

## Housing Hartlepool Residents Association

<b>Cost:</b> <b>Free</b>	It is free to join or attend
<b>Time:</b> <b>Low</b>	You can just attend an annual meeting or consultation or you can become more involved
<b>Requirements for Position:</b> <b>Low</b>	Must be a tenant of Housing Hartlepool
<b>Training Offered:</b> <b>Yes</b>	Support and training is offered

### What is a Residents Association?

A Residents' Association is a group of residents from a geographical area who form an organisation that is representative of the community. Residents' Associations are democratic groups and must be accountable to all the other residents living within the given area.

Resident's Associations may also be known as Residents' Groups. Regardless of their name these local groups provide a chance for local residents to influence and manage their own neighbourhoods.

Housing Hartlepool formally recognises over 10 Resident's Associations.

Recognised resident groups can receive an annual grant to meet administration and running costs as well as support from a member of Housing Hartlepool staff. As a recognised association it means that you can become involved in decision making within Housing Hartlepool.

The recognised Residents' Associations across Hartlepool are:

Rift House East Residents Association  
Rift House Community Association  
Manor West Residents' Association  
Owton Fens Community Association  
Manor Residents  
Dyke House Residents' Association

Throston Residents' Association  
Brus Ward Residents' Group  
Central Estate Management Organisation

The 3 Rs  
Burbank Community Shop

Housing Hartlepool can assist in drawing up a Neighbourhood Agreement with each recognised group covering their area and setting out how they will work together to deal with issues affecting the neighbourhood. This includes dealing with anti-social behaviour, maintaining open areas, and general estate maintenance.

## How to join a Residents Association?

It is possible for any resident or tenant of Housing Hartlepool to join or attend their local Residents' Association.

How involved you become in your local Residents' Association is entirely up to you. It can range from attending the annual general meeting, taking part in consultations, or perhaps becoming more involved and taking lead roles within the association such as chairing meetings, taking minutes, managing the group's funds.

If your area is not on the list above then why not create a resident group for your own area. To become a recognised resident group and receive funding and support it is important that several requirements are met. For instance each resident group must hold open meetings to all residents in the area each year, have and adhere to a constitution, produce a newsletter at least once a year and have representatives on the Tenant/Resident Consultation Panel.

For full details on how to create a resident group contact Housing Hartlepool on (01429) 525489 or visit their [website](#).