

PRESS RELEASE

18 January 2008



New multi-agency 'drop-in' at refurbished house

Residents can keep up to date with the transformation of their neighbourhood, report crime and enjoy community get togethers when a new multi-agency 'drop-in' opens on the Yarborough.

Balmoral House – a new multi-agency facility – based in a refurbished property at 19 Balmoral Avenue will be a base for Shoreline officers as well as Neighbourhood Wardens and Police Community Support Officers.

All Yarborough residents are invited to the official opening on Friday January 25 between 1pm and 4pm.

The facility will also be used as a True Vision reporting centre – where racial harassment and hate crime incidents can be reported to Humberside Police.

The True Vision Initiative is a self-reporting system which allows victims, witnesses or third parties the opportunity to report incidents by giving as much or as little information as they wish.

Residents will also be able to receive free SmartWater, a revolutionary forensic system that provides total traceability of stolen property and directly links criminals to crimes.

Over the next eight years, Shoreline, award-winning Stamford Homes and architects Barton Willmore, will transform the Yarborough Estate into a multi-million-pound 400-home housing showpiece.

Shoreline Yarborough neighbourhood manager Martin High, said: "The facility will provide a point of contact for local residents as they embark upon the exciting redevelopment of their community. They can visit the house if they have any questions or they simply want to get together and talk to one another.

"But the drop-in will also be at the forefront of a new multi-agency approach to tackling issues in the area where residents can report crime and anti-social behaviour.

"We believe that it will help improve the estate and bring about real change in the community as it moves forward into this exciting new phase."

Danielle Waite, spokesperson for Humberside Police, said: "Humberside Police is committed to delivering a high quality of service to local people driven by local need.

"The primary aim of neighbourhood policing is to provide an appropriate policing response commensurate to the needs of everyone living in, working or visiting the Humberside area, especially victims, witnesses and other vulnerable persons, and to inspire confidence in the police and reduce the fear of crime by working with all sectors of the community to reduce anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder.

"Balmoral House will help us achieve that aim on the Yarborough and we hope it will be well used by residents."

ENDS