

Gainsborough Residents Association Report of Activities for 2018.

Gainsborough Residents Association are a non-profit community organisation working within the Gainsborough Estate in Henley.

We work to promote the community and make improvements to the estate and areas used by residents.

Gainsborough Residents Association work with outside agencies including:

Henley Town Council, Soha Housing, Thames Valley Police, South Oxfordshire District Council and Oxfordshire County Council.

Some of our achievements in 2018 include:

-Achieving Outstanding for the first time in the It's Your Neighbourhood Award, part of Britain in Bloom.

-A community Garden Competition and Award Ceremony in the Town Hall.

-Working with Henley Town Council to provide resident surveys and feedback to help provide updated play equipment and an outdoor gym on Makins Recreation Ground.

-A charity Christmas Toy Run to Oxford Children's Hospital to provide toys and other gifts to children who were staying in hospital over the Christmas period.

-A Free Christmas Lunch for Gainsborough residents and residents of The Close who are Over 60. This lunch was an opportunity for residents to socialise. We also had representatives from local organisations present who could offer advice and support to older residents who may be isolated over the winter months.

-Supporting residents and providing advice on housing issues and where to get support from local organisations such as the local food bank and Soha housing.

Gainsborough Residents Association has also developed into a support for the wider community of Henley and we would like to offer help and advice for anybody in the town who would like to start a residents group in their area. For information or advice please contact either David Eggleton (Chair) on 07836202508 or Paula Isaac (Vice-Chair) on 07983518412 or pollyisaac@hotmail.com.

We would like to thank Soha Housing for their continued support and Henley Town Council.

Please feel free to visit our Facebook page: Gainsborough Residents Forum to see some of our work.