

# The Bridge



**Hello and welcome to the April newsletter.**

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After a short rest, we are back. We have come to you today, through your letterbox, with thanks to new volunteers! We couldn't let our wonderful older members deliver the newsletter anymore, their health is more important. We were leaving copies in the Post Office and at the Book Swap table, but it was disheartening to see it billowing around outside, unwanted and unloved. If you would like to help deliver our wonderful newsletter, please contact John Orr on 07565 922368.

## **The Tinkers Bridge Residents Association.**

The T.B.R.A are holding their usual monthly meeting on Zoom on Thursday 27th May at 7.30 pm. The link to enter the meeting will be on Tinkers Bridge Facebook page. Please join in with your cuppa and help make a difference to Tinkers Bridge. We are hoping to get back to the meeting place very soon.

## **The Easter Egg Hunt**

This year, we were once again challenged with planning a socially distanced Easter Egg Hunt! The joys! So, a clue solving trek around the area was a great idea. With just a few teething problems, it was mostly a huge success!! Sarah gave away 85 Easter eggs to families on the estate who solved the clues and said one of two magic phrases! Families were able to take part at any time during the day which was perfect for social distancing. It was so successful, we may do the same next year. Many thanks to W.C.C for funding this event.

## **Scarecrow Festival**

Eekk! We are excited to announce another Scarecrow Festival! After the success of our first one back in the Autumn, we have decided to host another one at the end of the half term at the beginning of June.. Straw will be available to collect from Sarah at the Community Garden, two weeks before half term, to give everyone enough time to create their scarecrows. The Scarecrow Festival will be held on Saturday 5th June. Once again, voting will be on our Facebook page, with a photo of each entrant!! The Scarecrow with the most votes by 1pm on Sunday 6th June, will win a fantastic prize of a Tesco voucher!!

## **The Clothing Bank**

Some time ago, a green clothing bank appeared in the Tesco's car park. These are usually for charity, residents may not know that this bin is not actually registered to any charity and is run by a private company. The logos on the bank do imply they are a charity. Recently, there has been quite a few sacks on the floor, next to the clothing bank. Bearing in mind, this corner of the car park is next to the entrance, these bags can become a hazard. Please do not place bags here, thank you.



## Tinkers Bridge Improvements

You may remember, some time ago, we applied for funds to improve the estate. During the past week, a large part of the mural at the shop has had an amazing makeover by the original graffiti artists. They originally painted it over ten years ago, so we are very lucky to get them back here. Many thanks to Arkade and Pie-face ( their tag names, I am not being rude! ) for brightening the place up with their talent!



We have also had a fantastic new pergola fitted at the entrance to the Community Garden, thanks to Men In Sheds, based in Netherfield. It looks fabulous now and will eventually have climbing plants trailing over it.

We continue to work to improve the estate and work together with residents. We always want to hear your ideas and suggestions. We have asked before what your priorities are within the estate. Do you still think they are important? We want to know! **Tell us what you think by filling in our little questionnaire and return it to Sarah at 23 Hatton. Please, just post through the letterbox, there is no need to knock**

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Issues	Tick or comment
Environment, including trees, Fly tipping and similar.	
Improving communications on the estate. Traffic management- 20mph, signage at Tesco car park.	
Campaign for decent and safer facilities.	
Training and development for residents	
Other priorities that you feel are important	
Do you read The Bridge newsletter? Do you prefer it delivered through your door or to collect it yourself from the shop? How would you improve the newsletter?	
Anything else??	

Many thanks for taking the time to fill in this questionnaire!