

Press Release

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COMMUNITY BRIGHTENS UP ESTATE

The residents of the Watermead Estate, Feltham will be getting together on the 11th July from 11am to 3pm to help paint up parts of the estate supported by Hounslow Homes and the detached youth work team from Hounslow Integrated Youth Support Service. This event, put on as part of the *Wipe Out Graffiti Week*, will also have face painting for younger children plus barbeque food for all the painters.

To ensure approval of the estate's residents have carried out community surveys to find out what areas residents were the most concerned about and to encourage all ages to join in on the day.

"It was crucial to give the whole community a chance to get involved and to work together to tackle the issues", quotes Mike Gower detached youth worker for the West area. "This event is a way of working with the community and Hounslow Homes in supporting residents of all ages who want to make local change".

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Notes To Editors

- Hounslow Homes was formed in 2002 as one of the first Arms Length Management Organisations (ALMOs) in the country. Hounslow Homes is tasked with managing the council's 16,500 homes and has delivered £120 million of refurbishment and improvement works to bring its housing stock up to the government's 'Decent Homes' standard, which took effect in 2006.
- The ALMO was awarded the highest possible three-star rating by the Audit Commission for excellent housing services in 2005.
- Services to residents include a free phone number and service, care-taking and ground maintenance