

Press release

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GCH tenants take pride in their community

Gloucester City Homes launches a brand new programme of events this month when its first Community Pride Day takes place in Tredworth. The new event is being held at Hartland Road allotment site, Tredworth, on Wednesday 8th April starting at 10am.

The concept of Community Pride has been developed in partnership with tenants during a review of 2008 Community Action Days and marks a significant move from tidying areas to developing community pride. Each event will feature different activities, individually tailored to the needs and interests of residents in that area.

The Community Pride Day is being held in partnership with Tredworth Estates Tenants and Residents Association, White City Adventure Playground, Vision 21, Lovell, Grassroots Grants and Hartpury College. and aims to encourage young people in the area to grow their own vegetables as well as raise awareness about living a greener lifestyle.

Activities include preparing an area of land to grow vegetables followed by a planting session. There will be arts and craft activities for younger children at Parry Hall. Teas and coffees will be provided courtesy of Tredworth Pensioners Club and hot lunches will also be served.

Community Pride Days are an opportunity for local residents to join together and take part in activities that will make a real difference to the community and instil a sense of pride in the community.

Local residents are welcome to join in on the day and should come to Parry Hall for 10am, and wear suitable clothing and footwear.

For further information please contact GCH Resident Involvement Team on 0800 408 2000 or visit www.gloscityhomes.co.uk

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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 on the 9th March 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

