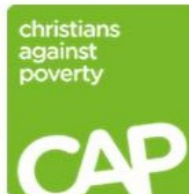




Are you struggling with DEBT?

CAP provides free debt counselling for anyone, regardless of faith or religion, through a series of home visits. CAP, a national debt counselling charity with 205 centres offers hope and a solution to anyone in debt through its unique in-depth service. The Exeter branch can be contacted by phoning 0800 328 0006. www.capuk.org



Estuary League of Friends transform the lives of the elderly and not so elderly in this area. They provide services to enable people to live in their own home; offer 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 **01392 879009**.



Brownies & Guides coming to Newcourt!

A Brownie (7-10yrs) and a Guide (10-14yrs) unit is currently running on Thursday evenings at the MS Centre, Clyst Heath, which will transfer to Newcourt Community Centre when it has opened.

Recent activities have included challenge badges, climbing, archery, canoeing, crafts and an International Camp. If your daughter is interested in joining us, please contact Dawn Courtney on DDNSMM@aol.com.



Useful Phone Numbers:

(NB. Exeter Local STD Dialling code - 01392 is required for mobiles)

Newcourt Community Association (NCA)

Chairman: John Arkell **Vice-Chairman:** Paul Johnson
Treasurer: Clive Martin **Secretary:** Kate Arkell
Email: newcourtca@gmail.com
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/rydonsandfairwaysresidents/>
Website: <http://newcourtca.org.uk> (under construction)
Note: to just leave a message please Tel.: 01392 248615

NHS Direct

Tel.: 111
Website: www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

Local NHS

Devon Doctors (on-call) - 0845 6710270
Glasshouse Lane Medical Centre, Glasshouse Lane, EX2 7BT - Tel.: 873500
Topsham surgery, Holman Way, Topsham, EX3 0EN - Tel.: 874646
Email: topshamadmin@nhs.net
Website: www.topshamsurgery.gpsurgery.net
Pharmacy: Countess Wear - 877000 and Topsham - 873063

Police / PCSO (non-urgent / Force Enquiry Centre)

Tel.: 101 - Email: Exeter_east@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk
Textphone 18001 101 for the deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired

Exeter City Council

Abandoned vehicles - Tel.: 265147
Anti-social Behaviour Officer - Steve Stewart - Tel.: 265331
Dog fouling (Dog warden) - Tel.: 265155
Environmental Health Issues & Fly Tipping - Tel.: 265193
Graffiti/Wheelie Bins (missed collections) - Tel.: 665010
Recycling - Tel.: 665024

City Councillors

Rob Newby - Tel: 874033 - Email: cllr.rob.newby@exeter.gov.uk
Margaret Baldwin Tel.: 217151 - Email: cllr.margaret.baldwin@exeter.gov.uk

Devon County Councillor

Andrew Leadbetter - Tel: 07815 967989
Email: andrew.leadbetter@devon.gov.uk

Tor Housing

Call Centre - Tel.: 03001 238080
Community Development Worker - Lesley Browne - Tel.: 814433
Email: lesley.browne@dchgroup.com

Abandoned Tesco Trolleys (Exe Vale Store) - Tel.: 0800 505555

Local facilities

Topsham Library - Website: www.devon.gov.uk/topsham_library
Recycling at Tesco, Glasshouse Lane, Pinhoe and Marsh Barton
Glasshouse Lane shops (incl. '1-stop-shop', Post Office, 'chippy', hairdressers)
Digby Retail Park (near Tesco, incl. PC World/Currys, Halfords, KFC, Pizza Hut)
Trinity Church, Clyst Heath - Website: www.trinityexeter.com

If you want to respond to anything in this newsletter email newcourtca@gmail.com or leave a message on 01392 248615.

If you have a community event you would like us to advertise, please contact us on comms@newcourtca.org.uk with full details and we will aim to produce a poster for the community Noticeboards/Facebook/Newsletter. Our community newsletter is produced twice a year in June and November. Please let us have your news & feedback at comms@newcourtca.org.uk or by phoning the NCA Secretary (see useful contact numbers).

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!**

Christians in Newcourt

A group of Christians from different churches meet together once a month (on 3rd Sunday) 4-5.30pm in a local home for tea & cake, and to pray for our community. If you live here in Newcourt and would like to come, contact Alex. All ages welcome. Children need to come with their parent/carer.

paulandalexandra@live.co.uk or 875933

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Welcome to the 4th edition of Newcourt News! - especially if you've recently moved into the community.

Since the launch of our Community Association in January 2012, our community has grown from 300 homes to 500. We've had some **successes** working together as a community: helping to get the **J Bus** service launched at the beginning of the year; and turning the promise of a **Play Park** into reality in October (see photo above). Several of us spent time pressing for action, phoning, meeting and emailing council and developer officers; and a dozen residents went door knocking to collect 250 signed petition letters. We've also become a registered **charity**.

