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Get involved with your neighbourhood

Improving Neighbourhoods has launched a new campaign to find enthusiastic people living in Gaywood Park, Fairstead, King's Lynn Town Centre, South Lynn and North Lynn who are interested in helping to improve the area they live in.

'Get involved with your neighbourhood' is offering residents a range of ways to help out in their area such as becoming a resident board member, volunteering for a variety of exciting projects including allotment schemes and children's holiday activities and being employed as Neighbourhood Support Trainees who are being recruited to support the development of community led projects.

Carl Suckling, Deputy Neighbourhood Manager for Improving Neighbourhoods, explained: "Our Resident board members are essential to the successful running of the Improving Neighbourhoods programme. We need people with local community knowledge, common sense and a real 'can do' attitude to voice the interests and concerns of residents and to act as a liaison between the Board and the communities it serves."

"We appreciate that being a board member is not for everyone so we also have a range of other exciting projects that need volunteers to enable people to make a difference in their community. We want as many residents as possible to be involved so please get in touch and get involved in your neighbourhood!" Carl added.

Paul Lusher, resident board member for South Lynn, commented: "Being a member of the Improving Neighbourhoods Board has allowed me to really make a difference to the community I live in. I volunteer for a number of projects including my local youth club and

the NORA project and I find all this work fulfilling and a interesting. I would strongly encourage other residents to get involved."

The Improving Neighbourhoods programme has been running for the past two years improving the quality of life for residents within Fairstead, Gaywood Park, North Lynn, King's Lynn Town Centre and South Lynn. The Board is responsible for allocating the Safer Stronger Communities Fund and is made up of representatives of public agencies, voluntary groups and a resident from each neighbourhood.

Along with these voluntary opportunities, five innovative Neighbourhood Support Traineeships are being recruited to work with residents, community groups and local service providers to help make things happen in the neighbourhoods served. Full details of these can be found on www.west-norfolk.gov.uk, or by calling 01553 616662.

For further information on the opportunities available within the Improving Neighbourhoods programme or to find out more about the projects that are running please contact 01553 763756 or improvingneighbourhoods@west-norfolk.gov.uk.

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