

# **MACKWORTH ESTATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

*REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1103281*

Many of you will know that to gain charitable status we have change our name from Mackworth Estate Community Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) to Mackworth Estate Community Association (MECA), this was a requirment of the Charity Commission once we had done this and amended the constitution accordingly they gave us charitable status; this allows us to push on with regards to taking over the lease of the St, Francis Family Centre, once the solicitors have agreed the documents. We appreciate that it may look has if we are not making progress, but let me assure you all the we are although it is frustratingly slow for all of us.

We are still in negotiations with a number of organisations that wish to help with various activities for all age groups once we are up and running.

The drainage on the football pitch at Knightsbridge will be started within the next couple of weeks, and hopefully be ready for the new teams to use at the start of the season. Anyone requiring further information about the football teams and how their child or children can join please telephone Nick Middleton on 01332-299749 or Matt Sawdon on 01332-295481 they will be more than happy to hear from you. Mr Eaton the Head of Reigate Primary School has also given permission for the teams to use the school pitch, has he feels that the community under uses the school's facilities.

We have received a request from Kingsway Bowls Club asking if we would be kind enough to let the residents of Mackworth Estate know that they, the club are looking for new members and anyone who is interested in joining can contact Mrs Barbara Coupe on 01283-702730 for further details.

Should you wish to find out more about the centre please do not hesitate to contact either Judy Kelsall (Secretary) 01332-346356 or Paul Pegg (Chair) 01332-521595 or any of the Committee members

## **Are Drugs Hurting Your Family**

Is your son, daughter or member of your family misusing drugs? Do you feel you have nowhere to turn, no-one to talk to and share your fears, then please call Lauren's Link.

Lauren's Link is a support organisation specific to drugs and alcohol addiction. You can meet in a group or on a 1-1 basis, whichever you feel comfortable with. The group meets every Tuesday evening from 6 pm at 2 Wilson Street, Derby.

**PLEASE DON'T STAY ISOLATED GIVE US A CALL AND SHARE WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN THERE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS. CALL 01332-362744/362638 IN THE STRICTEST OF CONFIDENCE.**

**WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A NEEDLE /SYRINGE. PLEASE DON'T IGNORE IT, DEFINITELY DON'T TOUCH IT PLEASE CALL TO HAVE IT REMOVED PROFESSIONALLY ON 01332-715100**

# **MACKWORTH ESTATE COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION GROUP**

## **HOW SECURE IS YOUR HOME?**

The Mackworth Estate Community Crime Prevention Group are organising a "**HOME SECURITY DAY**" to help you find out.

It will be held on **SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2004 10-00 am TO 3-00 pm** at the Community Centre Prince Charles Avenue.

Opportunist thieves commit most burglaries, but why do they target some houses and not others? See how you can make life so difficult for the thieves that they will leave your house alone and probably pick on someone else's!

There will be video's for you to see, literature for you to take away, displays for you to watch, and an opportunity for you to buy, if you wish, small items of security equipment.

The Derbyshire Constabulary will be in attendance, as will representatives of the local **Neighbourhood Watches** and the **Crime Prevention Group**. They will be more than happy to give you any advice or information you may feel you need.

It promises to be a fun day out and, hopefully, it will prevent you becoming another victim of crime, so please go along and find out how to protect your property.

Now that the warm weather is at last up on us,

- **DON'T LEAVE WINDOWS OPEN AT NIGHT.**
- **DON'T SIT IN THE BACK GARDEN WITH THE FRONT DOOR UNLOCKED.**
- **DON'T LEAVE THE SIDE GATE UNLOCKED WHILE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE GARDEN.**
- **LOCK THE TOOL SHEDS, AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN ALARM GET ONE, THE PRICE STARTS AT ABOUT £6-00.**

If a stranger knocks on your door do not let them in without first checking their identity and, remember no identity, no entry, no matter what they say they are there for. If they persist ask them to wait while you contact the Police on 0845-123-3333 or if you are afraid 999, the Police do not mind, remember it is better to be safe than sorry,