



Welcome to the Autumn edition of the GoWell newsletter!



My name is Cat and I am GoWell's community engagement manager.

I'm here to

share GoWell's research with you, community groups and housing associations in your area. In turn I share communities' views of the research with GoWell. If you would like to find out more or get involved, please get in touch - contact details are on the reverse.

*Best wishes,
Cat*

GoWell's planned final **survey** got under way across your communities this summer and is expected to be complete in the coming weeks. **Thank you** to the hundreds of residents who have taken part in the survey so far. We will keep you updated about the survey findings. For those of you still to be surveyed, the GoWell survey is a chance for **you** and your **neighbours** to have your say about:



Changes to your home
– inside and out



Changes in your neighbourhood



Your health – physical and mental

**What you think and feel about
your community**



What is GoWell?

GoWell is a ten-year research and learning programme that aims to find out from local people what they think of the efforts to improve their area and if this has an impact on their health and wellbeing. We have conducted surveys in your area already between 2006 and 2011. A planned final survey is being conducted this year. These surveys help us understand:

- what changes have taken place
- whether things have got better or worse
- and what changes are important to residents.

GoWell's survey findings are already being used by local communities, Glasgow Housing Association and other Registered Social Landlords, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Glasgow City Council to help to improve services and regeneration efforts both now and in the future.

As well as conducting surveys, GoWell also monitors regeneration and health changes across this city by keeping in touch with local organisations. Here is some of the latest local news:

Demolition Begins at Last!

This summer, Southside Housing Association (SHA) started the demolition of the Deck Access flats overlooking St Andrews Drive, Pollokshields. The community gathered on 31 August to watch local MSP and First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, press the button to get the demolition started. Speaking at the event Nicola Sturgeon said:

"This is the culmination of a long campaign by local residents to improve their housing. I am very pleased to see Southside Housing Association leading the regeneration of the area and I know how much local people are looking forward to seeing the work to build new houses start."



Bill Fraser,
Chair of Pollokshields
Community Council (bottom left) captures
the moment on his phone



First Minister Nicola Sturgeon with students from St Albert's Primary School at the Nan McKay Memorial Community Hall. Credit: SHA

Once the demolition had gotten underway, the Nan McKay Memorial Community Hall treated everyone to a fantastic afternoon tea.

This is the first phase of demolition of 100 homes and it will be complete by December. Work will start on building new housing in June. Phases 2 and 3 of the programme of demolition and new build will commence in successive years.

Responding on behalf of SHA, Chairperson Dorothy Murray said:

"It is great to see the demolition programme begin and we can't wait to see work commence on the new homes. The Association has worked hard to re-house residents affected by the demolition programme and we appreciate the patience and forbearance of the local community who have been so supportive of our efforts. Our thanks to all those who have worked so tirelessly to make this day a reality."



Patrick McGrath SHA director, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon and Dorothy Murray SHA management committee chairperson. Credit: SHA

GoWell is a collaborative partnership between the Glasgow Centre for Population Health, the University of Glasgow's Department of Urban Studies and the MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, sponsored by Glasgow Housing Association, the Scottish Government, NHS Health Scotland and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

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