

# Your neighbourhood

## Garden competition and grow your own

In partnership with North Star Housing Group, we are organising a garden competition for all residents on the estate. The competition will be judged in August, we can supply seeds for planting and we can give you general advice. We will be on the estate over the summer looking at gardens and getting residents involved.

If you are interested in growing your own food, we can help.

You can learn everything from planting and growing seeds, soil management and looking after a crop throughout the year.

If you're interested and want more information, you can contact your neighbourhood officer Angela Chappell for more details.

## Neighbourhood walkabouts

Angela Chappell is the neighbourhood officer for your area. She is regularly out and about carrying out walkabouts on your estate which you're welcome to join in with.

The walkabouts, also known as estate inspections, involve walking around the estates where Thirteen's homes are located, and identifying issues that might need to be tackled.

The dates, times and meeting places of walkabouts in your area are:

Area	Time	Meeting point	Dates
Norton Grange	11am	Norton Grange Community Centre	Contact us for details

Please come along and tell us what you think about your neighbourhood. If you can't make it to one of the walkabouts and there's something you'd like us to look at, please contact your neighbourhood officer using the details below.

## Home improvements

This year, we plan to carry out £27m of improvements to homes in our estates. In your area, this will include installing:

**174 canopies**

**196 fascias**

**196 rainwater guttering**

**196 soffits**

**196 window replacements**

If your home is due to be upgraded, you'll receive a letter to tell you about the plans. This will include all the details that you'll need to prepare for the work.

## Tool lending scheme

Summer time is here and with this comes increased garden maintenance. We can help you with our tool-lending scheme, which is available for all our customers. For a refundable £5 deposit, you can hire a lawn mower and strimmer. If you're interested please contact your Neighbourhood Officer on 0300 111 1000.

Equipment is also available at the drop in session from 1pm – 3pm every fortnight at the Norton Grange Community Centre, Somerset Road. The next session is 29 June 2017.

## Get in touch

If you'd like more information about anything in this update or if you have any issues about your neighbourhood that you'd like to discuss, please contact your neighbourhood officer at:

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Alternatively, visit the website for information about Thirteen or visit the self-service site to contact us:

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