

Play for Free

The Surestart Play Development Team would like to remind community groups that their Play Pods are available free of charge all year round.

The Pods are an 'Aladdin's Cave' of play equipment that will treat children taking part in playschemes or after school clubs to a play experience outside of their usual environment.

The Play Pods are located in parks across the borough -

- Limefield Park, Middleton
- Coronation Avenue Recreation Ground, Heywood
- Queen's Park, Heywood
- Milnrow Memorial Park, Milnrow
- Hare Hill Park, Littleborough
- Springfield Park, Rochdale
- Syke Common, Rochdale
- Broadfield Park, Rochdale

The Play Pods contain a variety of equipment suitable for children and young people

aged 5 - 19 such as: bats, balls, bikes, large games and other play and sports equipment.

Groups and organisations working with children and young people can make a booking or find out more by contacting -

**Surestart
Play Development Team
Crossfield Mill
Crawford Street
Rochdale
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Tel: 0845 601 9111**

Pride of Place Consultation

CVS is asking third sector organisations to take a fresh new look at the community strategy for the Borough of Rochdale by attending their consultation event at Castlemere Banqueting Hall on Wednesday 2nd June.

There will be two sessions, one starting at 13:00 and another at 17:00. Both sessions have the same two workshops where you will be able to contribute

views on the Priority Partnerships :-

- Thriving Third Sector
- Health & Wellbeing
- Economic
- Environment & Housing
- Children & Young People
- Safer Stronger Communities

**Session one
13:00 - Introduction
13:20 - Workshop one
14:30 - Workshop two
15:30 - Debriefing**

**Session two
17:00 - Introduction
17:20 - Workshop one
18:30 - Workshop two
19:30 - Debriefing**

To book a place on either session contact Nicole Mulligan at:
n.mulligan@cvsr.org.uk
Or Tel: 01706 631291.

This is an exciting new way of contributing your views & ideas on the Borough for the next 15 years.



Training Opportunity

St Vincent's Housing Association has recently teamed up with Hopwood Hall College to deliver short non-vocational courses in the community. **Computer Skills for Beginners** starts on Monday 7th June 1-3pm at Smallbridge Community Centre, 110 Wardle Road, Rochdale. The course runs for 5 weeks and has a concessionary fee of just £7.50. To book your place or find out what other courses are planned contact Leala Irvine on 0161 772 2120 or email leala.irvine@svha.co.uk.



Delivering Excellent Services – Building Stronger Communities

Customer Involvement Team

CIT News

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Share TPU News with your group. Why not make it a regular agenda item at your meetings?

Can we fix it?

The RBH Area Panels meet 4 times a year to discuss problems on estates and raise concerns with RBH officers. The panels also look at Environmental Schemes to improve estates called Quick Wins.

Quick Wins are small-scale projects costing no more than £30,000, they can cover areas such as – lighting, fencing, car parking, landscaping, drainage, upgrading internal or external communal areas and upgrading play/recreational areas. Anyone can propose a scheme by contacting their local Housing Manager, Programme Co-ordinator Paul Dockerty or

the Customer Involvement Team.

So far most of the schemes have been suggested by officers so we need you to come up with new ideas, if there is an area on your estate that you think could be improved let us know about it.

The Area Panels also decide on One Off Tenant Participation Grants which are for activities by recognised tenants groups that promote or encourage Tenant Participation, this can include special events or equipment and can fund up to 50% of the cost of a trip or outing. To get an application form to apply for a grant contact

your Customer Involvement Officer on 01706 273820.

Decision making by the Area Panels is by consensus or formal vote for financial matters, tenants have the majority vote with residents unable to vote on schemes directly affecting their own property.

The next meetings of the Area Panels will take place soon so get your applications in now.

Township	Date of Meeting
Rochdale	7th June
Middleton	15th June
Heywood	8th July
Pennines	To be confirmed



Before



After

The fencing to the rear of the properties on Turbary Walk on the Cray Estate was in poor condition and was adjacent a public highway. It was decided to replace the existing fencing with 1.8 metre high wood fencing with decorative posts to allow privacy for the rear gardens and at the same time making the public realm look more attractive.



