

ROMAN WAY

RESIDENTS' GROUP



Christmas Special

Roman Way Residents Group would like to thank all residents for their support over the past year. And what a year it has been! Here are some of the highlights of 2006: -

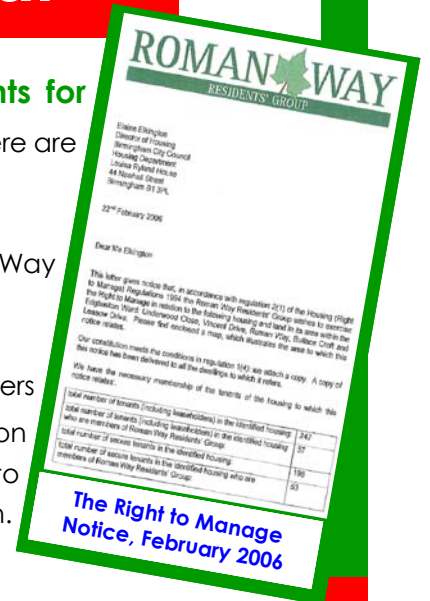
January 16th January, the first meeting of the formalised Roman Way Residents Group was held.

February At the General Meeting held on the 20th February, members present voted unanimously to serve a 'Right to Manage Notice' on Birmingham City Council declaring the group's intention to look into setting up a Tenant Management Organisation. The Council accepted this notice.

April Having secured funding through the Community Chest, we purchased litterbins and cleaning equipment for the estate and held our first Community Clean Up Day on April 29th

July to August Following a training day when we looked at running a TMO and consultation the good and the bad, we took our learning to the street and were out and about, talking to residents. We gave information about Tenant Management Organisations (TMOs), answered queries about the process and asked if you would support a TMO on this area and how you would want it to look.

We had some very good conversations and positive things were said about the group and its work including the setting up of a TMO, we were given some very clear indications on how you would want it to look. There was positive support for the setting up a TMO with over 90% of residents we talked to saying that they were in favour. To top it all group membership increased and is now in excess of 100 households.





October As a result of the consultation, on Friday 20th October the group paid a visit to Burrowes Street in Walsall an established Tenant Management Organisation to get an idea of the possibilities for a TMO.

November The Group successfully acquired funding in the sum of just under £10,000 through the Guide Neighbourhood Programme to support development of the group, community development and environmental works.

As a result of the funding on Saturday 11th November we had a bulb planting day when we filled 2 skips with rubbish and garden waste and successfully planted over 4000 crocus and narcissi bulbs across the estate.



So What Next?

Early in the New Year there will be a 'test of opinion'; giving all council tenants and leaseholders in the area a chance to say whether they're happy to go forward.

We will be sending you more information on the test of opinion in the following weeks.

If you have any questions on the Right to Manage process, or the work that Roman Way Residents Group is doing please contact Kate or Daphne our advisers on freephone **0800 0234 807**

Once again, thank you for your support throughout 2006.



**Wishing you a very merry
Christmas and a peaceful New
Year from the Roman Way
Residents' Group**