

Summer Play Days



Ahoy there me hearties, Pirate Julia here! Just to tell ye a bit about the great time me 'n the ship mates had over the summer holidays.

With South Holland Tenants' Group at the helm and housing officers and Childrens Links Playrangers as crew mates, we set sail to Sutton Bridge, Surfleet, Gosberton, Crowland and lastly West Pinchbeck

each Wednesday over five weeks. The weather was with us, not a storm came our way to sink our ship. A long voyage I can tell ye, but a grand time all the same.

We made all sort of piratey things including treasure chests to store your booty in and swords to do some swashbuckling with. We also painted some T shirts 'n pirate flags. Lots of me new maties had pirate tattoos and their faces painted - t'was a sight to see. Pirates like to run around, so there were plenty of games to play too. Everywhere we landed, loads of new little shipmates came to join in the fun. Anyway, gotta go now, Pretty Polly's just run off with me gold. See ya maties!

New homes completed

Our own housing company, South Holland Homes has completed its first phase of development of affordable housing.



2 x three bedroom houses at Deeping St Nicholas and 4 x two bedroom houses have been completed at Tydd St Mary. Developed by local builders all houses have been let to households from our housing register.

South Holland Homes plans to continue to develop affordable housing in the district for local people and is currently considering its second phase of building.



Please note: as South Holland Homes' tenants have slightly different tenancy agreements, not everything in the newsletter will relate to all tenants from now on.

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Home insurance rates exclusive to tenants

Under the terms of your tenancy agreement you may be liable for the repairs to your home.

We continue to offer competitive home insurance to tenants with prices from £5.45 per month for tenants aged under 60 and £3.64 for tenants 60 years old and over. There are various payment options including fortnightly or monthly by cash, cheque or direct debit.



Now offering improved standard cover, our insurers also offer the extended accidental damage cover as well as protection for items such as mobility scooters and greenhouses.

If you would like some more information, please call Crystal Insurance on 0845 601 7007

A week in the life of a Trinity Court resident, Crowland

I have lived in Trinity Court for 12 months and feel it is the best move I have ever made.

My local councillor suggested I

speak to the council and before I knew it I was being approached by a member of the Supported Housing team to view a flat.

In the Complex we have a community room that is used very regularly for a variety of events including bingo, whist club, day care and many other types of entertainment. It's great, but you don't have to join in if you don't want to.

Located only a stone's throw from the town and bus route to Peterborough and Spalding. We have the reliance of a pull cord system that enables us to get help if required. As well as this, a scheme manager is available in the week, for support and company.

At Trinity Court, I am independent but know help is there if I need it - I have never been so happy!

Sheltered schemes in South Holland

We provide sheltered housing throughout the district to meet the needs of older people. With nearly 1000 dwellings, it provides an environment which allows residents to keep their independence in homes which are suited to their needs. In the case of an emergency, help is provided through a scheme manager or a 24 hour emergency alarm system.

Anyone can apply for sheltered housing provided they are over 60 years old and not in employment or working less than 16 hours per week. You do not have to have a daily call from the scheme manager. There are currently vacancies in Trinity Court, Crowland and Nene Court, Spalding ready for immediate letting.

If you would like to view one of our vacant homes or discuss sheltered housing, please call Lisa, Linda or Sheila on 01775 764528.

Lifeline



An alternative to Sheltered housing for those wishing to stay in their own homes
Assisting residents of the South Holland area AT A COST OF £2.75 PER WEEK

- 24 Hour Care Centre Cover 7 days a week (this includes Responsive Mobile Service Monday - Friday)
- Increased security
- Help and support in an emergency
- Peace of mind for you and your family
- No waiting list
- Free installation

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For further information contact the Supported Housing Team

Tel: 01775 764461

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The real life impact of affordable credit

Many families need access to credit from time-to-time, perhaps to make ends meet when less money is coming in, or to cope with family emergencies. For many families it has become more difficult to access credit over the last couple of years, and many consider that they

have no other option but to use high cost doorstep lenders or, even worse, so called loan sharks who offer loans at very, very high interest rates.

It is estimated that since the recession up to 35,000 more people across the country could now be using 'loan sharks'. The provision of affordable credit can make a real difference to people's lives.

Lincolnshire Credit Union (trading as LincUp) provides a safe and convenient method of saving, and supplies loans at low interest rates without hidden charges or fees for people who live or work in Lincolnshire.

For example a £300 Freedom Loan from the Credit Union allows fortnightly repayments and only charges a total of £38 interest. If this amount was borrowed from a doorstep lender, interest could be up to £246.

For more information on nearest access points call LincUp Credit Union on 01522 845100 / 528886 or visit: <http://www.lincscreditunion.org.uk>

Contacting the Council

Call in and see us at the Council Offices:

Monday to Thursday from: 8.30am to 5.15pm
 or Friday from 8.30am to 4.45pm

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