



FOR SALE

Walker Homes plan to start the infrastructure work for their seventy new houses (next to the Health Centre) by the end of this month. They intend to have the Sales Office open by the end of March, or beginning of April.

OWTRA have invited a representative from Walker Homes to come along to the next meeting, which is on Tuesday 7th February, and give a short presentation on this development. They will also be displaying various site plans, drawings, traffic routes in and out of the site, etc. A major concern is that site traffic – which will include multiple HGVs – will be directed up Tynemount Road, instead of up Limeylands Road. OWTRA’s Chairman has been given assurances that they will *definitely* approach via the latter route, thus minimising the risks to traffic and pedestrians in the Ormiston West area.



HELP!

The Red Cross has released a free, user-friendly app that delivers real-time alerts, severe weather warnings and practical advice for many kinds of emergencies – e.g. what to do when there is flooding, a flu pandemic, power failures, storms, fires, etc.

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/emergencyapp>

You can also add warning alerts for friends and relatives in other parts of the country, and there is a useful Quiz section, with links to other apps – for example, First Aid.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

East Lothian Tenants and Residents Panel (ELTRP) was first formed eighteen years ago this year. They support all of the tenants’ associations and groups across the county, and are constantly encouraging new organisations to form. In partnership with the Tenant’s Information Service (TIS), their participation has played a key role in helping to shape council housing policy and services. They constantly strive to make a difference for tenants and landlords – and have many awards to prove that they have achieved that goal. So.....let them eat cake – as long as they give us some too!

The story so far...









Issue?	Action?
Future house building by Walker Homes.	Walker Homes invited to next meeting to discuss plans, infrastructure and traffic management issues.
No plaque at play park, to acknowledge OWTRA.	An open vote will be taken at next meeting, to choose the preferred wording.
No grit bin (Limeylands Cresc.)	One has now been installed near the bus stop.
Car vandalism – Park Rd.	Police called; no evidence linking suspects to crime!

"A New Year’s resolution is just a "to-do" list for the first week in January!"



BLUE MEANIES

New parking enforcement officially started in East Lothian on Monday 23rd January. ELC successfully applied to the Scottish Government for appropriate powers, which allowed them to introduce decriminalised parking enforcement (DPE) across the county. They will now be ticketing "offenders" for misuse of:

-  Yellow Lines
-  Time-limited parking bays
-  Loading bays
-  Disabled bays
-  Residents parking
-  Coach parking
-  Parking at schools
-  Coastal car parks

So be afraid.....be very afraid.....and avoid a £60 penalty charge notice!!



SHOW ME THE MONEY (then take it away!)

Digital support for Universal Credit is being provided by the DWP, and is available every week at the following libraries:

- Mondays, 9.30am →12noon | Tranent
- Tuesdays, 9.30am →12noon | North Berwick
- Wednesdays, 2pm → 4pm | Dunbar
- Thursdays, 9.30am →12noon | Haddington
- Fridays, 9.30am →12noon | Prestonpans

You don't need an appointment to attend any of these drop-in sessions, and you will be given help to look for work online, or to complete your Universal Credit Journal. Contact the Benefits team (T: 01620 827730 / EML: benefits@eastlothian.gov.uk) or the DWP Universal Credit Helpline (T: 0345 6004272 / www.gov.uk/universal-credit) for further information.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

OWTRA would like to wish everybody all the best for 2017, and *WE* will continue to do *OUR* best for you, for the whole year!

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 7th February, 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Ormiston Library



PLEASE COME ALONG



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Tell us how we can improve Ormiston West

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

To tell us about the local issues that are affecting you, pop a note in for Mark at 22 Park Road or e-mail ormistonwest-tra@hotmail.co.uk