



Improving the area we live in

# ORCHARDS MESSENGER

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**Thameside Children's Centre** is a purpose built and newly opened Children's Centre. It shares an entrance and reception area with Thameside Infant School Nursery. The School and the Centre work in close partnership. Children's Centres offer a range of information and activities for those families with children under the age of 5 years. This includes integrated Childcare, Childminder Support, Family Support and Parental Outreach Support, Health Services and links with Jobcentre Plus. For further information please telephone the Centre and speak to Gillian on 01375 387894. If you wish to book rooms for groups or activities please contact Linda Martin, Children's Centre Manager on 077 685 568

## RESIDENTS MEETING 21 JANUARY

7.00pm-9.00pm

St THOMAS'S MAIN HALL, St THOMAS'S PLACE, OFF EAST THURROCK ROAD. RM17 6SR

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Guest Speaker

Sharon Pritchard

Waste & Recycling Education Officer to give a presentation on recycling and to advise residents on the changes that will affect them In 2009

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Come and meet your local ward councillors

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Have a chat with

Neighbourhood Specialist Officer

Pc Kingsley Edore

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**When?**

January 22, 11:30 to 12:00 **What?** Beat surgery **Where?** Hathaway Road, near the Shops

**Contact:**

PC3451 kingsley Edore Telephone: 07779319907

The mobile police station will be at the above location and time. This is an opportunity for you to come and speak with your local beat officers regarding any matter of concern in your area

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## Next Meeting

Wednesday  
15 th April

ST THOMAS'S  
CHURCH  
SOCIAL CLUB  
Off EAST  
THURROCK  
ROAD.

Entrance via St  
Thomas's Place  
RM17 6SR

## FUNDING IDEAS

Do you have a funding idea?  
The forum is always looking for projects to fund and whilst we cannot guarantee approval of every scheme, if you don't ask you don't get.

## Whitehall Lane Allotments start spending!

Thanks to the grant awarded by the Orchards forum in December last year Whitehall Lane Allotments have been able to start their winters work by clearing all of the rubbish and weeds from along the Whitehall Lane fence and planting over 300 trees to landscape the area.

Further planting will take place as the growing season progresses. This is the first of the items that the grant will be funding – to follow will be finishing off car park extension, additional water tap and more work on the paths and shuttering of plots.



## Councillor surgeries

**(Your chance to talk with your councillors)**

First Saturday of each month at the Thameside complex, Orsett rd Grays at  
10am to noon.

Third Saturday of each month at St Thomas' Church Hall,  
Entrance via John St, Off East Thurrock Road.  
10am to noon.

(Note: No surgeries in August or on Bank Holiday weekends)