

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 3rd edition of the AHS Newsletter. We hope you enjoy it! If you have a story that you would like to share in the next newsletter then please speak to a member of the team.

New AHS Telephone Number

The telephone number for Auckland Home Solutions has changed from 01388 665153 to **0191 587 0848**.

New Scheme – Glendale House at Blackhall

AHS' newest scheme, Glendale House, opened at Blackhall Colliery in February 2014. Glendale House is a supported living scheme consisting of 19 units of 1 and 2 bedroom apartments for people with learning disabilities or mental health recovery needs. In addition there



are 3 units of fully furnished emergency accommodation for people who may challenge the environment or others. The number of tenants continue to increase and we are almost full.

Glendale House is the Hub office where the AHS staff team are based.

Glendale House has its own community café, with a Breakfast Club every morning, where residents can pay small amount for a selection of toast, cereal and a hot drink. There is also a daily Tuck Shop selling a variety of treats including crisps, drinks and confectionary.



We have three very important residents at Glendale House – our chickens! Here's a lovely picture of Gertrude, Flo and Phil. They live in their own coup in the grassy courtyard and during the day they are free to roam around the courtyard area, and enjoy looking for tasty bugs in the soil!

AHS Board of Tenants

Auckland Home Solutions have recently formed a Board of Tenants. The purpose of this board is for tenant participation within the organisation. The members of the board will be invited to attend regular meetings which follow an agenda. These meetings allow interaction with Auckland Home Solutions management team. As an organisation we pride ourselves in listening to our tenants views and we feel this is one way of ensuring we have direct input from our tenants regarding the future development of our organisation. The tenant board members are for a term of 2 years and the current members are Margaret Scarlett, Dawn Williamson and Sharon Mooney.

Jamie's Fish

Jamie Hodgeson from Eshwin Hall now has a fish tank and his collection of fish continues to grow. Before getting his fish tank Jamie did a lot of reading up about how to look



after fish and has become a bit of an expert! Jamie would be happy to share his expertise with any other tenants who are interested in finding out more about fish.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Glendale House at Blackhall is hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Wednesday 8th October 2014** at **2.30pm**. Please come along for a cuppa and a cake. There will also be some games and a raffle to raise money for Macmillan. Everyone is welcome.

Competition Time

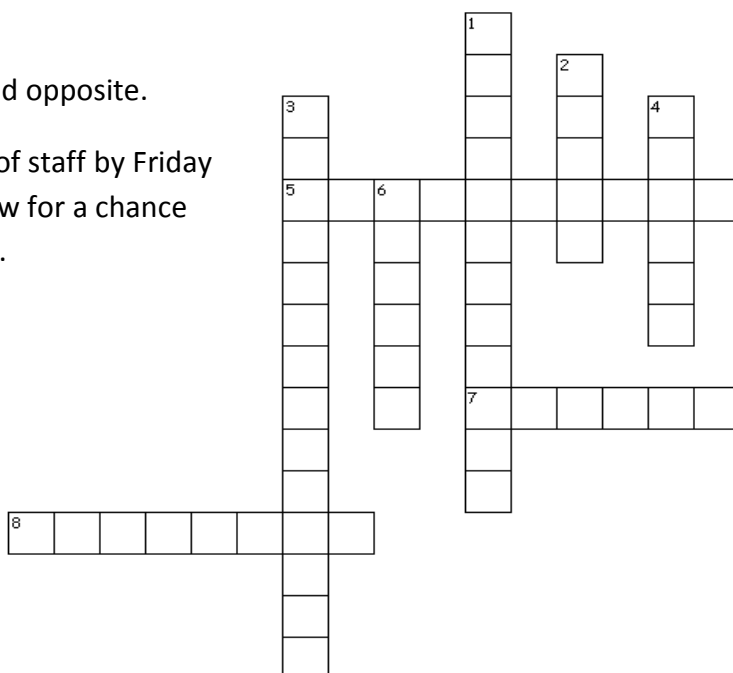
The 'Getting to Know AHS' Crossword

Use the clues below to fill in the words in the grid opposite.

Hand your completed crosswords to a member of staff by Friday 31st October 2014 to be entered into a prize draw for a chance of winning £10 in high street shopping vouchers.

Across: 5. Football team that Chris supports
7. Staff member - Hartlepool lad!
8. Our newest scheme

Down: 1. Our favourite lunch!
2. Staff member - Head office lady!
3. Where it all started
4. Nicola's pet dogs name
6. Staff member - Sheffield lass!



Well done to Emma Young from Price Bishops Court in Bishop Auckland who was the lucky winner of the last competition prize draw.