



# Youth Point

To celebrate the launch of Youth Point there are a number of prizes to be won:

**£30 HMV gift card**

**£30 mobile top up**

**Digital camera**

**Gardening vouchers**

Read on to find out how you can win

This is our first edition of Youth Point which is aimed at younger residents. We would welcome your involvement and really need your help in putting together future editions.

If it's not what you want, we need to know. If you are interested in making a difference get in touch with either Catherine (**07894 620 673**) or Martin

(**07774 675 306**) or email [businesssupport@glosa.co.uk](mailto:businesssupport@glosa.co.uk) or call the main customer services **01452 529 255 / 08456 044 529** (Local Rate)

## Design a logo and win a prize!

**WIN a Digital camera**

The Residents' Council has been elected in recent months and their job will be to make sure that the services we provide meet your requirements, and that we listen to your views.

- The Residents' Council, as you might guess, is made up of residents and they want their own logo.
- Your design can be in colour, but it will also need to be used in black and white.

- You can draw your design on a piece of paper or on a computer, and send it in to us.

We will make sure the council sees all the designs. Here are some subjects that may help you with

your design: • residents • making improvements • involvement • working together • value for money • by residents – for residents

**Closing Date 26 July 2010**

## Are you a budding new gardener?

Do you have a garden, or part of a garden you are proud of? Do you help out by cutting the grass, doing the weeding or growing vegetables? If you can answer yes to any of these questions, then read on.

**Win £30 of Gardening vouchers**

We've been told that an increasing number of you are getting stuck in and making a real difference in your own garden, friends' gardens or in the shared communal spaces on some of our larger developments. Why don't you let us know what you are up to so we can pass on the ideas to others? We will reward the best ideas with

£30 of gardening vouchers and a feature in the next Youth Point. And don't forget, the Gardening Competition is open to people of all ages, provided you live in a Gloucestershire Housing Association property.

Simply contact your housing officer or Martin (contact details above).



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## Exciting opportunities if you are under 18

**As a Sea Cadet you can go to sea, learn to sail and do adventure training, all on a naval theme, plus get extra qualifications to give you a head start in life.**

If you are aged between 10 and 12 you can join as a Junior, 12 to 18 years as a Sea Cadet and 13 to 18 years as a Royal Marines Cadet, and join 14,000 other Sea Cadets across the UK.

As a Sea Cadet you will test your talents and stamina and develop new skills to give you a head start in life. You can learn about First Aid, the environment and build models, undergo physical training and First Aid, rock climbing and shooting, communications and engineering, music and catering.

You can learn fieldcraft skills of camouflage and concealment. Sea Cadets learn sailing and power boating. You can also try out canoeing, rowing (called pulling by Sea Cadets) and windsurfing.

As part of a Sea Cadet Unit, you will enjoy all the water-borne activities too. If you want to test yourself further you can go to sea and put your navigation and chart work skills into practice as part of a team on one of our fleet of 6 offshore vessels including yachts, and TS ROYALIST a 29 metre brig; our tall ship which travels around the country from March until November, giving cadets a chance to spend a week at sea.

No previous experience is required. You will also get the chance to make new friends and have fun.

## For Parents:

**We help young people build confidence in their own abilities as they learn to work as part of a team.**

Our qualified instructors guide young cadets so that they can flourish in challenging environments safely. As part of the recruitment process, all volunteers and staff undergo a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check before working with young people, and all our activities are operated and overseen by appropriately qualified instructors.

