Newcourt Community Association newcourtca@gmail.com February 2012

The Newcourt Community Association has begun! On Monday 23 January, seventy two residents from Newcourt and Old Rydon Ley, our three Councillors and four key representatives from the Council, Tor Homes and Persimmon packed the Plantsman's Café at St Bridget Nurseries.

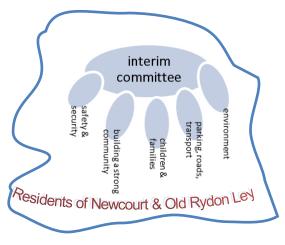
The Vision

"We are at the beginning of a totally new community. What kind of place do we want this to be?" said resident John Arkell as he introduced the evening. "More important than nice facilities, is a community of people interested in each other, looking out for

each other, where we have got roots and can rely on each other for help. Tonight, we are hoping to set up a community association and discover people who can help shape it."

Model Structure

Resident Paul Johnson sketched out a possible structure: all Newcourt and Old Rydon Ley residents are part of the wider association (inside wavy blue line). An interim committee needs to start work, supported by subgroups that tackle the different areas. A representative from each subgroup will be on the committee.



Structure of NCA

Involvement

Everyone wrote their top 3 concerns/ideas/hopes on post-it notes. These were categorised (numbers in brackets): Environment (31); Parking (40), Roads & Transport (40); Children & Families (20); Building Strong Community (29); Safety & Security (10).

Next Steps

37 people volunteered to be part of a subgroup or the committee. Those who volunteered for the interim committee will meet at the end of February, and subgroups as soon as they can organise themselves after that. Dawn Rivers, (Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer at Exeter City Council) is available to work with us.

Noticeboards, scheduled to be erected soon, will help communication.

Community Centre

Plans for a Community Centre were available to view. This will be on the corner of Omaha Drive and Blakeslee Drive. Building should start in a couple of months. Several residents volunteered to be on this working group with the council.



Did you miss it?

If you weren't able to be at the launch meeting on Monday 23 January, you can still be involved. Contact the interim committee via EMAIL - **newcourtca@gmail.com** with your comments, ideas and suggestions, or to volunteer.

There will be elections for the committee at the next meeting of the Newcourt Community Association in about six months' time.

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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 and Fly Tipping

01392 265193

Graffiti/Wheelie Bins

(missed collections) 01392 665010 **Recycling**

01392 665024

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Police (non-urgent) 08452 777 444

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