

## Make A Change



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- ✓ In original packages / flat packed
- ✓ Full length hanging rail
- ✓ Top Shelf
- ✓ Never used
- ✓ Cost £100 each
- ✓ Sell: £70 each or £130 for the 2 (ono)
- ✓ Collect from Southam House

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## Keep Safe around Water

When the weather is hot and there's a pool, pond, lake, canal or river nearby it's tempting to go for a swim. However, every year adults and children drown in open water spaces as they're not always aware of the dangers.

Remember these basic water safety rules:

- ◆ Never allow children to play near water without an adult present
- ◆ Never throw or push anyone in the water for fun - they may not be able to swim or there could be debris, rubbish, water weed, etc under the surface that cannot be seen.
- ◆ Never run by the edge of water - you may trip and fall in

If you see someone in trouble in the water:

- ◆ Never jump into the water yourself
- ◆ Keep calm and throw them something that will float e.g. a lifebuoy, if one is available
- ◆ Shout for help to get support to find something that will float
- ◆ Phone 999 for help

## Pet of the Month



Hello. My name is Bruce. I had lived in Southam House very quietly for 12 year until last year my hooman brought home two companions for me, Sooty and Suzie. One I like very much, but the other I'm not so keen on.

I'm originally from Blackpool and, like Sooty and Suzie, I needed a loving home. I'm quite aloof and like to do my own thing. I don't like being picked up or having my photo taken!



# Holly Rise Newsletter

## July 2025



## Housing Manager's Message



Firstly, a huge "thank you" to everyone who came along to the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025. It was good to see so many faces and hopefully more people will pop along next year.

"Thank you" also to our visitors who included representatives from Birmingham City Council, West Midlands Fire Service and our external, financial auditors, Jerroms GCN Ltd.

And finally, a huge "thank you" to David Wray who chaired the event before stepping away from the committee after many years of loyal and dedicated service. I'm sure none of us can underestimate David's contribution to Holly Rise over the years and will join me in wishing him a well earned and deserved retirement.

For those of you who couldn't make it, you'll be pleased to hear Holly Rise raised £289.04 for local charitable causes. This will be split equally between Acorn's Children's Hospice and Wythall Animal Sanctuary following a tied vote.

Garth and Rita from Claverdon House won the 2025 Beautiful Balcony Competition after everyone viewed the entries. It was remarkable to see how different each balcony was. Each reflecting the personalities and interests of it's owner(s). Each adding a relaxing space to a home.

The winners of the prize draws for attending the AGM, completing the Holly Rise Repair Feedback Form and the Annual Tenant Survey were Wendy, Marguerite and Richard.

As for the committee, there are now 10 members with Hamida and Sakina joining Maguerite, Richard, David, Ameerah, Sharon, Agnieszka, Jade and Glenda. They will continue to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month so please remember to let them have your comments and suggestions to help them make decisions to benefit everyone at Holly Rise.

Unfortunatley, there is still an anti-social behaviour issue at Claverdon House and I would urge all residents to remain vigil. Please remove items propping the entrance doors open and report any criminal activity e.g. drug dealing, drug taking, vandalism, violence, domestic abuse, etc immediately to the police on 101. They may not come immediately, but the more reports on file, the more likely they will increase their presence in the area. Alternatively, anti-social behaviour can be reported directly to the council as it is a breach of Clause 6, Conditions of Tenancy. This can be done anonymously via the council's website. If you don't have access to the internet or are unsure as to what to do, please contact the office for help.

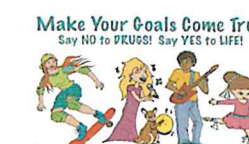
Vehicles speeding on Hollybank Road continue to cause concern and with the school holidays about to start, a petition by Holly Rise residents for traffic calming measures has been started. If you're asked to sign it, please do.



And, as always, please remember to tell the office as as soon as you see a problem:

Visit the office: 9am - 5pm Monday  
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☎: 0121 441 1195  
📞 07563 807 844  
via WhatsApp  
via email: hollyrise@outlook.com  
via website: hollyrisehousingco-opltd.co.uk

Urgent "Out of Hours" repairs should be reported directly to Birmingham City Council i.e. after 5pm and before 9am or at the weekend.



Jane