

NORTH TUPSLEY ACTION GROUP (N-T.A.G.) NEWSLETTER

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HOW TO CONTACT N-T.A.G.

USEFUL NO.

To contact Police:

08457 444 888

Ask for an Incident Number
Pass to N-T.A.G. to follow up for
you (free of charge)

N-T.A.G.

North Tupsley Action Group was set up in February '07 after anti-social behaviour problems in the local area. Although these were reported to the police through the proper channels, many people got little or no response. It was decided to hold an impromptu meeting one night in The White House Pub to talk to the police and Community Support Officers. Although arranged by "word of mouth" only, that first meeting was attended by 52 concerned residents. A second follow-up meeting was attended by 73, and from this N-T.A.G. was formed. Since then there has been a further Community Meeting with 60 residents attending, and two Youth Forums. We now have a good idea of what needs to be done in this area.

We have built up a good relationship with West Mercia Police and Councillors, and now we feel there might be positive changes happening for our Community. It has taken a lot of hard work by N-T.A.G. with letter-writing, numerous 'phone calls, attendance of Council meetings, Community meetings, taking photographs, compiling press releases - to name but a few. All this with only a £200 grant from Herefordshire Housing, residents' donations and fundraising. If you want our help to make changes, please help us by joining N-T.A.G. at £5 per household, or indeed any donation would be welcome. This can be paid in at The Post Office, Chilton Square. We need to raise money for our ongoing projects TOGETHER!

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PROGRESS
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AYLESTONE SCHOOL

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DOG BINS/RUBBISH BINS

PARKING

SPEEDING

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PARKING PROBLEMS

PROSPECT WALK /
PIGOTT CLOSE

Held meeting with Headmaster; changes to be made in September.

Fewer pupils allowed out at lunchtimes. This should help.

Good relationship with school. Competition held to design a play area; 73 excellent entries with prizes given by N-T.A.G.

6 new bins requested, but have to be combined dog/rubbish bins.

Positive meeting held with Traffic Department, Cllrs. Lloyd-Hayes and Walling. Toured estate to see problems for themselves, i.e. cars parked illegally on corners, paths and bus stops. A full survey of the area will be conducted. More news on this will be posted on our notice-board in the Post Office, Chilton Square.

Police informed. We have also asked for a 20 m.p.h. limit on Whittern Way so that our children may cross safely to school.

According to Police records, A.S.B. reported crime is down. "Oh no it's not" might be your cry! Well that might be because you are not ringing it in. Please **RING** Police, and also ask for an **Incident No.** Give us the Incident Number and we will follow it up. Your name will not be given out to anyone by us or the Police. So don't sit back and watch – do something!

Overhanging tree cut after resident asked for N-T.A.G's help.

Letters written to landlords re students' accommodation. Also spoken to colleges re behaviour of students whilst renting.

Firstly, politely ask driver to move. If they are decent, community-minded people they will move. If you have a driveway or garage, please use it. Be sensitive to parking needs of disabled neighbours. Use your own space outside your own house. Community spirit for all!

Re plans to demolish Terry Ross building and replace with large car park. N-T.A.G. backed residents' objections to car park entrance off Pigott Close. 1st application withdrawn, 2nd application objections made. Held meetings with Council, and letters sent plus suggestion by N-T.A.G. of alternative entrance.

HEYWOOD AVENUE

A resident asked for help from N-T.A.G. re pot-holes. Contacted appropriate authority and now a full survey is to be undertaken.

CHILTON SQUARE

1st and 2nd application objections made by N-T.A.G. re more flats.

EASTER RAFFLE

FUNDRAISING

£100.00. Thanks to all who bought a ticket from the Post Office.

SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA
7TH JULY 2007

£300.00 made from a good day. Kids enjoyed the face-painting and the hoses on the fire engine! Thanks to the residents who supported us with donations for the table-sales, and those who came along for a very enjoyable afternoon. Thanks to all our helpers, particularly C.S.O. Leanne Marwick and colleague for the face-painting, the B.B.Q. staff for a great job, and Jane and Simon for allowing us to use the White House pub for our first Fun Day!

12 – 2 p.m.; 7 - 9 p.m.

DROP IN DAYS

First Tuesday of every month.

7 – 9 p.m.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Monday, 3rd September/Monday, 3rd December The White House.

PURPLE/WHITE RECYCLING BAGS

Collect from Post Office, Chilton Square. We must all try to recycle more. Get into the habit now before any charges come in.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Join N-T.A.G. for a donation of £5. We also need volunteers to deliver leaflets (free of charge). Sorry, adults only at this time.

HOW TO CONTACT N-T.A.G.

Write us a letter and take to Post Office. We will contact you as soon as we can or alternatively, try and come to a “drop in day”.

AFTERNOON TEA

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 29th August. White House Pub.
Wednesday, 17th October. White House Pub.
Wednesday, 12th December. White House Pub.
All 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
For any changes, please check Post Office notice-board.

Date to be confirmed.

Main Project: Play Area/Goal-posts.

This is ongoing and involves more meetings and fund-raising.
Check out notice-board in Post Office for progress etc.

A FEW IMPORTANT POINTS WHICH MAKE FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY:
LOOK OUT FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURS AND HELP THEM IF YOU CAN, ESPECIALLY ELDERLY FOLK; ASK YOUR CHILDREN NOT TO THROW STONES, JUMP IN HEDGES OR RIDE BIKES ON PATHS; PARK ON YOUR DRIVEWAY OR PUT YOUR VEHICLE IN YOUR GARAGE; DON'T SPEED IN WHITTERN WAY; REPORT ALL ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND OBTAIN AN INCIDENT NUMBER. IF ALL THIS IS DONE BY **EVERYONE**, NOT JUST A FEW, THEN WE WILL ALL HAVE A HAPPY LIFE AND AN AREA OF WHICH WE CAN BE PROUD.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR "DROP INS" TO ADDRESS ANY PROBLEMS, AND PLEASE ATTEND OUR GENERAL MEETINGS. ALL OUR COUNCILLORS/POLICE AND RELEVANT PEOPLE WILL BE INVITED SO THAT YOU CAN QUESTION THEM YOURSELF. PLEASE WRITE TO US WITH ANY COMMENTS OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP US.

N-T.A.G. THANKS YOU ALL FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS. AS YOU CAN SEE N-T.A.G. HAS MADE A POSITIVE START IN JUST SIX MONTHS. HOPEFULLY, WE MEET WITH YOUR APPROVAL AND YOU WILL SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS TO GET CHANGES MADE TO THE AREA. ONLY BY COMING TOGETHER CAN WE GET BACK THE "**COMMUNITY SPIRIT**" WHICH, SADLY, SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN LOST OVER RECENT YEARS. WE THANK HEREFORDSHIRE VOLUNTARY ACTION, WEST MERCIA POLICE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS, HEREFORDSHIRE HOUSING AND OUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT.

"COMMUNITY SPIRIT"

WORKING TOGETHER