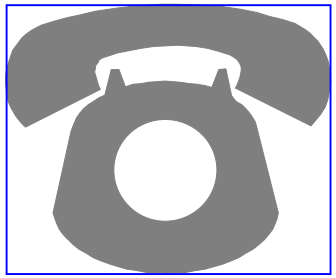
If the dog is barking at the back door and your wife is yelling at the front door, who do you let in first? The dog of course, he will shut up once he is in!

Action Line: 08005 191919
Together (anti social behaviour/litter): 0845 605 2222
Police: 0845 0454545 Swaythling Housing Society 02380628000
Lordshill Housing Office: 023 8073 0484
Police non-emergency 101 (there is a 10p charge for this at present)

CONTACT THE ASSOCIATION

You can contact us through the
Tenant Participation Unit,
SCC Southbrook Rise,
4 Millbrook Road East, SO15 1YG
02380832649 (Michael Farleigh)
Web site: www.cidtra.com
Leave a message



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We also have names and numbers of many more.

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NEXT OPEN MEETING

THURSDAY 26 MARCH, 7.00 IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, ROZEL COURT

Light refreshments provided. Free Raffle

Mike and Paul recently attended a conference on Crime in the Community. Also they both joined the committee of the Federation of TRAs.
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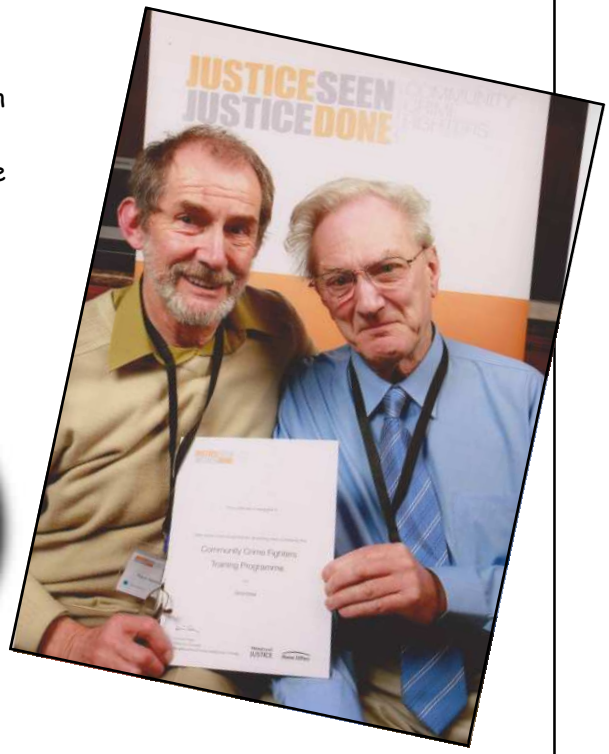

cidtra 40 Years

SUMMER EVENT 2009

Come and hear how we are progressing towards the event at the next meeting.

We are asking for help from volunteers so do come forward if you are interested. We are looking for people who might raise plants for a stall and we are going to start sunflowers off for a children's competition.

There will be a tombola stall so we are looking for items.

So that the time looking after stalls can be shared we hope that some of you will be willing to take a turn.

FLY TIPPING

We have recently been contacted by several concerned residents about rubbish being dumped around the estate; in the car parks and bushes and on pavements eg dismantled kitchen units; fridge freezer; TVs; microwave; car batteries (even a mattress) . It is not only anti-social and an eyesore but can be a danger to young children who find these items interesting playthings. It is also illegal and can attract a heavy fine. Unwanted items can be taken to an amenity tip for no charge or the council will collect them for a fee (currently £25 for xxxxx items). Perhaps join with a neighbour? Call Action Line to arrange.

Recently a resident was seen with a trolley full of wood, later found in a carpark (I'm sure you know who you are!) Since it was difficult to prove, he got away with it this time but we would like anyone who sees this kind of thing to report it to us and we will do all we can to get action taken.

Many visitors remark on the general tidiness of the area, please take pride to help keep it so.

Why do women have smaller feet than men?
It is an evolutionary thing, allows them to stand closer to the sink!

(Ladies can you supply us with jokes about men?)

FEDERATION NEWS

The Federation of Southampton Tenants and Residents Associations (FOSTARA) held its AGM in February. We have been going regularly to the open meetings since cidtra was formed and have always been interested in the work it carries out throughout the City. There had been much unrest in the organisation recently and many members had left the committee. Mike and I believe it has much to offer particularly in its work for tenants through monitoring the performance of council departments. We would encourage any tenants who find it difficult to get answers to their problems to approach us so that we can use the experience of the Fed to resolve them. Contact us through the usual channels if your direct contact with SCC is not proving satisfactory.

COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

If you have an issue which you would like to bring to the attention of Cathy Mc Ewing, she holds surgeries at Mansel Park Pavilion in Evenlode Road on the last Friday of each month at 6.00pm. It might be best to phone her before so that she can make enquiries for you.

Peter Marsh-Jenks is also pleased to see anyone who wishes to contact him through the number on the back page.

Paul Holmes is available on the first Saturday of every month at Redbridge Fire Station, Redbridge Hill.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Paul Hennessey—Chair
Podge Eldridge —Secretary
Gary Waters—Treasurer
Danny Bradley
Eileen Cunningham
Sylvie Eldridge
Mike Holder
Paul Langler
Fay Martin
Jane Vine

Open Meetings take place every two months. They are on the fourth Thursday in the months of January, March, May, July, September (AGM) and November. 7.00 in Rozel Court Community room. Committee will meet informally before each to set the Agenda and revue the situation.

MOBILE USES

Emergency number. 112 will find the local emergency number worldwide. Can be dialled even if the keypad is locked.
Hidden battery power. Key in *3370# to get 50% increase. Replaced next time phone is charged.
Disable phone. Key in *#06# to get 15 number code. Keep this safe—if phone is stolen call service provider—give the code, they will be able to block the handset so that it cannot be used by anyone else.
Locked out of your car? If spare keys at home call someone and have them press the unlock button, holding your phone near the car.

One other

ATM number reverse. If you are forced to withdraw money by a robber, key in the pin in reverse ie 4321 instead of 1234. Money will be given but the police will be alerted.

LORDSHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

A low cost venue in the heart of Lordshill, with ample parking and on major bus routes.

Do you want to hire the hall for a special occasion, birthday or wedding party or other function?

Are you a business or group who needs a venue for regular/ special meetings or an away day?

Would you like to run a community group for young or older people, craft group, dance class, keep fit, music etc?

We currently have vacancies on our timetable that are available to fill. A new hall will be built later this year.

Tuesday Afternoon
Tea & Coffee & biscuits
Have a chat and a cuppa
Drop in 1.30 — 3.00

Enquiries or bookings please call
02380 738569

Chris Atkins, first minister at the Church which used to meet in Gemini Close in 1970

Several recycling bins around the Estate have not been emptied because they are contaminated.

Do you realise why?

It is probably that there are items in it which are not recyclable. Things should not be put in plastic bags, just tip them in loose. Also things like microwave ovens and other hardware will not be taken away. Plastic wrapping or food containers are other items which should go in the refuse bin.

Do yourself a favour and look at the list of acceptable items given in most City View magazines!