

Moredun targetted in Community Initiative Week

- ✘ An initiative to make the Moredun area of the Capital cleaner, greener and safer starts today.

The Community Initiative Week has been launched by The City of Edinburgh Council in partnership with the Lothian and Borders Police and various partner agencies.

It aims to raise awareness of the services available to support residents in Moredun's six high rise blocks and residents will be encouraged to ask for advice or to speak out about any concerns they have.

This intensive period of partnership activity is supported by local groups including the newly-established residents group and is aimed at the six blocks: Moredun House, Little France House, Marytree House, Castleview House, Forteviot House and Moncrieffe House.

To let everyone know what will be involved during the Community Initiative Week a flyer publicising the initiative is being produced and will be distributed around the local shops, libraries and other public buildings.

Councillor Paul Edie, Community Safety Leader for Edinburgh, said: "Initiatives like this put the community at the heart of our action plan and is a fine example of the Council and its partners listening and taking action on residents' concerns.

"If there are issues like anti-social behaviour, graffiti or someone just needing some housing advice then our team will be on hand to help. We want to do everything we can to make the area cleaner, greener and safer for all."

Inspector Alun Williams, of Lothian and Borders Police, said:

“We are glad to support this local initiative, and welcome the opportunity to engage further with our communities, address concerns, and work to resolve local issues in Moredun.

“The Safer Neighbourhood Team and our key partners have already undertaken much work to address anti-social behaviour, identify and target ‘hotspots’, and provide a visible presence in the community.

“The week gives us the opportunity to build on that work, whilst supporting our partners and local groups.”

Tracey Johnston, a resident of Little France House, welcomed the initiative. She said: “What is happening during this week is absolutely brilliant and I hope that the residents in all the Moredun flats take part and speak to the agencies in the drop in centres.

“It will be a great opportunity to address some of the issues in the area. All the residents are very grateful for all the support of the agencies involved, working to improve the area for us.”

As part of the week residents will be invited to attend drop-in sessions in the Health Flat (community flat) at Little France House and the Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre on various dates throughout the week.

The `drop-in` sessions will be as follows –

Monday 23 May 10am to 4pm at Health Flat in Little France House

Tuesday 24 May 10am to 4pm at the Goodtrees Neighbourhood centre

Thursday 26 May 2pm to 4pm at Health Flat in Little France House

Friday 27 May 10am to 12pm at Health Flat in Little France House

The aim of the drop-in sessions is to provide information and advice on a range of services available and to give local residents the opportunity to voice any concerns they may have about the area to the police, environmental wardens and community safety officers and all other concerned partners.

Information gathered from these sessions will be used to help target longer term resources and respond appropriately.

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