

MACKWORTH ESTATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Registered Charity Number 1103281

Realised through support from egg™

Many of you will know that Father Stephen McCauley vicar of St, Francis Church left the quiet life of Mackworth Estate and joined Her Majesties Forces, this has put us behind with the lease for the Family Centre, but later on this month Father John Phillips will be taking over and so hopefully things will proceed at a good pace as all the details have been agreed by the MECA and the PCC.

We are constantly being criticised by the senior residents of Mackworth Estate for not arranging activities for them, but the situation at the moment does not allow us to arrange anything due to a lack of a venue, but we can assure you that once we have the Centre up and running they will be able to choose and run their own activities.

Ever since Mackworth Estate was first built people have complained that there was nothing for children to do, and many will argue that this will inevitably lead to the youngsters getting into mischief, indeed at the AGM in September someone said "I have lived on Mackworth Estate for 50 years and nothing as been done for the youngster and nothing will be done". Others have said that no matter what you provide the youngster with they do not appreciate it and will only vandalise what is provided.

MECA believes however, that most of our youngsters are decent people who deserve every chance to grow up in better surroundings. They should not be allowed to fall into criminal activities (including vandalism) just for the lack of something better to do. That is why the MECA is keen to work with various outside agencies to improve the facilities for the youngster's. It is with the help of these agencies mainly Sporting-Futures and Derby College, that Mackworth St, Francis Football Club as grown beyond all of our dreams in such a short space of time.

Mackworth St, Francis Football Club next season will have 2 under 8 teams, as well as under 9's, under 12's under 14's and under 15's playing in various leagues, these teams do not run themselves they are all being managed and coached by parents and friends, who give up their time for the youngsters. If you have 2 hours a week to spare and would like to help please contact Paul Pegg on 521595.

The MECA in the past has been accused by some of being political especially the Chair, but a big thank you should go to our 3 local Councillors, Baxter, Gerrard and Higgingbottom who have supported our various request for funds totalling over £55,000, and also Councillor Samra Cabinet Member for Community Services. These funds have allowed us to buy into and put on various activities during half-terms free of charge for the youngsters of Mackworth Estate as well as providing much needed equipment.