

# 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.

If you are interested, 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. The demonstration will be delivered over two, two hour sessions. You will receive a certificate once you've taken part. 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 in your neighbourhood and carrying out walkabouts on estates 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.

## Art project

In partnership with Stockton Riverside College and Freddie Natrass Primary School, Thirteen is about to take part an exciting project to brighten up the walls leading in to Norton Grange.

We will be working with a local artist and school children, who will design artwork to improve the appearance of the brick walls.

As it progresses we want to get more members of the community on board. If you are interested in getting involved, you can contact your neighbourhood officer for more details.

## 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 available at the drop in session at the Norton Grange Community Centre, Somerset Road.

## 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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