

Kingsmeadow

For all area residents - Knightstone, Merlin, Guinness, private tenants, owners!

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Newsletter

November 2012

Community Safety Group keeps making things happen!

The speed visor is now up in Gilpin. It has two purposes. It flashes to warn people to slow down and it also records the speed people are driving.

The record will show how big a problem speeding is. It will be evidence to help make changes to the road to try and reduce speeding.

The **next Community Safety meeting** will be at:

Kingsmeadow Community Flat
Friday 23 November
10:30 – 12:30

See you there!

At the next meeting, we hope to have some ideas from Steve Essery, the Council's Highways staff. He's been thinking about ways to reduce speeding on the footpaths and green. Come along and take a look! Help decide what ideas work best.

Did you know about... calling 101

This is the non-emergency number to call the police. You can use it to report non-urgent things like nuisance or concerns.

You can report things anonymously. It costs only 15p per call no matter how long you are on the line.

You can speak to a police officer about your concerns, like you've seen a motorbike tearing up the green. You don't have to call while something's happening – you can call when you next have a moment.

The police will call you back later and let you know what they've done.

The police will never tell anyone you complained about that it was you who complained. They won't even phone you back if you ask them not to.

You can also call or text the police mobile numbers. You may not get an instant response but your call will be logged.

It's **important** to report trouble everytime you see it. The police only know there's a problem if we tell them. If no-one calls, they assume the neighbourhood is fine. Let's make lots of calls and work the system!

🌻 Community garden 🌻 Let's get growing!



These photos are from the community garden in Ecos Court, Frome another Knightstone community. We can have one here in Kingsmeadow! A good place to learn, relax, enjoy.

There is a good sized, unused Garden in Gilpin Close. It is securely behind walls and is crying out for some love and attention.

We've heard that some people would like to learn about gardening or have an allotment.

We've heard that some people would like social activities with their neighbours.

Knightstone would like to work with you to make this garden a community garden. We've done this successfully in other neighbourhoods, as you can see from the pictures.

All ages and abilities are welcome to get involved. And all local people, not just Knightstone residents.

Green fingered and looking for more space? Dreaming about an allotment but worried about getting started? Then this is for you!

Gentle exercise with like-minded people!
Learn, grow, and eventually eat!



And **now** is the ideal time to start planning! We can:

- 🌻 visit the garden,
- 🌻 decide what it should look like,
- 🌻 figure out what we need to do to get it ready for planting in the spring
- 🌻 decide what to grow!

**Come for a coffee at the
Community Flat on
Monday 14 January at 1:30
to get this garden started!**

If you can't make this meeting, feel free to call Katie on 0117 984-8107 to let her know you're interested anyway.

Autumn at the Community Flat!



Toddlers and Parents Play Group

At home with a little one? Come to the **Stay and Play group every Wednesday from 10 – 11:30**. Supported by Sure Start, families with tots aged 0- 5 years can enjoy messy play, story and rhyme time, crafts and games. Spaces are still available! Please contact Jane or Janet at the Community Flat.

Ying Yang Yoga

On **Wednesdays** from 12:30 – 1:30. Space is limited so please call ahead to book your space. Come and get bendy!

Saturday 15th December

10am - 3pm Lantern Making with tutor - Butterfly theme for all the family
4pm - 7pm Christmas Carols by lantern light at Kingsmeadow Flat feat. hot chocolate and mince pies!

FREE Volunteering training

For members of the community - Every Monday, 4.30 - 6.30pm just turn up and meet new people and find out how to get involved in the community.

Helping hand project

Are you a helping hand people can rely on? Have time on your hands and want to help others? The helping hand project is for you! We are looking for people to help with simple jobs like grass cutting, rubbish clearance, winterizing gardens, path clearing, carpet cleaning, and light home help. Free training and support to make sure you're all ready to go. Call the Community Flat to find out more.

Free driving lessons!

Any Driver unemployment skills training complete 3 day course and receive 10 free driving lessons, you need to be 19 years and over, claiming benefits and unemployed - spaces available, book first with Alan 07873649180

For more details on anything above, call Ceri or Jane at

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Photos from the Autumn Half-term Dreamscheme. From top – baking for the elderly, pumpkin carving, the Hallowe'en party.

Attention Young People!

Get on the bus!

The Kingswood Community Bus is landing in Gilpin Close

The Community Bus a free project for young people – like a youth club on wheels. Music, art, information, video, snacks and relaxation – something for everyone will drive up and park in your neighbourhood.

The bus comes to the layby halfway up Gilpin, beside the grassy area and under the big tree. Look for it every Monday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Please can residents avoid parking in the layby on Monday evenings in October, November, and the first week of December.

Watch out for it!

Dates for your diary

Friday 23 November

Community Safety Meeting
Kingsmeadow Community Flat
10:30 – 12:30

Every Monday

Community Youth Bus
Gilpin Close
7 – 9 pm

Every Wednesday

Stay and Play for young families
Kingsmeadow Community Flat
10 – 11:30

Ying Yang Yoga

Kingsmeadow Community Flat
12:30 – 1:30

Sat 15 December

Latern making and Christmas Carols
Kingsmeadow Community Flat

Mon 14 Jan

Community Garden planning
Kingsmeadow Community Flat
1:30 – 3:00

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



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