

Gateway Residents Associations inspirational story:



“Our group is made up of 34 households in two rows of back to back terraced houses with a communal lane. We live in close proximity to Hampden Park and our lane was being used as a toilet, for drinking, and for dumping rubbish.

In 2008 we organised a lane clean up to try and establish a better relationship between people living in the two streets, the result of which was the Residents Association being set up. We then successfully applied for grants to erect gates at each end of the lane – this has eliminated the anti-social behaviour and provided a safe and secure environment for the residents. Also, through a grant from the Council and money from the residents, we have re-surfaced the lane.

“To celebrate our achievements, we decided to ‘adopt’ a country for the Commonwealth Games – after making contact with Barbados, who were ‘honoured’ to be adopted by us, we held a celebratory party in their honour on Monday 21 July, and a dozen of the Barbadian team joined us. The Big Lottery gave us an award to help finance the party, and our local MSP and Councillor have both been incredibly supportive.

“Our group is now being sought out by other residents groups for advice in order that they too can set up something similar in their areas.”