

# A SAFER KEYHAM...

*Keeping our streets safe and strengthening the community*

## HOW CAN THE POLICE HELP YOU?

**Crime and anti-social behaviour levels are at their lowest in five years as Keyham and the surrounding areas continue to be safe and peaceful places to live.**



The Keyham Community Policing Team (KCPT) continues to prioritise highly visible patrols and community engagement with officers regularly patrolling local streets, crime hotspots and various parks. The KCPT also attends countless community events and groups, conducts door-to-door enquiries, visits local primary schools and holds police surgeries at Keyham Green Places and the Wolseley Hub.

The team has also worked closely with Plymouth Community Home and Plymouth City Council to close down an address in North Down Crescent, linked to repeated anti-social behaviour, all thanks to the support of local residents.

“But we know there is always more to do and are keen to hear from residents about what they would like to see us focusing on next,” said the KCPT’s police sergeant Jon Davison. “Are there any anti-social behaviour or crime issues affecting you or your neighbourhood’s quality of life? Do you know anyone that is vulnerable and needs our support? Are you aware of any events you would like us to attend? Please get in touch or visit us at one of our police surgeries.”

Contact the KCPT through email:  
[keyhamcommunitypolicingteam@dc.police.uk](mailto:keyhamcommunitypolicingteam@dc.police.uk)

The KCPT will be holding open sessions/surgeries for residents on: 16 May and 23 May (7pm to 8pm) at Keyham Green Places (KGP); 30 May (11am to 12noon) at the Wolseley Hub, Wolseley Close; 6 June (7pm to 8pm) at KGP; 13 June (11am-12noon) at Wolseley Hub; 20 June (11 to 12noon) at Wolseley Hub; and 27 June (7pm to 8pm) at KGP.

## NEED HELP OR SUPPORT?

The Plymouth Together website is a one-stop hub featuring a host of helpful websites and support agencies. Find out more at: [www.plymouthtogether.co.uk](http://www.plymouthtogether.co.uk)

Face-to-face support is also available at the Wolseley Community Hub in Wolseley Close and the Jan Cutting Wellbeing Hub in Beacon Park Road.

Anyone affected by what happened in Keyham, and any victims of crime looking for emotional support, can contact Victim Support’s local service between 9am – 6pm every weekday on 0300 303 0554, their free 24/7 national support line on 0808 1689 111, or live chat at [www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk)

Your local MP and councillors are also available to help with a range of issues:

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# A COMMUNITY FRIDGE FOR KEYHAM

**Free food is available for residents thanks to a fantastic new initiative found in the allotments off Knowle Avenue.**

A 'community garden' run by social enterprise The Kintsugi Project is now host to a special, purpose-built shed containing fridges and food donated by local shops and generous locals.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 10am and noon anyone is welcome to pop along and take what food they need for themselves and their families.

"We get an abundance of vegetables – onions, parsnips, carrots, potatoes – and we had a couple of beef joints donated last week so on a lucky day there will be enough for someone to do a roast lunch!" said project coordinator Mansel Nott. "The key thing about a community fridge is that we can actually hold fresh stuff like salads and the hope is we will have our own, homegrown produce to give away come late summer."

Mansel organised the building of the shed/fridge with the help of Royal Navy volunteers and it opened in February. He is now keen for more residents to volunteer and help with the running of the philanthropic project.

"They will be weighing the food, ensuring the fridge area is clean and presentable and the stock rotated, and just keeping the place tidy and organised," he said. "And if people are donating food then please bring food that is at least a day before the 'used by' date. A safe bet is stuff like pasta, rice and tins. We don't get a lot of that from the supermarkets."

For more details contact Mansel at: [mansel@kintsugiproject.org](mailto:mansel@kintsugiproject.org)



Fridge sign by Twisted Dungerees/Lee Stammers

## CAN YOU DONATE TO KGP'S FOODBANK?

The foodbank at Keyham Green Places, 163 Renown Street is open every Monday and Thursday from 9am to 2pm.

It opened in the community centre in March 2020 and it now feeds up to 150 people a week.

With such demand food and supplies are going out quicker than they have coming in so donations are greatly appreciated.