We have a fledgling **neighbourhood watch** scheme. Our environment team have organised **bulb planting** (watch this space come the spring) and **litter picks**; we have had **summer picnics** and a **summer fair**. And we've been involved in negotiating modifications to the plans for **Newcourt Station**, due for completion in autumn 2014.

We have had some **disappointments**. Last year the hoarding on the corner of Blakeslee Drive stated, *Persimmon - building your community centre. Open Autumn 2012*. Now it is autumn 2013! The Council won't take ownership of the building until Persimmon has completed fixing some snags. We've now been waiting for weeks for Persimmon to get on with this. Then the Council have to get some additional alterations done before the building is usable. It will be well into 2014 before the Centre is ready. But maybe this will open up some novel ways to get to meet others who live here?

Now is your opportunity to get involved - whether you've been here a while and have been thinking you'd like to help make things happen, or you've recently moved into a David Wilson, Barratt, Charles Church or Persimmon home - you can help shape the future of our community.

There are several small teams that need your support: communications, neighbourhood watch (could you be a street rep for the people living in the homes round you?), environment, social events/fundraising (a specific need for someone to help us approach trusts who want to help communities work together), finances, transport (specially the railway station plans). And we want to start a couple of action groups of young people and parents who want to make this a great place for young people to live.

A new estate is a gift to us all. It's like having a clean artist's canvas and **you** can get involved and help paint a brilliant picture! Newcourt community will become what we make it together, and there's lots of room for creative ideas and practical help. Check out some of the opportunities mentioned in this newsletter. Or you can email me care of newcourtca@gmail.com

Lastly, please put the Newcourt Community Association AGM date in your diary: **Monday evening 27 January 2014**. I'd love to see you there.

With early good wishes for Christmas and the New Year!

John Arkell

PS. If you are not on the residents' email list, please email newcourtca@gmail.com with your email address. It's the easiest way to be kept up to date with the latest news about community developments.

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Give blood at Sandy Park!

If you are aged between 17 and 65, weigh more than 50 kg (7 stone 12lbs) and are in general good health, you could potentially save lives by becoming a blood donor. There is no upper age limit for donors who have donated in the last two years. <http://www.sandy-park.co.uk/events.php> To book an appointment call the Donor Line on 03001 232323 or visit www.blood.co.uk

Contacting our PCSO

We have a Police Community Support Officer for Countess Wear & Newcourt. If you need to contact the police: in an EMERGENCY, phone 999. If not urgent, phone 101 or email Exeter_east@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk



Ikea are planning to come to the corner of Newcourt Way, at the junction with the A379. To find out more about the planning application, follow this link - <http://pub.exeter.gov.uk/scripts/Acolnet/planning/acolnetcgi.gov> - then type in the application number in the box **13/4525/01**. They also propose 220 houses on the site - the application number is: **13/4524/01**.

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 voucher can be exchanged for vegetables, fruit and milk from the van.

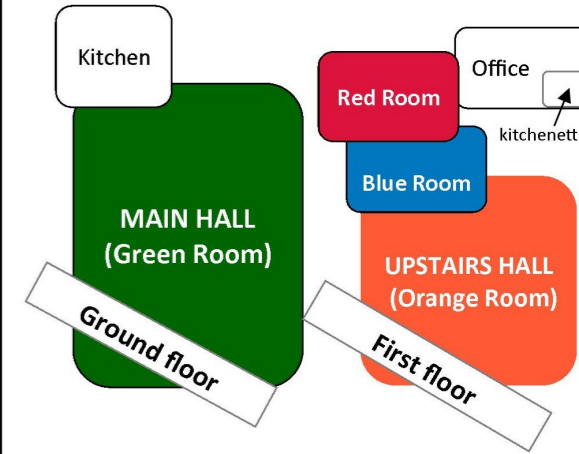
Newcourt Community Carols

Sunday 22 December
 4-5pm on
**Greenacres Green
 Admiral Way**

Mince pies & Mulled wine
 Come & join neighbours & residents from all corners of our estate
 Bring a lantern & wrap up!
paulandalexandra@live.co.uk



Community Centre Rooms



This sketch will give you some idea of what is available in the centre - which is also equipped with toilets (including disabled & nappy changing), several storage rooms and a lift. We await advice on maximum numbers for each room.

Neighbourhood Watch & Street Reps

'keeping an eye open for new neighbours'
 Communities are safer places to live when neighbours know one another. So if you haven't joined already, please join the Newcourt Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Contact nwatch@newcourtca.org.uk

Could you be a street/section rep?

All it means is...

- Being a friendly face and point of contact for people living near you if people need help
- Helping people know that they are an important part of our community
- Encouraging involvement in our Neighbourhood Watch scheme

If you think you could do that for a few homes in *your* street, contact our NW coordinator, Neil Bennett at nwatch@newcourtca.org.uk



TEN STEPS for kid's online safety...

