

Adullam Homes

Supported Accommodation Newsletter

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Drama club chance

You might not realise, but one of Adullam’s maintenance team members appeared in the hugely popular TV series Peaky Blinders and is now setting up a Drama Club that you can be involved in.

Handy person Matt Hunton has worked for Adullam for three years; you may have seen him around. Before he came to Adullam, Matt worked at the Black Country Living Museum, and that was when a life-long interest in drama led to his TV appearances.

The Museum was an important filming location for Peaky Blinders and at first Matt had the chance to be an extra, but over time he ended up playing bigger parts.

It is from talking to some of you about his time at the museum and people saying they would love to do something similar that the idea of a drama club came.

Matt’s idea is that a play will be created from people talking about their own experiences. Together group members will craft a unique play based on the life stories shared. The sessions will be fun, supportive, and open to all, regardless of previous experience.

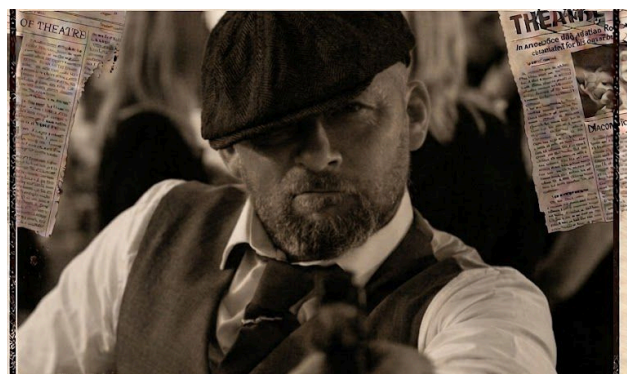
The club will meet at 12.30pm in the Poplar Room at Rowans Court, Small Heath on Wednesday, May 27.

As well as storytellers and actors, Matt will welcome people with a range of other interests and skills such as costume creators, set builders, and publicists.

It is hoped that the group will be ready to deliver their first performance during July.

Matt says: “I think it will bring people together, help them get creative in whichever way. I am really looking forward to it and hope people come to the first meeting to find out more.”

Please let a member of staff know if you are interested in joining in.



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What is coproduction?

You may have heard us talk about coproduction at Adullam, especially when we run events or ask for your feedback. But what does it actually mean?

Coproduction is about working together. It means that we don't just make decisions about services for you, our tenants and residents, we make them with you.

We believe that the people who live in our services are best placed to help shape them. Your experiences, ideas, and feedback are incredibly valuable. Coproduction ensures that your voice is heard and that it plays a central role in how we design and deliver our housing and support services.

The level at which you get involved is completely up to you, we describe the different ways as coproduction, involvement, and engagement (CIE).

Through CIE we aim to:

- Make our services more accessible and easier to understand
- Ensure they reflect the real needs and experiences of our tenants and residents

Create opportunities for tenants and residents to influence decisions that affect them.

CIE is not just about giving feedback; it's also about getting involved.

We regularly hold events and activities where you can:

- Share your views and ideas
- Help shape services and improvements
- Take part in group discussions and workshops
- Lead or support activities by sharing your own skills and experiences.

In supported housing, CIE can be especially effective. It gives you the chance to build confidence, develop skills, and take an active role within your community. Whether it's attending an event, contributing ideas, or even helping to run a session, every contribution matters.

At its heart, CIE is about partnership, respect, and inclusion. It's about making sure that what we do reflects what matters most to you.

We encourage everyone to get involved where they can..... your voice helps shape the future of our services.

Successful session

Earlier this year in March, we held a fantastic Arts & Crafts session which was attended by many of you.

The session was led by Team Leader Imran Khan and supported by TSOs Monique Gray and Elmira Kika.

There was a great turnout, and everyone who attended commented on how fun and relaxing they found the session.

Participants came together to create coasters using Diamond Gel Art kits, followed by friendly and productive conversations over samosas, sandwiches, and drinks provided by the team.



Coproduction Week

Back in March, a series of week of CIE (Coproduction, Involvement, and Engagement) events brought tenants together, fostering stronger connections and opening conversations.

CIE (Coproduction, Involvement & Engagement) means giving tenants and residents opportunities to get involved in whatever ways they prefer, and to shape the way we run and deliver our services.

One of the highlights was a mobile bus that travelled across key locations including St Andrews House, Rowans Court, Park Avenue, Long Street, and Walter Moore House.

