



Press release

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GCH Not in My Neighbourhood Week Events

Gloucester City Homes Anti Social Behaviour Team in partnership with Gloucestershire Police is taking part in a series of events to improve safety in local communities as part of Not in My Neighbourhood Week. (NIMNW)

The aim of NIMNW is to inform local people of action taking place in their community to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) and to make their communities safer, it will also be an opportunity for agencies to talk with our residents and members of the community and get their views on their area. Events over the week will focus on raising awareness among the local community of the work that GCH does in partnership with the Police and other local agencies to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour, increasing public confidence and community engagement with these agencies.

Date	Time	Venue	Event
Monday 2 nd November	6-9pm	Tredworth	Survey of residents to find out their perceptions of ASB in the area.
Wednesday 4 th November	7-8.30pm	Widden School, Barton	A chance for residents to speak to GCH ASB Officers and Police about local issues.
Thursday 5 th November	7-9pm	Coney Hill Walkabout	GCH Officers, Police and Gloucester City Council Officers walk the area to meet local people.
	7-9pm	Parry Hall, Tredworth	Bonfire Night fun including food, music and activities for young people. Organised by youth and supported by many partnership agencies.
Friday 6 th November	9-12noon	St Michael's Tower	NIMNW Neighbourhood Watch Event

GCH Anti-Social Behaviour Manager Victoria King-Lowe says:

'Not in my Neighbourhood Week is an opportunity for GCH and our partner agencies to get the views of the local community on the perception of their area, we will also be raising the awareness of the work that we do with our partners to resolve anti-social behaviour. Not in my Neighbourhood Week demonstrates GCH's commitment to tackling anti-social behaviour on their estates and working with the Police to improve communities and make people feel safer.'

PC James Bryon from the Barton, Tredworth and White City Safer Communities Team adds

'By working together with Gloucester City Homes during 'Not in my neighbourhood week' we hope to show the communities we serve that by working in partnership with other agencies and with the community that we can tackle and address issues that are of concern to them.'

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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

