



PUBLIC MEETING FOR RESIDENTS
 with Devon CC about future
 Newcourt Railway Station

THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER
 8pm-9.30pm @ Tesco Café
 Arrive 7.45pm for refreshments
 (Thank you Tesco for your help!)

Let us know if you are planning to come,
 and/or if you want an advance email
 summary of DCC's proposal.
newcourtca@gmail.com or 874482

Dear Resident

Welcome to the 2nd edition of *Newcourt News*, bringing you up to speed with some of what's happening (and not happening) on the estate.

It's great to be living on a brand new estate and seeing it take shape under the hands of our developers! We knew it would be 'work in progress'. But probably the thing that bugs us most are the facilities - that many of us had been told would be here by now - that aren't here yet. Like (3 years on for some) still no Play Park, no bus service, no shop, no school, nor even something apparently really simple like a notice board! Of course, it would be great if we could also have an outdoor MUGA where youngsters can kick a football without fear of breaking a window. Could there ever be money for something like that? And wouldn't it be helpful to have the odd dog bin, litter bin and post box?!

Thankfully, a lot of people reading this letter have been working hard to try to get some of these things sorted. Conversations, emails, letters, phone-calls have been happening between residents, Councillors, Council Officers and Persimmon. Some of our efforts have been successful and others, alas, not yet! Surely it won't be long before we see the bus running now the speed humps have been sorted?

Like it or not, we live on a building site, and most of the roads and public spaces are still privately owned by Persimmon (and Barratt as they start work on land north of Old Rydon Lane). These will remain the developers' property until in finished condition for the City or County Council to take them over. It seems to us that the solution to 'no Bus and no Play Park' is for our Councils and Persimmon to talk to each other - but this doesn't seem as easy as it sounds. That's where all of us joining together in a bit of united action in encouraging Persimmon and our Councils to get these problem issues sorted, could help. Are you up for that?

love local food **Mobile Shop!**
Omaha Drive
 (around the junction with River Plate Rd)
Tuesdays between 5.00 - 5.30
 Selling local organic vegetables, fruit, bread, eggs, meat, cheese, jams etc plus organic/fair trade groceries. Pop in and say hello!
 Visit www.lovelocalfood.org.uk
 Contact info@lovelocalfood.org.uk
 Phone 01392 824142

HEALTHY START Healthy start voucher can be exchanged for vegetables, fruit and milk from the van. LOTTERY FUNDED Local Food

NCA Public Meeting & AGM
Monday 28 January 2013
Tesco Café
7.30pm

But living on this estate is not chiefly about trying to get others to do things for us. More importantly, it's about what we can do for each other: looking out for ways we can help our neighbours, watching out for the safety of children, driving safely, parking thoughtfully, picking up our own litter (and sometimes unfortunately, other people's); talking and listening to your neighbour about problems rather than ignoring or shouting at them; planting bulbs together. We can also work together to make our new **Neighbourhood Watch** scheme work. You can help that happen by filling in the Neighbourhood Watch flyer that will come your way soon; or be the neighbour who gets people in your street signed up and informed. Let us know if you can help.

The new **Community Centre** will provide us a great opportunity! Do you have any bright ideas about how *we* can use it for the good of *our* community? We'll need to form a management group and enlist a part time Centre Manager. The whole place will depend on volunteers to make it work. Could **you** help?

Newcourt Community Association belongs to you because you live here. And it's not about a few people fixing things but about everyone mucking in. If you'd like to find out more; offer help; make a suggestion; receive updates & newsletters by email: contact newcourtca@gmail.com or link up on the community Facebook page.



We're all in this together!

John Arkell (chairman)

Well done to Hanifah Akhtar (age 10) for winning our logo design competition!

Chairman: John Arkell 874482; **Vice-Chairman:** Paul Johnson 875933
Treasurer: Clive Martin 876741; **Secretary:** Kate Arkell 874482

Community Carols!
Sunday 23 December
4-5pm

Join neighbours for carols with **free** mince pies & mulled wine
 Meet on the green at lower end of River Plate Road
 Bring lantern, wear warm clothes
Best Lantern competition!
paulandalexandra@live.co.uk

Come & play in the band!

What about the school?

The developer has to be ready to provide a school on the estate, if the County Council is ready to fund its running costs. The County will not be taking up that option in Blakeslee Drive, even though some residents were led to expect a school there. Instead there are proposals for a school to be built on land owned by Messrs Dart near the Topsham football club, and another (probably?) up near the A379 dual carriageway.