This allowed tenants to engage directly with support services, participate in activities, and learn about local initiatives, all in the convenience of their neighbourhood. The bus's schedule was carefully planned, with morning starts at each location and engaging activities throughout the day.

Throughout the week, tenants and staff took part in activities designed to promote community spirit and safety. Day 1 saw lively interactions at St Andrews and Rowans Court, with tenants sharing their stories and enjoying light refreshments.

Day 2 at Park Avenue included informative sessions with Birmingham Mind and community safety teams, along with opportunities to learn about local mental health support. Long Street on Day 3 and Walter Moore on Day 4 featured tenant-led discussions, safety demonstrations, and engaging activities that fostered a sense of pride and ownership among tenants.

Tenant stories and testimonials played a vital role in this event. Several residents volunteered to share their experiences through videos, helping to promote our community's strengths and initiatives on social media.

Local partners, including police and Fire Service, joined in, providing safety advice, sharing materials, and engaging with tenants, residents, and service users, about crime prevention and community safety.

Stay tuned for upcoming activities and opportunities to get involved. Together, we can keep building a community where everyone feels listened to, valued, and connected.

If you'd like to get involved in future activities or share your ideas, look out for upcoming events or speak to your Housing or Tenancy Sustainment Officers.



Meet the Supported Team

Our team are here to support you with your home, tenancy, and community. Whether you have a question, need advice, or just want to say hello, they're always happy to help. Get to know the team below:



Peter Farmer
Role: Locality Manager
Area: Midlands Region (Leicester, Birmingham & Stoke)

About me

I'm relatively new to Adullam Homes, having joined just over six months ago after spending the last 22 years working in general needs housing.

Housing is an area I'm really passionate about, and I was keen to move into supported housing because of the vital role it plays in society, helping people rebuild their lives and access the support they need to move forward.

Outside of work, I enjoy swimming and keeping fit, as well as walking and trekking whenever I get the chance.

How can I help

My role is more strategic, working closely with project managers across Leicester, Birmingham and Stoke to support them in delivering effective services that meet the needs of our customers.

I help by providing guidance, oversight and practical support to ensure our projects run smoothly, remain focused on quality, and continue to make a positive difference to the people we support.



Mel Kingsbury
Role: PSOM (Property Services & Operational Manager)
Area: Birmingham Supported Exempt Accommodation

About me

I have vast experience in Supporting those without a voice, moving to Birmingham many moons ago, I feel this is my home and proud to be a Brummie, I enjoy many aspects of my role, especially joining the co-production events and clubs we are a part of.

How I can help

I can assist with general guidance, experienced in delivering support, and I enjoy facts and figures.



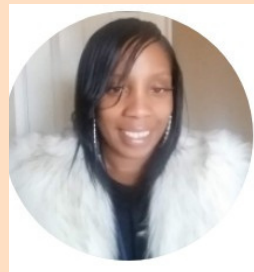
Imran Khan
Role: Team Leader
Area: Birmingham Supported Exempt Accommodation

About me

I have extensive housing and support background, along with a First Class Honours in (BSc) Property Management & Real Estate degree. I enjoy working collaboratively with all stakeholders to find practical solutions and drive continuous improvement for the service.

How can I help

I am excited to continue supporting all residents in Supported Exempt Accommodation into gaining independence and living safely in our properties via Co-production, Coordinating repairs and ensure the right support is in place.



Monique Gray
Role: Tenancy Sustainment Officer - TSO
Area: Birmingham Supported Exempt Accommodation

About me:

I am an outgoing individual who loves to help people. In my role, I enjoy getting to know different individuals and supporting them with their needs.

More team members

How I can help:

Tenancy support, repairs, community issues, third party professional referrals where necessary, a smiley face for a chit chat.



Elmira Kika

Role: Tenancy Sustainment Officer

Area: Birmingham Supported Exempt Accommodation

About me:

I'm a dedicated Tenancy Support Officer at Adullam, supporting individuals to sustain their tenancies and live independently. I take pride in building strong, trusting relationships and delivering a friendly, person-centred service that empowers residents to overcome challenges and feel secure in their homes.

How I can help

I provide support with tenancy sustainment, budgeting, accessing services, and resolving issues such as rent concerns or anti-social behaviour, helping to create safe and stable communities.



Fanta Bayer

Role: TSO - Tenancy Sustainment Officer

Area: Birmingham Supported Exempt Accommodation

I support tenants to maintain stable and sustainable homes. My role focuses on prevention, early intervention, and providing practical support to help residents sustain their tenancies and improve their quality of life.

