



**Nottingham  
City Homes**

# Press Release

## **Taking gardening to new heights as Victoria Centre roof garden gets boost!**

Tenants and residents of the Victoria Centre flats are joining forces with Nottingham City Homes and Nottingham City Council to bring their roof garden back to life.

The garden, which has been part of the building since it was built in the early seventies, is set to be revamped to give residents of the flats the chance to enjoy the outdoors and take more of a pride in the place they live.

As part of the drive to improve the roof garden, we at Nottingham City Homes are supporting the local Tenants and Residents Association (TRA) in encouraging tenants of the flats to get involved. We are asking them to not only help kick start the improvements to the site, but then act as the guardians for their newly found outside retreat.

On Monday 21 July at 9am tenants, staff from Nottingham City Council, Nottingham City Homes and members of the TRA will come together to start the improvements.

Our repairs and caretaking team has been repainting the doors and starting to clear the site. Nottingham City Council's street scene team has cut down the overgrown shrubs and helped to clear mess and rubbish.

The TRA are now trying to raise enough money to buy new shrubs and refurbish the outdoor furniture. They also want to create a memorial area on the roof garden to commemorate the lives of Victoria Centre tenants who have passed away while living there.

Graham Ward, chair of the Victoria Centre flats Tenants and Residents Association, said: "I am really pleased that the city council and Nottingham City Homes are helping us to make this roof garden an area that we can all be proud of.

"Together with my fellow TRA members, we are hoping to make sure the garden never gets into a bad state again. We hope that all the tenants and residents will support us in this drive, respect the garden and even take part in activities to keep it up to scratch."

The improvements to the garden will be carried out in phases as the group searches for more funding to enable them to start other projects like planting and creating a memorial area.

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**Notes to editors:**

- **Photographers and reporters are invited to join us at the roof garden on Monday 21 July from 9.30am. Please access the**

**garden via the housing office on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Victoria Centre flats.**

- **Photographs are available on request of the garden before any clean-up work started**
- Nottingham City Homes was created on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 as an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) to manage Nottingham City Council's rented and leasehold homes. We are now working hard towards bringing Nottingham's council houses up to the Government's Decent Homes standard by 2013.

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