"If people want to donate we accept pretty much anything that is in date," said Paul Keller, KGP's community development manager. "If it's vegetables our chef makes a vegetable soup and then it can be frozen."

Tinned foods, pasta, rice and pasta sauces are also much sought after.

If you are struggling financially you can come along on Mondays or Thursdays or you can ring ahead to book a food parcel which is the preferred option.

For more details call 01752 569340 or visit [www.cropskgp.org.uk](http://www.cropskgp.org.uk)

## THANK YOU TO RESIDENTS

Last year a University of Plymouth team carried out some research in Keyham and the surrounding areas to see what residents thought about the work the police and community safety teams had been doing to make people feel safer since 12 August 2021.

The team conducted interviews and focus groups with local agencies and community members and a workshop focus group with young people. A community survey was also completed by 240 residents of Keyham, Ford, North Prospect, and Morice Town. The report from the evaluation has now been sent to Plymouth City Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Devon & Cornwall Police and will be shared more widely in due course.

The team would like to thank all those who participated. Thanks also to the community researchers who ventured out in all weathers to gather survey responses.

For any questions about the project email: [keyhamevaluation@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:keyhamevaluation@plymouth.ac.uk)

## WILD THINGS!

Youngsters have been busy helping with the creation of a wildlife meadow in Alexandra Park.

Members of the local mini police project in Keyham Barton Catholic Primary School and Drake Primary School joined forces with residents to sow hundreds of seeds as part of their Social Action Day.

The result will be a beautiful, urban meadow featuring a variety of grasses, wildflowers and wildlife for the whole community to enjoy.

Organised by Green Minds, Devon Wildlife Trust Wilder Communities, and Black Dog Honey Bees Ltd, the event was the latest in a series of improvements to our green spaces which has seen: extensive tree planting, wildlife and orchard creations, vegetation cutback and new path installations, and the addition of £30,000 worth of natural play equipment in Alexandra Park and North Down Crescent.

Under the banner of the Keyham Greenspace Plan the aim is to make the local green spaces safer, more welcoming and accessible, and better for wildlife.



Looking forward picnic benches will be installed in Alexandra Park and North Down Crescent Park and there will be a collaboration with Keyham Voices Youth Participation Group to design a couple of nature-themed benches.

Community feedback also showed that Linear Park can get very wet and muddy. In response ground investigations will take place to discover the cause and evaluate whether it is possible to address the problem through the greenspace improvements.

Discover more, including the final designs for Marley Park and Linear Park, at: [www.greenmindsplymouth.com/keyham-greenspace-improvements](http://www.greenmindsplymouth.com/keyham-greenspace-improvements)

Green Minds is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund through the Urban Innovative Actions Initiative.

## WHAT'S ON IN OUR AREA

Just started is a **Dad's Group** for all dads out there or dads to be. Begin the weekend having some time with your children and meet other local dads over a coffee. Sessions run monthly on a Saturday morning from 10am to noon and the next ones are **20 May**, followed by **24 June** and **15 July**. They take place in the Sure Start Community Room in Lark Children's Centre (around the back of Ham Drive Nursery) and call 01752 313293 or email [michelle.caiels@larkcluster.co.uk](mailto:michelle.caiels@larkcluster.co.uk) to reserve your space.

Are you looking after someone that is dying? Are you bereaved? Or are you living with a life limiting illness? **The Compassionate Café** at the Wolseley Community Hub (next to the Co-op) is a welcoming place to have a cup of tea or coffee with a compassionate friend who is there for company and to lend a friendly ear.

It runs **every Tuesday** from 11.15am to 1.15pm and call 07305 052 575 for more details.

**Every Tuesday** morning Keyham Barton Catholic Primary School in Renown Street holds a **Parent & Toddler Group** between 9am - 11am. The first hour is play and the second hour is messy play! It's free of charge and tea, coffee, juice and biscuits are provided. All are welcome.

On **Saturday, 8 July** a **Summer Fun Day** has again been organised by the St Levan Park Neighbourhood Watch at St Levan Park (11am - 5pm), and on **Saturday, 15 July** it's the turn of the **Wolseley Trust Annual Funday** (11am - 3pm). This year's event has a King's Coronation theme and there will be lots of fun activities at The Jan Cutting Healthy Living Centre in Scott Business Park.

