



# Press release

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## Gloucester City Homes Lucky Bike Winner

Gloucester City Homes held a Crime Prevention family Fun Day in Coney Hill on March 27th 2010 with funding from the Gloucester CDRP (Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership).

The event was held at Coney Hill Rugby Club and had an Easter theme. Activities included an Easter egg hunt and card making; biscuit decorating; a bouncy castle; bingo and giant games. Gloucestershire Constabulary supported the event and officers from Hucclecote Safer Community Team helped with the treasure hunt. This had a bike safety theme to tie in with Operation Dazzle, which is currently ongoing across the city.

The first prize in the treasure hunt was a brand new bike and accessories. Everyone taking part received a bike-themed prize including locks, bicycle lights, flasks and drawstring bags.

The lucky winner of the bike was 5-year old Lana Wiseman, from Abbeydale. Lana's name was picked out of a hat after all the children had completed an ASB themed quiz and a survey on what they thought about anti social behaviour (ASB) in the area.

Many people commented on how they had enjoyed the day and Gloucester City Homes gained some valuable information from residents about ASB in the area. The young people and children we surveyed gave us their views on anti social behaviour, why they think it occurs and what might help stop it. Gloucester City Homes will use this information to look at preventative measures and possible future projects in the area.

**Victoria King-Lowe, Anti-Social Behaviour Team Manager says:**

"This event highlights the commitment of multi-agency partners to preventing ASB and engaging with our communities to work together to improve the services we provide. Gloucester City Homes in partnership with Gloucester City Council's Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership would like to thank everyone who took part in the event to make it successful."

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

**Gloucester City Homes** is a 2 star Arms Length Management Company, which provides housing management services to 4900 homes in Gloucester on behalf of the City Council. The company is carrying out a £40 million improvement programme to bring customers' homes to the Decent Homes Standard. Since Gloucester City Homes was created in 2005 it has:

- Achieved a 2\* rating (Good service) from the Audit Commission in June 2007
- Secured £39.6 million in Decent Homes funding to meet the Government's Decent Homes standard and completed improvements to over 1200 homes in the City.
- Become the first housing provider in the County to achieve a Gold standard for its supporting people services
- Achieved Investors in People Accreditation for performance management of our staff
- Achieved ISO 9001 for Quality Management systems, re-accredited again in September 2009 following re-inspection
- Achieved "managing for others" status with the Housing Corporation
- Achieved Investment Partner status with the Housing Corporation
- Implemented a programme of training for staff to achieve the Institute of Customer Service Awards

- Achieved the Customer Services Excellence Award in April 2009 and Special Recognition Award in October 2009
- Achieved the Equalities Framework Award April 2009