

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILD IS AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING?

Ashfield Homes manages the housing stock of Ashfield District Council, therefore is keen to ensure all tenants live in a respectable community and lead a peaceful life.

A number of young people around the Ashfield area are causing anti social- behaviour in certain areas which result in tenants' and resident's quality of life being ruined by their unacceptable behaviour.

The Neighbourhood Safety Team at Ashfield Homes works in partnership with the Police and Neighbourhood Wardens and is keen to identify these individuals in order for action to be taken against either them or their tenancies.

Ashfield Homes has many tools for dealing with anti social-behaviour, such as Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, which have proven to be very successful around the district.

Once individuals are identified the Neighbourhood Safety Team will send letters to their parents informing them that their child is involved in incidents of anti social-behaviour.

If they live in an Ashfield District Council property, Ashfield Homes can take action against the tenancy. Upon accepting an Ashfield District Council property the tenant signs a Tenancy Agreement .A clause within the agreement states that the tenant is responsible for their own behaviour and anyone living or visiting the property, therefore if the tenancy is breached the tenant is held responsible. The tenant and the individual involved in anti-social behaviour are requested to attend a meeting where an Acceptable Behaviour Contract is offered.

The Acceptable Behaviour Contract lists the behaviour the individual is not allowed to engage in. In the event that the Contract is breached Ashfield Homes or the Police may apply to the court for an Anti-social Behaviour Order or commence Possession Proceedings.

Acceptable Behaviour Contracts lasts for six months and are reviewed at a meeting with the individual and their parents at Ashfield Homes after three months. Throughout the Contract, the behaviour of the individual continues to be monitored by the Police and the Neighbourhood Wardens.

Since 1st January 2007 TEN Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been issued by Ashfield Homes Neighbourhood Safety Team. Many more are under review or pending sign up.