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RBH Raffle/Tombola Fund Needs You!

RBH Tenants Celebration and Information Day takes place annually in the Autumn. This year it will be on Saturday 25th September at Rochdale Town Hall from 10am until 3pm.

Tenant volunteers will be raising money for RBH charity of the year Macmillan Nurses and need your help to gather

donations for Tombola and Raffle stalls.

If you have something you could donate, please contact the Customer Involvement Team on 01706 273822 or your local Tenants & Residents group to find out where you can drop it off.



The Big Lunch 2010



You may already have heard of The Big Lunch. But if not, it's a national event all about encouraging communities to come together in a social environment and get to know their neighbours.

www.thebiglunch.com

Big Lunch organisers explain, "The shared enjoyment of eating together, laughter, play, music and conversation

bring us together and for the fact that we are so fabulously different in our outlook and experience on many things, we know a simple truth - together we are strong. Wouldn't it be great if, for just one day, we remind ourselves about all that is good about us and bring about a moment that ignites a spark?"

We thought it would be a great idea to support any of our tenants groups who want to join in by donating up to £100 to contribute towards the food and drinks.

Please discuss this with your group and, if you want to run a 'Big Lunch', just ring Ruth Sillence on (01706) 651425 for a chat about how you want to run your event. We want to make sure that all the events are as inclusive as possible, so

please have a think about how you can encourage adults, young people and children from throughout your area to join in.

We can help out by:

- Providing up to £100 per group via Communities First funding.
- Designing and printing posters for displaying around the local area.
- Developing 'community' focused activity sheets e.g. colouring sheets, quiz / puzzle sheets etc
- Providing RBH promotional giveaway items
- Helping with other stuff if we can (just ask!)



Sunday 18th July 2010

The Gateway Centre will be having an evening of bingo and disco dancing for people with learning difficulties as part of their HSSC club on Friday 21st May.

There is a £2 admission fee and the club runs from 7pm - 9pm.

Call Amjad on 01706 515 805 for more information.



Mini World Cup



Ages 9-11
Ages 12-15
Ages 16-18
Girls team

Each team will need a manager and will choose which country that they would like to represent on the day of the tournament. RBH will provide t-shirts printed with your chosen country's name.

RBH will provide four weeks of coaching sessions for young people to come along and learn skills and practice as a team before entering the tournament. The final team will be selected at the end of the coaching sessions and attendance at all sessions will be one of the criteria for selection to play in the tournament. Parental consent forms will be required for all participants of the tournament.

The dates and venues for the coaching sessions are:

Monday 19th July - Monday 9th August

Freehold - Kick Pitch
Falinge - Kick Pitch

Tuesday 20th July - Tuesday 10th August

Back O'th Moss - Community Centre and kick pitch
Stansfield - Park next to Community Centre

Wednesday 21st July - Wednesday 11th August

Hollin - TBC (ring for details)
Belfield/Cloverhall - Belfield Primary School

Thursday 22nd July - Thursday 12th August

Kirkholt
Balderstone Senior School

Ages 9 -13 4.30 - 5.15pm
Ages 14 -18 5.15 - 6.00pm

For more details please contact **Ruth Sillence, Communities First Co-ordinator on 01706 651425.**

Blooming Lovely!



management areas.

This years competition has new categories and prizes to encourage even more tenants to take part and ensure that everyone has an equal chance of winning.

A great way to improve your environment and get involved in an exciting event!

RBH has been part of the Council's successful **Borough in Bloom** competition for the last 3 years awarding prizes for the best garden by a council tenant in each of our housing

Enhance your own garden/ patio/ balcony or a communal area; it's up to you -

there's a category to suit everyone.

There will be a presentation lunch for short listed entries in the autumn with trophies and prizes .

To find out more or get an entry form contact Ruth Sillence – Communities First Co-ordinator on 01706 651 425 or email ruth.sillence@rbhousing.org.uk

The closing date for entries is Friday 25th June 2010.



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