# FUN-FILLED EVENINGS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Youngsters in Keyham and the surrounding areas are spoilt for choice with a variety of different clubs and activities taking place throughout the week.

On Mondays children between eight and 16 can be bowled away with **Free Cricket Sessions** in North Down Park. Contact Vicky to book your places [vicky.reeve@devoncricket.co.uk](mailto:vicky.reeve@devoncricket.co.uk) or 07498 751414.

On Tuesdays eight to 11-year-olds (5pm to 6.15pm) can enjoy the **Wolseley Youth Stars** and then 11 years upwards (6.30pm-8pm) can join in the fun at **Wolseley Youngsters** – both based in the Wolseley Trust community building. Email [WolseleyYouth@wolseley-trust.org](mailto:WolseleyYouth@wolseley-trust.org)

On Tuesdays from 4.30pm to 6pm, seven to 13-year-olds also have the option of joining **Wellbeing Warriors** - exploring wellbeing in the form of yoga, crafts and other activities at Keyham Green Places (KGP). Call 07722 846879 or email [thetreeprojectcic@gmail.com](mailto:thetreeprojectcic@gmail.com)

Wednesdays 13 to 19-year-olds can join the **Keyham Voices Youth Participation Group** which recently helped organise Cracking Day in the Park followed by a fun-filled London excursion! They meet at the Wolseley Trust building from 4.30pm to 6pm and for more details email [nataliegriffin@wolseley-trust.org](mailto:nataliegriffin@wolseley-trust.org)

Thursdays the **Youth Group at KGP**. For seven to 12-year-olds, starts at 5.15pm. Call 07594 484428.

On Fridays the **1st Keyham (St Mark) Scout Group** hosts a **Beavers** session from 5.45pm to 7.15pm followed by a **Scouts** session from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. This group hosts sessions for different ages at its hut in Knowle Avenue every weekday but we haven't got space to fit it all in! So best visit [www.1stkeyhamscoutgroup.co.uk](http://www.1stkeyhamscoutgroup.co.uk)

To discover much more visit [www.plymouthtogether.co.uk/whats-on-for-youngsters](http://www.plymouthtogether.co.uk/whats-on-for-youngsters)

## £1,000 FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO HELP OUR AREA

Up to £1,000 is being offered for 16 to 25-year-olds to bring about change in Keyham and the surrounding communities.

The charity POP (Plymouth Octopus Project) has funding available for groups of four or more individuals – not existing organisations or established groups – who wish to put into action ideas they might have to improve our area.

Aptly called Ideas into Action, the application is as hassle-free as possible – there's not even an application form!

All communication is via WhasApp and the fund is designed for you to work with minimal contact and involvement from organisations such as POP. You don't need any experience and you should spend the £1,000 within eight weeks.

For more information visit [www.plymouthoctopus.org/ideas-into-action](http://www.plymouthoctopus.org/ideas-into-action) or call 07402 340 797 for a starter pack.

POP also has funding available for established organisations and groups. For more details visit [www.plymouthoctopus.org/funding](http://www.plymouthoctopus.org/funding)

## NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you are going through a difficult time there are a number of groups to help young people.

**Young Devon** works with 11 to 25-year-olds and provides specific support for Keyham residents. Referrals can be sent to [referrals@youngdevon.org](mailto:referrals@youngdevon.org) and please highlight that the support request is linked to Keyham so that support can be provided as a priority.

**Jeremiah's Journey** is another local charity that helps children, young people and families in grief. To get in touch phone 01752 424 348, email [info@jeremiahsjourney.org.uk](mailto:info@jeremiahsjourney.org.uk) or visit [www.jeremiahsjourney.org.uk](http://www.jeremiahsjourney.org.uk)

**Livewell Southwest** provides mental health support for youngsters as well as adults. You can contact them on 0800 923 9323 and there is also a Chat Health text service option for young people, parents and carers to confidentially ask for help about issues or to make an appointment. Eleven to 19-year-olds can message the Young Peoples Service on 07480 635198.