Persimmon have said they are about to put up noticeboards on the green in Resolution Road & the top of River Plate Road. We're still waiting...

You may never have sung in a choir before. There's no audition. The only qualification is you have to live in Digby or Newcourt! Why not give it a go?

DIGBY and NEWCOURT
COMMUNITY CHOIR

Southern
Rydons
Newcourt



Wednesdays 8-9.30pm
(during term time)
MS Centre, West Wing, Clyst Heath EX2 7EY

Interested? John & Kate Arkell 01392 874482 or katearkell@btinternet.com

What about a shop?

According to the 106 Agreement, Persimmon should provide a shop after 150 homes have been built. Apparently, the only retailer willing to consider putting a shop here was the Co-op. But they won't consider that until there are 600 homes.

Improving our environment

On Saturday 15 September, 20 young and older people did some work round the estate. Half the group picked up litter and the rest planted bulbs at the lower end of River Plate Road. Thanks to Tesco (for bulbs) and St Bridget's (free fertiliser & cost price bulbs).

Next litter picks are **Saturdays 15 December & 16 March 11am till 1pm**. Meet at the lower end of River Plate Road. Adults & children welcome! Refreshments. *Bring your gardening gloves. Pickers & bin bags provided.* [clareparkinson5@gmail.com]

...the Play Park?

The City Council won't build the Play Park until they are satisfied that the land set-aside for it is up to required standard. They're still waiting for Persimmon to submit necessary reports. Want to write to Persimmon & the Council to get them to hurry up and deliver what they've both been promising for over a year?

Estuary League of Friends

transforms the lives of the elderly and not so elderly in this area: providing services to enable people to live in their own

homes, and offering a wide range of every day support; whether transport, home help, gardening, handyman, trips for shopping and outings, cutting toe-nails.

If you need our help, or you would like to volunteer please call us on **01392 879009**.

What about Parking...?

No parking situation can be addressed satisfactorily until the roads are adopted. Then parking in other areas will be considered.

...Speeding?

There will be some random speed checks and police can still enforce speeding tickets regardless of adoption.

Wednesdays 7-9pm - 13-19s

Youth Bus parks on the grass area at the top of River Plate Road. Area Youth Worker, Steff Holwill and the youth team adapt activities for those who come. Phone 01392 686315 steff.holwill@devon.gov.uk

Bus moves nearer: from this...

Thank-you Persimmon for funding the alternative traffic-calming cushions through our estate. A letter of permission from Persimmon to Stagecoach (to allow the bus to go through Persimmon's land) is all that's needed before the **J bus** service can begin. We understand that this letter will soon be on its way. The **J** will link us with Tesco and Exeter city, initially using temporary bus stops.



...to this...



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If you live on the estate, and have your own **small local business**, you could advertise in this newsletter. At the moment, **it's free!**

Estuary Landscaping Ltd of Devon - Garden Design/patios & pathways/brick paving/stone walling/decking & fencing/all aspects of landscaping. Call Laurence on 07870 816447

Community Centre

The Centre will have two floors with meeting rooms, kitchen and facilities; for hire by local residents (and those outside Newcourt, as available). It won't be a sports hall. NCA have done hours of work to prepare a robust business plan to equip and start up the centre which will be presented to the Council in November. After Persimmon have finished the basic build, the City Council will probably need to do more work before it's ready for residents to take over management.

Useful Phone Numbers

Exeter City Council

Abandoned vehicles

01392 265147

Anti-social Behaviour Officer

Steve Stewart 01392 265331

Dog fouling (Dog warden)

01392 265155

Environmental Health Issues

& Fly Tipping 01392 265193

Graffiti/Wheelie Bins

(missed collections) 01392 665010

Recycling 01392 665024

Abandoned Tesco Trolleys

(Exe Vale Store) 0800 505555

Police (non-urgent)

08452 777 444

or 101 (Force Enquiry Centre)

City Councillors

Rob Newby 01392 874033

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Margaret Baldwin 01392 217151

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Devon County Councillor

Andrew Leadbetter 07815 967989

andrew.leadbetter@devon.gov.uk

Tor Housing

Call Centre 03001 238080

Community Development Worker

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Tenancies & Residents

Sam Bourner

Environment & Neighbourhood

Angela Burbidge