

FOUR COURTS NEWSLETTER

28 AUGUST 2025

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We're committed to keeping everyone across all four blocks informed as the Four Courts regeneration project progresses. If you have any questions, we're always here to help and would encourage you to reach out.

We've set up a dedicated webpage where you'll find answers to the most common questions. Please visit www.southernhousing.org.uk/fourcourts for the latest updates and information.

MYTH BUSTING

We're aware rumours are still circulating about the regeneration project which are untrue and causing unnecessary anxiety. We'll continue to tackle these in your newsletter. However, if you're unsure about anything please get in touch with us. We're always happy to chat and clear things up.

"We keep hearing you're going to be moving illegal immigrants into empty homes at Bevin Court. Is this true?"

We have categorically stated before this is untrue. Nobody is being moved into the empty flats at Bevin Court – they will remain empty until the block is demolished.

"We've heard some Bevin Court residents are being moved miles away, against their wishes. Also, Bexhill and Rye aren't 'local areas', so why would you move residents there?"

Each of our Bevin Court residents have been allocated a dedicated Resettlement Officer. The Resettlement Officer discusses their housing needs and area where they'd like to move.

Any move is the choice of the resident, including accepting a property outside the St Leonards area. Nobody has been moved anywhere against their wishes.

We understand the importance of staying in familiar surroundings, and for some the need to stay close to family and friends. Others may wish to move further afield. Either way, our Resettlement Officers will be there every step of the way to find a home based on preferences and location.

ROOSEVELT COURT - FIRE ALARM AND EVACUATION STRATEGY

We're aware residents in Roosevelt Court were disturbed by the fire alarm going off in the early hours of Saturday 9 August.

We believe this was caused by a resident cooking in the communal kitchen.

The communal kitchen at Roosevelt should only be used in the day for events which have been agreed with your Scheme Housing Officer (SHO).

If your own cooker isn't working and you need to use the communal kitchen then please let your SHO know. Cooking shouldn't be left unattended or take place at night in the communal kitchen.

Roosevelt Court supports a 'stay put' evacuation strategy in the event of a fire.

This strategy means if a fire starts in another part of the building you could remain in your flat, unless you decide to evacuate or the fire service start an evacuation of the building.

If the fire is in your home or you are being affected by fire or smoke, you need to leave immediately and call 999. If you're in a communal area of the building and you become aware of a fire, you would need to evacuate.



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BEVIN COURT LATEST FIGURES

There are
96
homes in
Bevin Court

23
residents
have moved
out

10
moves
are in
progress

MEET OUR REGENERATION TEAM

Do you have any questions about the regeneration of the Four Courts? Come and meet the team who will be at Kennedy Court on **Tuesday 2 September** between **11am and 3pm**.

FOUR COURTS STEERING GROUP

The Four Courts Steering Group has been formed to ensure residents are able to influence each step of the regeneration process.

The group is open to all current residents of the Four Courts. We want to make sure all residents are represented, which is why we're keen to hear from younger residents or those with families.

If you'd like to find out more, please email four.courts@southernhousing.org.uk or come along to the next drop-in session at Kennedy Court on **Tuesday 2 September** between **11am and 3pm**.



BED BUGS

We're continuing to follow the specific plan we shared with your block in February to tackle bed bugs.

We employ specialists who use recognised treatment methods. These treatments are safe, effective, and widely used across the UK, containing fewer toxins than common fly spray.

Remember, if you've bed bugs now it's important to act immediately. The earlier you let us know, the easier it is to manage and resolve. Currently, all bed bug treatment comes at no cost to you although this may change moving forward.

If you live in Kennedy Court or Churchill Court please contact us on 0300 303 1066 to request support. If you live in Bevin Court or Roosevelt Court please let your Scheme Housing Officer know.

GETTING IN TOUCH WE'RE HERE TO HELP

We'd encourage you to contact us if you've any concerns. We remain here to support you.

There are a number of ways you can reach us:

-  Call us on **0300 303 1066** and ask to speak to one of the Four Courts Team
-  Email us about the regeneration: **four.courts@southernhousing.org.uk**
-  We've set up a dedicated web page for all the latest updates: **www.southernhousing.org.uk/fourcourts**
-  Remember, we now have a dedicated Four Courts WhatsApp channel you can follow: **[southernhousing.org.uk/4CWA](https://www.southernhousing.org.uk/4CWA)**