

# AHA NEWS & VIEWS

# 2025



Welcome to the first edition of the 2025 Newsletter! As we kick off 2025, we're excited to bring you an array of updates and insights from our dedicated Tenant Participation Team. Our aim is to foster a vibrant community spirit and ensure that every voice is heard and valued. This year, we will continue to design and deliver opportunities to enhance communication, involvement, and collaboration among tenants. There's a wealth of opportunities for you to engage, share your ideas, and make a difference. Stay tuned for stories, upcoming events, and ways to get involved.

The Tenant Participation Team aim to respond to the needs of tenants beyond housing issues. By offering a variety of workshops, events, and activities, we hope to create opportunities for tenants to connect, share their concerns, and engage in meaningful dialogue about what matters to them in both their homes and wider community.

Last year, we delivered initiatives such as cooking groups and gardening sessions to not only promote skills development but to provide opportunities to socialise and build community spirit. In addition to visiting hubs for tenant drop in sessions in Dundee and Angus we delivered family fun days and hosted community drop ins to foster community spirit across all age groups.

Based on feedback from tenants and the popularity of some of our initiatives, we will continue in 2025 to adapt and deliver initiatives based on feedback from our tenants. Please read on for more information about what to expect in the next few weeks...



**ANGUS HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH



**BINGO & BLETHER**

Come along for a cuppa at 2pm  
before eyes down at 2.30pm



GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

**Date:** Wednesday 29th January 2025

**Time:** 2pm to 4pm

**Location:** Russell Square Community Lounge, Russell Square, Arbroath

For more details contact the Tenant Participation Team on 0345 177 2244 or email [tp@aha.org.uk](mailto:tp@aha.org.uk)

If you are looking for something fun to do, Bingo Blether in Russell Square is the perfect opportunity to meet new people and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. It takes place on the last Wednesday of each month. The session kicks off at 1:30 PM, giving you some time to settle in and chat before the main event begins at 2 PM. Whether you're a bingo enthusiast or just looking to meet new people, Bingo Blether offers a free, friendly afternoon for everyone to enjoy. There's no need to book, just pop in and we'll provide the refreshments, books and pens.

## What's Cooking?



Following on from the fun of last years cooking group, we're excited to announce another 6 sessions! Whether you're a seasoned cook or you'd like to learn the basics, this group is the perfect place to show case your talents or learn some new ones.

### What to Expect:

- Information about healthy eating
- Cooking together with the group
- Learning new skills
- Trying new foods

### How to Join:

Simply email or call the office to add the number you want to book into the group. Children and adults are all welcome and if you have any dietary requirements, please discuss with the Tenant Participation Team when booking.

learn more about healthy eating and try new foods or just pop along for the fun and food!

## JOIN US FOR A 6 WEEK COOKING GROUP

Booking is essential  
these are FREE sessions - all equipment and food provided

Wednesdays,  
19th February  
from 3.30  
-530pm

Torwood Pl,  
Dundee DD4 0UD

07521 776901  
0345 177 2244

no cooking experience necessary  
all abilities and ages welcome

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## Community Benefit Workshops

### What is Community Benefit?

Community Benefits is a way to require the contractors and developers that we work with to provide something in addition to the contract that will benefit communities. It is part of our procurement arrangements and linked to how we provide value for money.

For example, during a recent kitchen upgrade, the contractor provided skips for tenants to dispose of unwanted items.

Another example of Community Benefit is the apprenticeship offered to a young person through our gas contract with WRB gas.

We would like for you to **Get involved** in how Angus Housing Association manages Community Benefits.

Angus Housing Association are hosting **2 workshops**:

**Wednesday 5th Feb**  
**9.30 - 12.30**  
**Russell Square**

**Wednesday 19th Feb**  
**1.30 - 4.30**  
**Russell Square**

### What to expect:

We want to look at what Community means to you as tenants, how we look to maximise our community benefit to tenants and the communities in which they live, ideas for how we could ask contractors to fulfil their obligations and how we report on what has been achieved. As we are aiming to deliver these benefits to our tenants and the local communities we work in, we need tenants views. Staff and some of our Board members will come along too to be part of the discussion. By the end of the workshops, we aim to have a plan for how we will manage community benefits in the future, and it would be great to hear your thoughts. This is a relatively new and exciting part of our work, and we are keen to get it right.

We will cover any travel costs including mileage, train or bus fares. If coming along requires childcare, then we can cover the cost of this too. Please call Gail Robertson for more details.

How to get in touch:

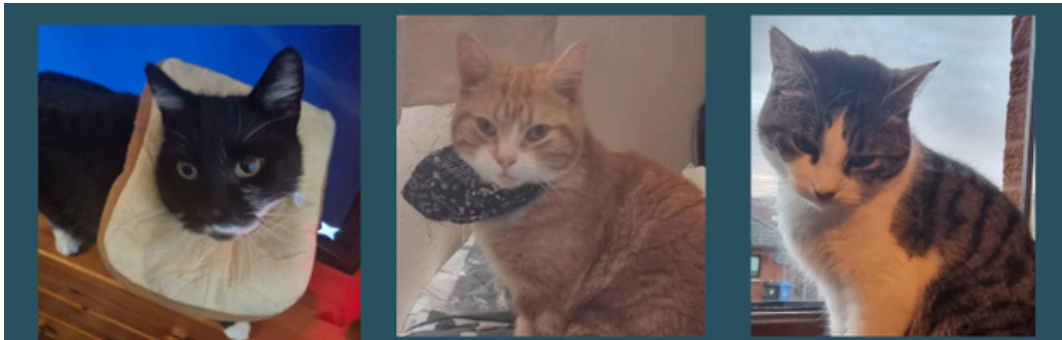


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## Nominate Your Neighbour



Thank you for our last nominations! It's nice to hear positive stories about the communities we live in.

This edition of AHA News and Views would like to give a shout out to Peter for his community spirit and kindness.

Peter always asks his neighbours how they are and extends his kindness to his neighbours feline friends as well; Peter often looks after his neighbour's cats when they wander into his home. Thank you!



If you have a neighbour who deserves a little shout out, get in touch to tell us who and why. "Nominate Your Neighbour" is a fantastic way to celebrate and acknowledge the unsung heroes in our communities.



## HOW TO GET IN TOUCH?

We want to keep you informed, engaged and connected. If you have an idea for a good AHA news story or tips for your neighbours or would like to suggest an improvement, simply contact the TP Team.

We'd love our tenants to get involved in AHA News & Views, if you are interested in contributing to the E-Newsletter; email the TP team or phone the office to speak to a team member.



## CONTACT US

Call or email the Tenant Participation Team



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## WHY HAVE YOU RECEIVED THIS EMAIL?

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