1. take responsibility for guarding your child's internet activity
2. keep the computer/TV in a family room;
3. don't give your child TV/internet access in their bedroom
4. install parental control software to block unsuitable sites
5. learn about internet security
6. limit your child's internet access time
7. talk with your child about the dangers of the internet and explain that you want to protect him/her from harm
8. check your child's internet history files
9. remember that your child *can* survive without a smart phone!
10. be courageous enough to be different from other parents

www.careforthefamily.org.uk/pesterpower

All Newcourt residents are invited to the NCA Annual General Meeting Monday 27 January 2014
 7.30 for 7.45pm
 Finish by 9.45pm
 in Community Centre

Primary School

The proposal for a 420-place Church of England voluntary-aided community primary & nursery school in Seabrook Orchards (see map on front) is moving forward. The decision will ultimately be made by Devon County Council, following formal proposals and statutory notice. The plan is to open the first phase of the school in September 2016, though this is dependent on house-building on the estate. More information can be found at www.exeter.anglican.org



Come & sing with the Community Choir!
 Wednesdays 8-9.30pm
 during term time

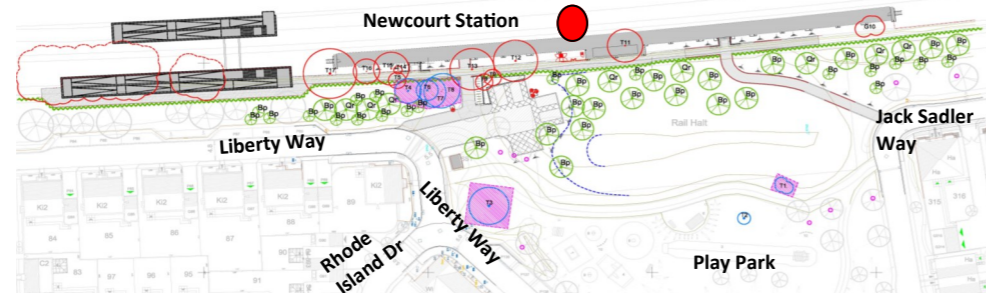
MS Centre, Clyst Heath EX2 7EY
 It's fun and guaranteed to get your feet tapping. It's a great way to meet people in our community. There's no audition, you just have to live **here!**
Interested?
 Contact John & Kate
 07930 348210 or kate@arkells.net



Wednesdays 10-11.30am during term time in the Community Centre.
Start date to be confirmed.
 For more information, or to put your name on the list, contact Judy, care of newcourtca@gmail.com

Newcourt babies & toddlers is organised and run by Christians from different churches who live in Newcourt & Digby, & is sponsored by the parish church.

Public Transport



Newcourt Station is anticipated to be open by autumn 2014 with the work planned to start during the summer of 2014. Trains will stop every 30 minutes and the journey time to Exeter will be just over 10 minutes. The platform will accommodate 6 coaches.

The J Bus runs from the Tesco store up River Plate Road (13 & 43 minutes past the hour), down Omaha Drive and stops at Lakeside (Countess Wear) before heading along the Topsham Road into Exeter and onto Pinhoe. Stagecoach eventually plan to place bus stops in Newcourt Way (Barratt's development) and also in Admiral Way, Greenacres.

Pregnant and worried?

Confidential, caring support for those facing a crisis because of pregnancy. Contact our dedicated team of advisors for further information and appointments. Local helpline: 07826 715377

Pavements that aren't!



We have just discovered that the narrow pavements on our estate (for example, sections of Liberty Way, Rhode Island Drive, Jack Sadler Way) are actually **Service Strips**. These are

public highway verges (tarmac or grass) between the road and the boundary of your plot, and they contain utility services. If, like Rhode Island Drive, your front garden has got some 'boundary marker blocks' in it, the grass on the road side is not yours - but the Council would love you to cut it!

Service Strips are also there as a 'pedestrian refuge'; and roads with Service Strips are classed as **Shared Spaces** - which means the road is shared by cars, delivery lorries, bikes, pushchairs, adults, teenagers, children and dogs. This urban design was first proposed in 1991. Schemes are aimed at reducing the dominance of the motor car. The theory goes, that by introducing a degree of uncertainty and making it unclear who has right of way, drivers reduce their speed, and everyone is more careful. (yes, you did read that right...)

But there is confusion. Let's take a virtual walk along Liberty Way with a pushchair and a toddler. We'd be on the pavement from house numbers 1 to 21. But then suddenly the pavement jumps to a Service Strip. It isn't wide enough for a pushchair, let alone a toddler alongside. We will have to walk in the road. But that's OK because it's a shared pathway. **[But do the drivers know this...?]**