## Contacts:

Gloucester 01452 520131,  
tsgloucester@live.co.uk, Parade Day/Time:  
Monday & Thursday (1930 - 2130)

Cheltenham 01242 580404, area@cheltsc.co.uk  
Parade Day/Time Tuesday & Thursday 1930 - 2130  
(Seniors and Marine Cadets), Tuesday (Juniors)

Tewkesbury 07971 084096,  
tsotter333@btconnect.com  
Parade Day/Time Mon & Wed (1915 - 2130)

Stroud 01453 755141  
stroudseacadets@yahoo.co.uk  
Parade Day/Time Monday & Thursday  
(1900 - 2130)

Ross On Wye & District 01989 567426  
tsross@lampert.eclipse.co.uk  
Parade Day/Time Tuesday & Thursday  
(1915 - 2115)

Forest Of Dean, Lydney 01594 841058,  
forestofdeanscc@btinternet.com  
Parade Day/Time Tuesday & Thursday  
(1900 - 2100)

Thornbury OIC@ThornburySeaCadets.co.uk  
Parade Day/Time Monday & Thursday  
(1900 - 2100)

# Helping you take that first step into work or training

**We realise that it is sometimes difficult for young people to have the skills or confidence to take that leap from education into work, especially if the memory of school was not so great.**

We have various ways we can support you to help you find out how you can improve your opportunities for finding work.

Whether it is to find you a training course that will help you into a job, or to help with your confidence or communication skills.

We have some great partnerships with other organisations that have a direct link into job opportunities.

**So if you would like some help with anything that is connected with finding work, please contact Catherine Maxwell see contact details on front page.**



# Calling all sports fans

**If you live in Podsmead or Kingsway and love to get involved in sport, your luck is in!**

We have joined up with Gloucester City Council to set up free multi-sport activities in these two areas. The activities open to young people aged 8 – 16, include football, tennis, rugby, basketball and cricket.

Sessions in Podsmead will run every Monday up until 12 July 2010, and in Kingsway the sessions are running every Wednesday up until the end of September 2010.

**If you would like to get more information, on how to take part please contact Catherine Maxwell see contact details on front page.**



# Community Pride Days

**As part of our community investment plans, we are working with residents to tidy up areas where we have properties and green spaces.**

We recently held an event at one of our estates - Rudhall View in Herefordshire.

All the young people got involved, and managed to fill three skips with rubbish from their homes and the play areas, and as part of the day we held various sports activities and competitions.

It was a great day and everyone who took part had loads of fun.

**We hope to do more days like these, so if you would like to get involved and help clean up your environment please contact Catherine Maxwell our Community Investment Officer.**

# Fun days for all the family

**One of our most popular activities we do with young people is our fun day events that we run over the holidays.**

We take over an area where our residents live and organise various fun activities that are free to everyone.

These include climbing walls, barbeque, team sports, bouncy castles and music.

**If you think you would like to have an event like this in your area, and the location proves to be suitable, I'm sure we're can make something really cool happen. Contact Catherine Maxwell.**



# Do you have big dreams for your community?

**Dreamscheme is a simple concept of work, points and trips.**

Young people are given support to carry out community-based work projects for which they earn points. These can then be exchanged for trips and activities of their choice.

Young people are given projects which they can do well, raise expectations, and improve communication and relationships.

**Some activities they can do are:**

- Conservation work
- Car washing
- Visiting elderly residents in sheltered housing
- Litter picking
- Gardening

**Some of the rewards are:**

- Swimming
- Trips to the seaside
- Trips to the zoo
- Picnics
- Climbing wall

We hope to start our first Dreamscheme this summer.

**If you would like to be involved please contact Catherine Maxwell.**



## Run your own project

**Last year we ran an awards scheme which invited residents to apply for some funding from us which they could use in their area for projects that benefit the local community.**

We got some really interesting applications, like a gardening club for young people, and trips out, and a year on they are all running successfully. We thought this year we would like to open this great opportunity up to our younger residents.

**So, if you have an idea which would be great for you and your friends, please give Catherine Maxwell.**



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## What's the point in Youth Point?

**This is our first Youth Point, and we want to make sure that we make the next one even more interesting, featuring items that our younger residents want to see.**

So before you chuck it in the bin – get in touch and let us know what you think!

All suggestions will be considered, with prizes for the best two received.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact details (phone, email etc) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Did you find Youthpoint useful? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What would you like more of? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What was not so good? \_\_\_\_\_  
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How can we make it better? \_\_\_\_\_  
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