

News release



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Kingfisher HVHS takes a stand against drug abuse

Kingfisher HVHS has had a great success thanks to its joint working with Hampshire Constabulary to stop one of its houses being used by drug addicts.

A Crack House Closure Order was granted in September 2009 by Basingstoke Magistrates on the town centre property, due to the high level of drug related disorder at the property. As a result of the Order the resident was evicted in December for drug taking, dealing and associated anti-social behaviour. This has greatly reduced the amount of anti-social behaviour in and around the Town Centre development.

Harry McKeown, Tenancy Enforcement Officer at Kingfisher HVHS said, "Nobody wants to live in an area blighted by drugs and other anti-social behaviour and we have worked very hard with the Police and other agencies to get a Crack House Closure Order and an Eviction Order against the tenant, allowing the property to be relet to another local resident in housing need, and so improving the area for residents in the community as a result."

Residents experiencing incidents of anti-social behaviour are encouraged to contact Harry on freephone 0800 988 4858 or on 01256 464114.

Kingfisher HVHS take incidents of anti-social behaviour, whatever they are, extremely seriously and are currently working on other cases with the Police and Courts, to help make our neighbourhoods pleasant areas to live.

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Notes to Editor:

- *The Sovereign Housing Group is made up of five charitable associations: Kingfisher HVHS Housing Association Ltd, Sovereign Housing Association Ltd, Sovereign Housing Group Ltd, The Vale Housing Association Ltd, and Twynham Housing Association Ltd - plus their subsidiaries.*
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