

**COTTERILLS FARM HOUSING
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POLICE SURGERY

There will be a Police Surgery in the office on:

Friday 11th December 2009 between 2pm and 3pm

Please feel free to call in and speak with our local Police Officers. The office staff work closely with them in order to keep our estate as safe as they can. The Police would be interested to know about:

- any problems that you are experiencing or
- any information you are aware of or
- details of anything you have witnessed.

Any bit of information, no matter how trivial, might be of use to the Police Officers. Your information will be treated in the strictest confidence so please help them to help us. Our environment will be more secure if we can all give our support.

OUR NEW COMMITTEE

Our newly elected committee has settled well and they have a number of ideas and events planned during the next few months.

If you want to find out more about what going on, please call in the office any Tuesday morning between 11.00am and 12.00noon to meet some of our members. There will be no obligation whatsoever for you to do anything, just come along to meet us and share your ideas and concerns. ***Throughout December, we will have Christmas treats to enjoy with a cup of tea.***

GAS SERVICE

The Landlords statutory Gas Service to our properties is now due. All Sandwell Homes tenants will be receiving a call during the next few weeks. Very often Contractors will carryout this work and they will not be in a Sandwell van. Be sure to ask for ID and if you are in any doubt whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact the office staff; they will be happy to verify that the caller is genuine.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The committee is looking forward to seeing all the homes being decorated with Christmas lights and trimmings; but just a word of warning, please follow the guidelines on products carefully and take electrical safety into consideration at all times.

TENANT SATISFACTION

Our Annual Tenant Satisfaction form is attached to this Newsletter. We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to fill-in this form and return it back to the office. A small gift will be given to everyone who personally hands-in the form.

All forms that have a name and address on them will also be entered into a draw for a cash prize of £10.

If you prefer to return your form anonymously then that is fine, we still welcome your comments but obviously, we won't be able to enter you into the draw.

TENANTS INCENTIVE SCHEME

Sandwell Homes has been successful in a bid for funding in order to provide an incentive scheme for tenants to move to more suitable smaller accommodation. The initiative is designed to provide practical help and support as well as a financial payment for those tenants who are willing to move from a 2 or more bedroom house to smaller accommodation. (Certain conditions apply). Please call in the office for more information. **YOU NEED TO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR A NEW TENANCY BY 31ST MARCH 2010 TO TAKE UP THIS SCHEME.**