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Getting to know your neighbours

Shoreline Housing Partnership, Havelok Homes and residents of the Grange estate will come together this half term for a free community fun day in celebration of European Neighbours' Day.

The two social landlords have come together to build community relations by arranging their first event to celebrate European Neighbours' Day which will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 (one day after the official date).

Young people and their families can enjoy a jam packed day of activities including;

- Refreshments
- 'Reach our European neighbours' balloon race
- Face painting
- Wii, sports activities and other games
- Children's entertainer

and meet organisations and local groups including;

- Humberside Fire and Rescue
- Local Police Community Support Officers
- Neighbourhood Safety Scheme
- e-factor

Residents will also be asked - 'what it is to be a good neighbour' with both housing associations reviewing the results to see what ideas or suggestions they can implement.

Resident involvement officer for Havelok Homes, Sue Crask, said: "By holding this event, we are hoping to encourage residents to become neighbours, looking out for each other and to take pride in their neighbourhood whilst having fun at the same time.

"We feel that getting people together in this way will strengthen the sense of community on the Grange estate."

Shoreline tenant and resident support officer Claire Tunstall adds: "This is a chance to bring the whole community together – just think of all those people you see but don't necessarily know.

"It's a fun day which allows us to celebrate all the different people that make up our communities whether in our own neighbourhoods, our town or Europe.

"We work so closely with residents and we know that by working together and getting to know each other better, we can help one another, share ideas and experiences,

develop support networks and create real communities that people are proud to be a part of. “

Shoreline will also use the event to continue recruiting North East Lincolnshire residents for ‘Community Voice’ – a successful sounding board where over 1000 members give their opinions, ideas and suggestions on the neighbourhoods in which they live and the services Shoreline provide.

European Neighbours’ Day is in its sixth year and is celebrated by more than 7 million people in 28 countries across Europe. The annual event was created in Paris in 1999 and launched in the rest of Europe in 2004.

The event will take place between 10am and 3pm on Wednesday May 28, 2008 at the DN34 Centre, Carnforth Crescent and admission is free.

All children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.