

Welcome to the autumn edition of your residents' newsletter.

We hope you've enjoyed summer and are looking forward to the changing colours and everything the new season brings.

We hope you enjoy catching up on what's been happening. We're always delighted to hear from residents, so if you have a story, photograph, idea or something you'd like to see in a future newsletter, please do get in touch.

Ian Brooke (CEO) & the TDHA team

Air Ambulance Fundraiser

A big thank you to Liz and everyone who helped organise, supported or came along to our recent fundraiser for the Air Ambulance.

Thanks to everyone's generosity, a fantastic **£140 was raised** for this very worthwhile cause. A special thank you to Ken for keeping everyone entertained with his songs!





Training at Thame Museum

The TDHA team recently held a staff away day at Thame Museum, where we were given a fascinating insight into the history of housing in Thame. The museum kindly opened its doors especially for us on a day it would normally be closed, and one of its volunteers gave us an interesting talk on the history of housing in the local area..

If you haven't visited before, we'd thoroughly recommend popping in. Alongside its current exhibition about housing, there's a wonderful collection of local artefacts, a lovely little shop and even a map where you can mark where you live! The museum is run entirely by volunteers, who are always pleased to welcome visitors.

THAME museum
THE STORY OF OUR TOWN

Finding your way around Pearce Court

Following our recent updates about the wayfinding project at Pearce Court, we're pleased to say that all the lovely new signs have now been ordered and will be installed over the coming weeks.

A big thank you to everyone who shared ideas and helped shape the project. We've also included some additional homes following suggestions from residents.

Work on the accompanying map is also underway, and we hope to have this in place over the coming months.

Getting together – activities and events

It's wonderful to see so many resident-led activities taking place. Whether it's getting together for a chat, enjoying a shared interest or trying something new, these activities are a great way to meet neighbours and have some fun.

We're always open to new ideas, so if there's something you'd like to try, or perhaps an activity you'd be happy to help organise, we'd love to hear from you.

We know it's only autumn, but we're mentioning Christmas a little early this year because we'd love everyone to get involved! This Christmas, we're encouraging residents to decorate their windows and help bring some festive cheer to our buildings.
More details to follow as we get closer to December!

A friendly face and a chat – Anna Friends

We're pleased to be working with the local church through its Anna Friends initiative.

An Anna Friend will be visiting a small number of residents to offer some friendly company, a chance for a chat and an opportunity to see how they're getting on. Sometimes a friendly conversation can make all the difference, and we're delighted to be supporting this lovely local initiative.

Your Residents' Association – making a difference

We've continued meeting with the Residents' Association and working together on the issues that matter to residents. The Association is increasingly focusing on common themes and helping us agree practical solutions. For example, we've agreed the locations of the new speed humps with the Association, and these have now been ordered. All 11 points raised have been progressed. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share their thoughts and suggestions.

A quick reminder: if you need to report a repair or maintenance issue, please contact the TDHA office directly rather than waiting for a Residents' Association meeting. The easiest way is to email **office@tdha.co.uk**, so we can get things moving as quickly as possible.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pearce Court Lounge	Yoga, 10am Bingo, 1:30pm	Craft, 2pm	Coffee morning, 10am Games, 2pm	Lunch 12pm Bingo, 1:30pm	Coffee morning, 10am	Gardening club, 10am
Anstey Court Lounge		Lunch, 12pm		Coffee morning, 10am Yoga, 2pm		



Stock Condition Surveys

Ridge Surveyors have now completed most of the stock condition surveys, with the remainder due to be carried out before the end of October. Thank you to all residents who have taken part for your patience and cooperation.

Enjoying Our Garden Birds

We know many residents enjoy watching our garden birds. However, to keep our shared spaces clean and safe, we kindly ask everyone not to feed birds in communal areas, including gardens and patios.
Leaving out bread, birdseed or other food can attract rats and mice, creating hygiene concerns. Birds can find natural food such as insects, berries and seeds in our gardens.
Together, we can protect our wildlife and keep our surroundings clean and pleasant for everyone.

Fire Safety Reminder

Culham Consulting Ltd will visit all schemes on 16th and 17th November to carry out annual fire risk assessments.
Corridors, stairwells and areas outside flats must be kept clear of shoes, doormats, plants, furniture and other belongings at all times. These are essential fire escape routes and must be unobstructed for everyone's safety.
The fire safety officers will require access to properties during their assessments, and we will notify residents regarding access arrangements nearer the time.

Keeping Warm

To maintain a comfortable and safe home during winter, the NHS recommends keeping indoor temperatures at a minimum of 18°C, particularly for those with reduced mobility or existing health conditions. Living rooms should ideally be kept at around 21°C for added comfort.
To help conserve heat and reduce energy costs, please close curtains at dusk, keep radiators free from furniture and other obstructions to allow warmth to circulate, and close internal doors where appropriate to retain heat.
These small steps can make a big difference in keeping our homes warm, cosy and energy-efficient throughout the colder months.

Good Neighbours

Living in a shared community means being considerate of one another, although occasional issues or misunderstandings can arise, be it noise disturbance, parking, misuse of communal areas etc.
If something is bothering you, we encourage you to have a friendly chat with your neighbour or leave a polite note. People may not realise they are causing a problem, and a simple conversation can often resolve matters quickly.
If you feel uncomfortable approaching your neighbour, or the issue continues, please contact the office for advice and support.
By showing patience and understanding, we can all help make our community a happy and welcoming place to live.

Security

Please continue to be vigilant and ensure that all external communal doors are closed securely after use, particularly during the evening and overnight, to help prevent access by unauthorised visitors. Thank you.



AUTUMN 2026 WORD SEARCH

Find the 16 autumn words hidden in the grid.

G	O	L	D	E	N	A	C	O	R	N	R	W	Q	B	E
C	H	E	S	T	N	U	T	F	A	H	A	R	V	E	S	T
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WORDS TO FIND

Acorn	Apple	Autumn	Bonfire
Breeze	Chestnut	Conker	Cosy
Golden	Harvest	Hedgehog	Leaves
October	Pumpkin	Squirrel	Woodland