

Kingsmeadow

Newsletter

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What a day!

The sun shone brightly last April 2nd, smiling down on all the activity at the **Kingsmeadow Community Flat**. It was the first day of the Easter Dreamscheme and loads of people young and old turned out for a



Falconry School provided up close and personal contact with fascinating birds of prey; creative young people made Easter bonnets with prizes going to the most beautiful;

spectacular day of work and fun.



people were welcome to see (and sit!) inside a fire engine; and a fine DJ kept toes tapping and spirits soaring!

The morning saw young people scouring the area for litter in a hugely successful Community Clean Up; a whole skip of rubbish was collected!



There was loads more going on, with cakes, smoothies, and Spots and Stripes on hand to keep us all active and happy.

After a well earned lunch, residents young and old enjoyed an afternoon of games and activities. The green was the site of several fun and friendly games of rounders; the

Well done to everyone for all the hard work – it really paid off!

Community Survey Results

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to do the community survey, either on your doorstep with one of our surveyors, through the post or over the phone. You've given us the kind of detailed information we need to see how we are doing.

The survey shows that after three years of the Building Communities Together programme, we've accomplished some good work together - but there are still some challenges ahead!

About the survey: what we did

The survey gives us a clear picture of how you feel about the Kingsmeadow community this spring.

We wanted to make sure we heard from as many people as possible. We did this by:

- Going door-to-door over two days to speak in person with residents. We visited every Knightstone property in Gilpin Close, Witcombe Close, Barrington Court and Lees Court.
- Leaving surveys with postage-paid return envelopes at homes where we were not able to speak with residents in person.
- Phoning residents to complete surveys over the phone.

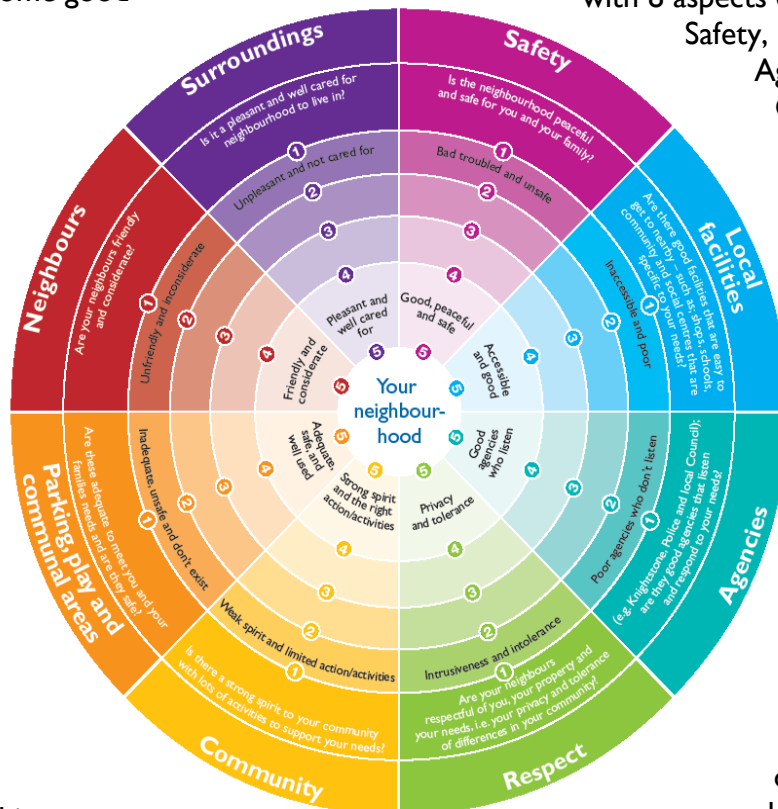
We did this so every Knightstone resident who wanted to could give us their views.

After doing all this, we had 44 completed responses, which represents 46% of our residents in this community. Statistically speaking, this means we have enough people's opinions to be sure the results are a realistic snapshot of general opinion.

What did we ask?

The survey asked how satisfied residents are with 8 aspects of the community – Safety, Local Facilities, Agencies, Respect, Community, Parking and communal areas, Neighbours, and Surroundings.

They rated their satisfaction with each of these things on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being poor and 5 being excellent. If someone rated an something at three or less, they were asked what they thought could be done to improve things.



