to those on means-tested benefits. Payments will be paid in three instalments. £301 in Spring 2023, £300 in Autumn 2023, and £299 paid in Spring 2024
- Pensioner cost of living payment will be £300 to be paid in the Winter 2023/24, this will be paid to those in receipt of Winter Fuel Payment (WFP) and likely to be paid with the WFP or around the same time.
- Disability cost of living payment will be £150 for those in receipt of a non-means tested disability benefit. This will be paid in between 20th June and 4th July 2023. (AA, DLA, PIP, AFIP, WPMS)

TIME TO TACKLE THE GARDEN?

Suzanne and Heather from Public Protection are providing some handy tips on safety in the garden and on the best ways to dispose of garden waste.

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- Lock garden tools away in a shed or other secure area, and never leave electrical equipment plugged in when not in use
- Keep chemicals such as weed killer and fertiliser out of reach of young children, and always keep them in their original containers - never be tempted to transfer them to food jars or drinks bottles
- Make sure you always use an electrical circuit breaker (RCD) when using electrical lawn mowers, hedge trimmers and power tools outdoors
- Drowning – Babies and toddlers can drown in as little as 5cm of water, so supervision around ponds is essential
- Also think about neighbours' gardens. Young children can wander off into them and drown in garden ponds
- Check plant labels for toxicity warnings
- Use gloves when pruning or weeding and keep skin covered
- Keep a watchful eye on children and pets when playing near growing plants
- Keep uprooted plants and pruning cuttings out of reach of children and pets

There is lots of information online to keep you safe in the garden this summer. Here are some useful websites.

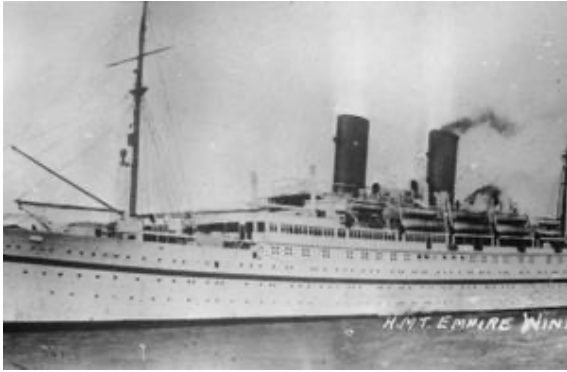
- ✳ The Royal Horticultural Society on poisonous plants www.rhs.org.uk/prevention-protection/potentially-harmful-garden-plants
- ✳ Child Accident Prevention Trust provides a garden safety quiz to see how safe your garden is www.capt.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Garden_safety_quiz.pdf
- ✳ The council's website has lots of information about waste collection, asbestos found in gardens and sheds and details of collections for disposing of excess waste. This can all be found at www.wolverhampton.gov.uk

REMEMBER: If you are thinking of sprucing up your garden, please be aware that anyone you engage to remove the waste for you is legally required to have a Waste Carriers Licence. You should request that they provide you with a receipt for the type of waste, details of where the waste will be disposed of and details of their Waste Carriers Licence. Details of their Waste Carrier's Licence can be checked by visiting www.environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/index



Celebrating Windrush 75

HMT Empire Windrush arrived at Tilbury docks on 22nd June 1948, bringing more than 800 passengers from the Caribbean shaping modern Britain.



Britain was a different place in 1948, the Second World War had just ended, thousands of homes and buildings had been destroyed and needed to be rebuilt. In the Caribbean some of the men and women who had served in the British forces answered an advert asking them to come to Britain with the promise of jobs, others were just curious wanting to see a country they had heard so much about. Upon arrival many found difficulty in being offered the jobs they had been promised facing racism, adversity and discrimination. Black people had to stick together and support one another.

More people and families would follow with over half a million migrants arriving in Britain from 1948 to the late 60's. Lots of those who came to Britain with their parents faced deportation in 2017. Despite living in Britain legally tougher immigration rules brought in by Theresa May, the then Home Secretary meant those who had travelled with their parents were no longer legal citizens, despite living and working here for the majority of their lives.

There has since been a u-turn on the Home Office rules with an apology and support from MPs that things will be put right.

During Black History Month we brought you the story of **Paulette Wilson** (20 March 1956 – 23 July 2020) 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. Paulette delivered a petition to Downing Street calling on the UK Government to deliver justice to those affected by the scandal.



Paulette was arrested twice and wrongfully detained narrowly missing deportation ahead of a flight to Kingston due to an intervention by her then MP Emma Reynolds and the Refugee Migrant Centre in Wolverhampton. Paulette was described by her daughter and granddaughter as 'a widely loved and respected lady with an infectious laugh and loved by all.'