I am passionate about supporting communities and believe that safe, secure housing is the foundation for opportunity and wellbeing. I take pride in building strong relationships,

listening to people's needs, and helping to find practical, long-term solutions.



Hassan Abbas

Role: TSO - Tenancy Sustainment Officer

Area: Birmingham Supported Exempt Accommodation

About me

Birmingham-based Tenancy Sustainment Officer, born in Amsterdam, with a passion for helping people achieve housing stability. Outside of work, he enjoys regular gym training and playing all sports, bringing energy, teamwork, and resilience into everything he does.

How can I help

My role focuses on early intervention, tenancy management, and working in partnership with other services to resolve challenges before they escalate. I'm passionate about making a real difference through proactive support and clear, compassionate communication.



Follow us on Instagram for updates, event details, and photos!

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Fire doors – protecting you

Fire doors play a vital role in keeping you safe. They are specially designed to slow the spread of fire and smoke, giving you and others more time to leave the building safely in an emergency.

To ensure they work effectively, it is important that fire doors are kept closed at all times, especially doors leading to higher-risk areas such as kitchens, where fires are more likely to start.

Please remember:

- Do not wedge fire doors open using doorstops or other objects
- Avoid hanging items such as coats or hangers over doors, as this can stop them from closing properly

- Never tamper with fire doors or their fittings.

Fire doors are carefully constructed and tested as a complete system. Making changes such as adding door furniture, doorbells, hooks, or signage can damage the door or affect how well it performs in the event of a fire.

If you would like to make any changes or adaptations to your home, particularly involving doors, you must contact us first to request permission. This helps ensure that safety is not compromised.

If you have any concerns about fire safety or would like advice, please speak to your housing officer.

Thank you for helping us keep you and your neighbours safe.

You must let us in

At Adullam Homes, your safety and wellbeing are our top priority. To help protect you and your neighbours, we are required by law to carry out important safety checks and maintenance within your home. These are known as compliance works and include:

- Annual gas safety checks
- Periodic electrical safety inspections (EICR)
- Fire door safety checks

These checks are not optional; they are legal responsibilities placed on us as your landlord to ensure that your home remains safe.

In the same way as we have a legal duty to carry out these works, residents also have a legal responsibility to let our staff in so that they can be completed. These checks help prevent serious risks such as gas leaks, electrical faults, and fire hazards, keeping both you and your neighbours safe.

When you receive an appointment for any of these works, it is very important that you:

- Keep the appointment and allow access to your home, or
- Contact us as soon as possible to rearrange if you are unable to attend.

Missed appointments can delay essential safety work and may put people at risk.

If access is repeatedly not provided, we may need to take legal action through the courts to gain entry. This can result in an injunction being issued to ensure we can meet our legal duties. These legal processes can also incur significant costs.

We would always prefer to work with you to arrange a suitable time and avoid this situation.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please speak to your housing officer or contact Adullam Homes using the customer service number – **0121 271 0789**.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe.

Give it a grow

The National Trust is running a gardening scheme and competition for those who only have a small space – a window box, balcony, or patio garden.

They particularly want to brighten up Britain's cities, and Birmingham is one of their target locations.

Taking part will help you feel more connected to nature, experience wellbeing/health benefits, learn new skills, and take pride in your neighbourhood.

You could create something brilliant. No experience needed. No fancy equipment. Just give it a go and see what happens.

Find out more and sign up today at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sky-gardening-challenge and you'll get some free seeds and your Gardening Guide for Small Spaces.

If you want to know more than you can see on the website mentioned above, the National

Trust gardening team is coming to the Neighbourhood Futures Festival on Sunday, June 28 at Birmingham Settlement Nature & Wellbeing Centre, Edgbaston Reservoir, 79 Selwyn Road, Birmingham, B16 0SL.

The team will show you how to green your balcony or window box this summer. Prepare to get your hands dirty and get gardening as the team shows you how to start your greening journey.

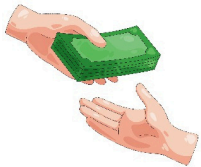
There's a competition too. Launching on June 1, the National Trust's Sky Gardening Challenge competition is searching for the best sky gardeners from across the country.

It's not just about what you grew, it's about what you tried, what you learned, and what your space means to you. There are seven different categories including Greener Ground Floors and One Pot Power. Find details of how to enter on the Sky Garden webpages. Good luck!



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