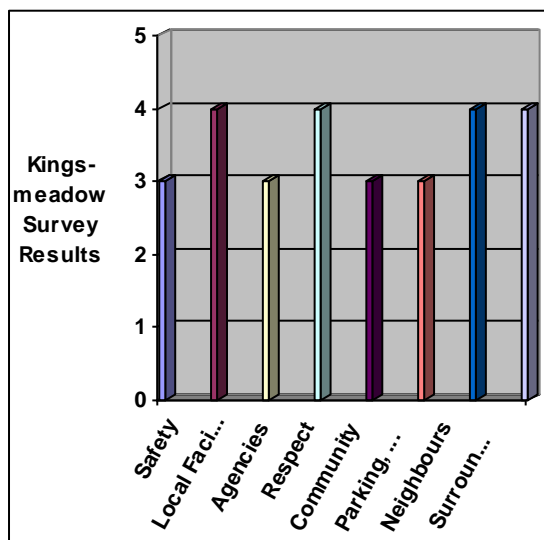
The Community Wheel Survey

We also asked how satisfied residents are with the work of the Building Communities Together (BCT) Project. This is the project that started the clean up and fun days, got the parking bays repainted and numbered and has tried to help raise community spirit and neighbourliness in Kingsmeadow. We asked residents to rate their satisfaction on a scale of 1 to 10. We asked everyone who gave the project less than an 8 for ideas for what still needs to be done.

What did you answer?

The results show residents are reasonably satisfied with local facilities, the respect you give and receive from one another, your neighbours, and your surroundings. You gave these things an average of 4 out of 5.

However, your satisfaction with your sense of safety in the neighbourhood, with local agencies, with your sense of community, and with parking, play and communal areas all rated only 3 out of 5 on average. This means these areas need work, and Knightstone will be looking at how we can help.



We heard several concerns again and again. These were:

- **Concerns about speeding cars and about motorbikes and pushbikes going too fast on the paths and on the green.**
- **That it's good to have activities for children and young people but it would be nice to have activities for adults too.**
- **People parking carelessly, persistent problems with litter, dog fouling and misuse of the play areas shows that neighbourliness and being aware of the needs of others could be improved.**
- **Drug issues in the area**

So we've got the results. What happens next?

Knightstone's Community Empowerment team would like to make a plan with you for tackling these problems.

To do this, we need to talk with you about what you can do, and how we can help.

Over the coming months we will hold events in the community to look at each of these issues and get some action started. Some will be easier to deal with than others; some are likely to take some time. For example, to deal with speeding motorbikes on paths, we'd need to know from you exactly where it might be good to put bollards to prevent speeding. The paths are owned by the council so we'll need to get them involved too. It may take time to get a plan together and get agreement for the work from the council, but it will be worth it!

The main thing is
WE CAN DO IT
if we work
TOGETHER !

Look out for more details coming your way SOON. We really want to be sure you know what's being planned over the coming months. To help with that we will put out a newsletter like this every other month.

I'm looking for ideas and help; I'd love to hear from you! Please call or text me, Katie Scaife, on 07796946095 with your thoughts. You can also email me at katie.scaife@knightstone.co.uk.

Work Club Mentors Required!

Know people looking for work?
Know people with too much time on their hands?
Think you could help them make something more of their lives?

Knightstone is running a **free training and support scheme** for you to set up a Job Club in your area. For more details call or text Poppy on 07796930249

Has your get up and go got up and left?

Having trouble with money or health?
Struggling to stay positive and well? Feeling isolated and alone?

If you feel like this, you might be interested in a new friendship group that is starting. We are looking for ideas now about how the group could run, where to hold it, what we could do etc. The plan is to have a group where you will be picked up and dropped home, tea/ coffee and biccies provided, and where you'd get company, support, and fun. Whatever your reason for coming, you'd be most welcome!

For more details call or email me – my contact details are at the bottom of this page.

Dates for your diary!

18 June: Summer Community Clean Up and Fun Day planning 10-11 at the Kingsmeadow Community Flat.

23 June: Lantern Workshop at St Stephen's Church. 10 – 3.

17 July: Pamper day at the Community Flat! Come for yoga, healthy food, holistic therapy and treatments, and more! 10 – 2.

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At the Kingsmeadow Community Flat

Saturday June 2nd 2012

A Trip to Butlin's Minehead for all those involved in the Easter 'Big Clean Up' and other Easter activities!

Wednesday June 6th 2012

For those interested in bikes, Ryan from Sustrans will be leading a workshop in fixing and maintaining bikes. And for those with green fingers, Sally from Wildways will teach all about planting seeds and developing our gardens.

Thursday June 7th 2012

In Celebration of the Diamond Jubilee and 60 years of The Queen's reign we will have a trip to Kingswood Park to attend the Diamond Jubilee Family Fun Day.

Friday June 8th 2012

A trip to Facility Park for more fun, doing another scavenger hunt and nature walk. Then will be holding our own Jubilee tea party with include music, food and cool games!

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Like writing? Do you want to share a story or ideas with your neighbours? Get involved with writing the next Kingsmeadow Newsletter! For more details, please call or text Katie Scaife on 07796946095 or email Katie.Scaife@knightstone.co.uk