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Windrush and we want to share with you the celebrations happening in the city to mark this momentous occasion. We hope that this June you can join in the celebrations and take part in one of the many events across the city.

RUSH A Joyous Jamaican Journey



Thursday 22nd June 2023 19:30–22:00
Wolverhampton Grand Theatre, Lichfield St.

'Small Island' Screening Wolverhampton Library

On Monday 19 June at 7:30pm

Wolverhampton's Library Service are hosting a major Windrush 75 Event in association with The Grand Theatre as part of Theatre Nation Partnership programme. The library will be showing a screening of 'Small island', a film based on Andrea Levy's Orange award winning novel and travels from Jamaica to Britain, through the Second World War to 1948 – the year the HMT Empire Windrush docked at Tilbury.

Before the screening there will be a talk from Wolverhampton resident, Mr Reuben Campbell who made his own journey to the UK as a hopeful 20-year-old in 1962, bidding farewell to his loved ones in Jamaica in search of new beginnings, well-known for opening the Rising Star Club in Bilston.

To book free admission to the screening please email libraries@wolverhampton.gov.uk or call 01902 552 025



Raising The Windrush 75 Flag

Wolverhampton City Council are holding a Windrush Flag Raising Event on Thursday 22nd June at 10.00am. Speakers have been invited to partake alongside the Mayor. All communities are welcome to join outside of the Civic Centre that morning and following their visit can explore the 'More Things Change' exhibition at the Art Gallery.

There are many events being held around the city and in neighbouring areas. Anniversary celebration events are being held in partnership with ACCI, Adassa Catering, Steve Biko Saturday School, JS Associates and Wolverhampton Black Business Network.

WINDRUSH 75
Presenting Three
Windrush 75
Commemorative Events

Thursday 22nd June 2023
FILM SHOW
THE HARDEST WHIT COME
POP UP CINEMA
Doors open 6.30pm
Show starts 7.30pm
Come and enjoy the Jamaica experience
admission by ticket only £5 per person.
Food available to be purchased By Adassa's Catering

Saturday 24th June 2023
THE FIVE YEAR DREAM
Family Event
2pm - 7pm
FREE ENTRY
Dj for event: LD the Lovers Doctor.
Activities, Discussions, Topics include:
What is Windrush & why did it happen?
Achievements and acknowledgement
Honour roll of business
Show me discussion.
Dance session
Ska Competition, King/Queen.

Saturday 24th June 2023
BIG PEOPLE REVIVAL PARTY NIGHT
9pm - 2am
FREE ENTRY
DJs Archie Dee, LD The Lovers Doctor and Miss Lvibez

At **The Heritage Centre**, Clifford Street, Wolverhampton WV6 0AA
Events Information Hotline: 07481 018227

STEVE BIKO SATURDAY SCHOOL | WBSN | JS Associates | ACCI | The Heritage Centre Clifford St, Wolverhampton WV6 0AA Tel: 07815 522668

THU 22 JUNE 2023 7:30PM

The Spirit of Windrush - A Diamond Generation
Celebrating 75 Years of Significant Contribution to British Society

75th Windrush Anniversary Service
With contributions from Bishop Wilton Powell OBE, Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE, local tributes, poetry and music.

