

TRUMPINGTON MEADOWS DELIVERY & ACTION GROUP - UPDATE

Since the last Parish Meeting, Trumpington Meadows Delivery & Action Group has gone from strength to strength building its supporter base in the development to more than 80 residents from a standing start in August of last year.

The food vans co-ordinated by residents and TMDAG members Gillian Rizvi & Karen Lamb have also continued to support the community on a day to day basis and we have received regular positive feedback from a large number of residents. In addition, we held our first farmers market last Sunday (18th April) with 7 stall holders accompanied by a coffee stall and also a food van. It was incredibly well supported by residents and unsurprisingly also by 4 prospective councillors - anyone would think that an election was coming up! All the stall holders have asked to return on the next occasion that we host, along with an additional 7 stallholders requesting pitches making 14 in total for 16th May once again to be held in the local centre.

Our new media stars Gillian and Karen were interviewed yesterday (Wednesday 21st April) for Cambridge 105's Flavour Programme to be transmitted this Sunday where they explained the success of the food vans and our first Farmers Market here in Trumpington Meadows. They explained how it supports and helps build a new community as well as explaining the desperate need for the shop units in the Local Centre to be filled as a matter of urgency.

We continue to liaise with Clay Farm and James Hems regarding Food Vans and the Markets in order to ensure that all Trumpington Residents get a wide range of produce and food within walking distance.

TMDAG is continuing to press Barratts to deliver on its promise to fix broken or unconnected lights and street signs that have been vandalised as well as to rectify many street problems that have appeared around the development and which need fixing before formal handover to highways. Robert Tyers has been the lead in this area dealing with Sharon Maloney from Highways who has been extremely supportive and who understands our aim to protect the public purse by ensuring Barratts pick up the bill pre handover rather than Highways post handover.

In addition, Robert has been the lead dealing with another major problem for residents relating to Dormer Windows failing as well as serious problems with Solar panels and failing flashing. We are also becoming aware that many panels are actually not connected and hence not generating power even though they were installed as part of the planning conditions. The issues that Robert has uncovered in his report shows that up to 50 properties are affected by one or both problems and both Barratt and NHBC are denying any liability. The cost to residents for fixing these problems could be up to £6,500 per household for dormer windows and almost £2,000 for solar panels meaning a potential financial exposure to residents of up to £145,000. We are about to robustly engage with the MD of Barratts whilst copying in our MP's and existing councillors because of the seriousness of this issue and will take this up further in the media if appropriate as well as with the incoming councillors for Trumpington.

We have recently been advised by several BPHA residents that they feel that the BPHA are not taking their concerns seriously and as a result they have asked us to engage more fully to ensure that they too are fully represented by TMDAG. They have accused the BPHA of failing to fully deal with issues or problems that have been reported through the appropriate channels many times which is a situation that cannot be allowed to continue in a mixed development such as this. As a result we have requested a face to face site meeting here with Rachel Mackay who is the local Area Housing Manager for BPHA as well as Neill Langley the housing Officer for Trumpington Meadows ,but they currently appear to be avoiding engaging with us directly. We will keep you informed as we believe this to be crucial to the development of this mixed housing community for the benefit of all residents.

Finally, plans are coming into focus for the 5th Birthday Celebration on the Country Park which you will hear more about shortly from Events Manager and South Trumpington Parish resident Gillian Rizvi when we explain our request to you for funding in order to support this event on behalf of all residents.

Please join TMDAG - it's free. Email membership@trumpingtonmeadows.org.uk and also report any issues that you may know of through probems@trumpingtonmeadows.org.uk

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