Bishop Wilton Powell OBE | Cllr Sandra Samuels OBE

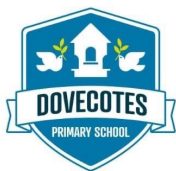
EMPIRE WINDRUSH LONDON



Church of God of Prophecy
Gloucester Street
Wolverhampton, WV6 0PT

For more information please email wcpchange@gmail.com

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30 HOURS
FREE CHILDCARE

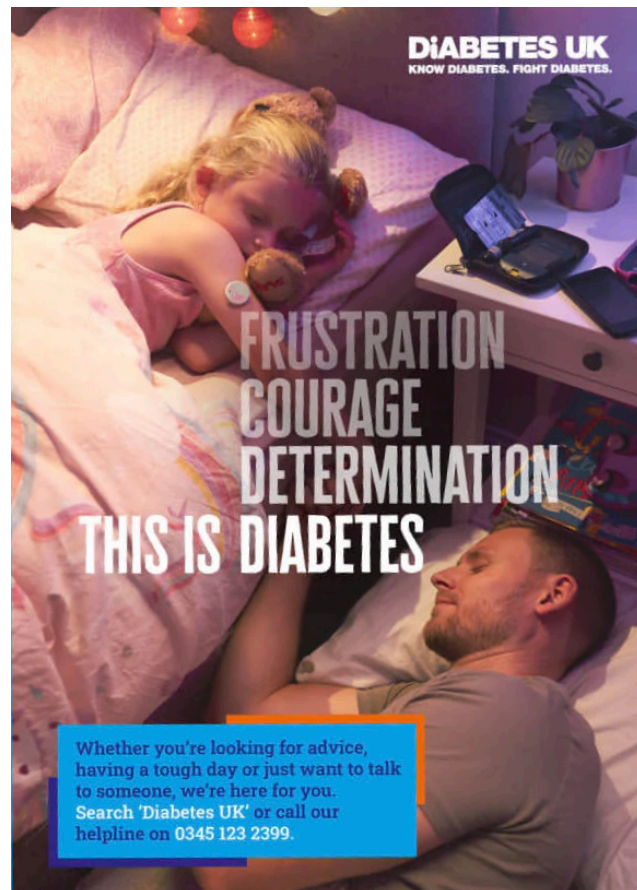
Dovecotes Primary school offers Terrific for Twos and 30 hours extended childcare places

We have places available 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!



Become a StreetWatch Volunteer

StreetWatch groups are made up of volunteers from local communities. They carry out street patrols, but have no police powers. Streetwatch is about local residents promoting good citizenship and supporting a better neighbourhood by patrolling their own streets. They provide visible reassurance and appropriately engage in local issues that matter most to your community.

The groups are managed by a coordinator, who is part of the group. Their job includes:

- keeping a volunteer list
- providing advice, guidance and support
- regularly speaking with the local policing team

Groups patrol in a minimum group of two and register them on a forum. The local policing team also look at the forum before the patrols take place, to know where the group is going.

As a Street Watch member, you will patrol your local area for at least two hours every month, at times which suit you. You will patrol in a minimum of two members, talk to people you meet and encourage them to take an active interest in keeping your area safe. So your neighbours know what you are there for, you will wear a high visibility street watch jacket. Your local street watch co-ordinator will give you day to day support, so you know what to look out for and you will also have support from your local police. It is a programme that has worked elsewhere in the country and is now established in the west midlands.

If the group sees suspicious activity, they report it to the policing team, but do not get involved. If you want to find out more about StreetWatch, please contact the Fallings Park, Bushbury, Low Hill and Oxley policing team by email bushbury@westmidlands.police.uk



An Update from your Local Councillors

Welcome Councillor's Alan Butt, Jane Francis and Barbara McGarrity



The Wolverhampton Local Elections 2023 resulted in a big change for the Oxley Ward with 3 new Councillors elected. We would like to congratulate Councillors Alan Butt, Jane Francis and Barbara McGarrity on their successful election to the ward and share with you their contact information.

Acting as a bridge between the community and the council Local Councillors are an advocate for residents. We work closely with our local members to ensure that residents get the best possible service from the council and, if something does go wrong you have the best support to put things right.

We started meeting with your new Councillor's and would like share their contact details with you. You can find out more information by visiting the councils website www.wolverhampton.gov.uk and entering the Councillor's name in the search option.



Councillor Barbara McGarrity QN

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Councillor Alan Butt

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Councillor Jane Francis

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Steve Evans Elected as Housing Cabinet Member for Wolverhampton

Councillor Steve Evans has been elected as the new Cabinet Member for Housing in the City. The Cabinet is part of the council's decision-making process. Decisions about the day to day running of council services are taken by the Cabinet within the framework of the council's constitution, budgets and plans approved by the council.



Dovecotes in Bloom

Gardening

Competition 2023



The Dovecotes in Bloom gardening competition encourages residents of the estate to display their floral skills.

There are 3 different categories to enter.

If you don't have a garden you can use containers or hanging baskets, everyone who participates will be helping to improve the estate and you could win an award.

Judging will take place on,

Thursday 31st August 2023. Good Luck.



Dovecotes in Bloom - Entry Form

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

Tick the Category you would like to enter

- ☐ Best Garden
- ☐ Best Hanging Basket
- ☐ Best Container

Do you agree for your garden or display being photographed and used for promotional purposes? Please Tick

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please return your entry form by Friday 25th August 2023 to Dovecotes TMO Housing Office, 86 Ryefield, Pendeford, Wolverhampton, WV8 1UD.

Dovecotes TMO takes photographs of gardens and displays which may be used for promotional purposes. This includes websites. Social media, printed publications, presentations, press releases and image galleries/slideshows.

Dovecotes TMO Reserves the right to amend the schedule should it be necessary, cancel any category should there be insufficient entries: to accept or remove entries: to move entries between categories.