

FOUR COURTS NEWSLETTER

30 JUNE 2025

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We'll continue to share regular updates with everyone across all four blocks about the regeneration of the Four Courts. Remember, we're here to help – if you've any questions or need support, please just ask.

We've set up a dedicated web page where we're adding answers to your most frequently asked questions. Visit www.southernhousing.org.uk/fourcourts or scan the QR code below.

MYTH BUSTING – ADDRESSING THE RUMOURS

We want to make sure you're getting the facts – we're aware false rumours are still being shared which are causing unnecessary worry. If you're unsure about anything, please get in touch. We're always happy to chat and clear things up.



"Why are you refurbishing vacant flats at Bevin Court?"

We're not. When a resident moves out, we carry out essential health and safety works before securing the property.

"We've heard that when the flats are empty you'll be moving in illegal immigrants."

This is untrue. Nobody is being moved into the empty flats – they will remain empty until demolition of the block(s).

"You're going to sell the site to a private developer – we've heard it's a done deal."

This is false. We can categorically say we have no plans to sell the site. We've been clear from day one that all new homes built on the site will remain social housing, reinforcing our dedication to providing affordable and sustainable homes for local people.

COME AND HAVE A CHAT WITH US

Our Regeneration Team will be based in the Kennedy Court office again on **Wednesday 2 July** from 11am to 3pm. It's a chance to drop in, ask questions and chat with us about the regeneration.

"Why aren't all questions answered directly?"

We encourage residents to ask questions. To help keep things consistent and accessible, we publish answers to questions on the Four Courts web page and update them regularly. If your question isn't listed yet, please get in touch – we're always adding to your web page: www.southernhousing.org.uk/fourcourts

"What does 'like for like' mean?"

It means your new home will reflect your current home in important ways:

- The same type of tenancy
- A comparable location, or a new one if that's your preference.

You won't be restricted to the same type or size of property. If you're currently overcrowded or have more space than you need, we'll find a home that better fits your current needs. This might be a flat, house, maisonette, or a home in supported or extra care housing.

"You're going to avoid paying residents £8,100 to move out."

This isn't true. The Home Loss Payment is a statutory payment set by the government. It's designed to compensate residents for the distress and inconvenience of moving home at a time not of their choosing. We'll make the payment at the government's set rate at the time of your move.

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ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB) AWARENESS EVENT

We'd like to invite you to a community ASB awareness drop-in session taking place at the front counter area of Kennedy Court on Tuesday 1 July from 10am to 1pm.

This is a chance to speak directly with your local ASB Team about any concerns. Whether you'd like advice, need to report an issue, or want to understand how we respond to anti-social behaviour, we're here to help.

A Housing Officer will also be available to support with any tenancy-related queries. There's no need to book – just drop in.

ONGOING WORKS AT BEVIN COURT

We're on schedule with the removal of cladding at Bevin Court and expect work to be completed by the end of August 2025.

We want you to feel comfortable in your home during the summer. So if you're unable to open your window and would like a fan, please contact your Scheme Housing Officer.

BEVIN COURT LATEST FIGURES

There are
96
homes in
Bevin Court

8
residents
have moved
out

20
moves
are in
progress

BED BUGS UPDATE

You'll be aware of our long-term plan to tackle bed bugs in your block.

However, if you have bed bugs now it's important to act immediately. We're here to help and can arrange treatment at no cost to you. The earlier you let us know, the easier it is to manage and resolve. If you live in Kennedy Court or Churchill Court please contact us on **0800 121 60 60** to request support. If you live in Bevin Court or Roosevelt Court please let your Scheme Manager know.

RESIDENT STEERING GROUP

The Four Courts Steering Group is open to current residents living on the estate. Joining gives you a more in-depth opportunity to have your say in the regeneration and help shape the plans for the future. We've agreed and adopted the Terms of Reference for this group. We know some former residents still feel connected to Four Courts. Their views matter, and they may be invited to join relevant discussions as observers. However, core membership and key decision-making remain with those currently living on the estate.

If you're interested in getting involved, you can email us at four.courts@southernhousing.org.uk or speak to a member of the team during our drop-in sessions.

POST BOXES



We've placed post boxes in the main entrance of each Four Courts building. You can use these to share any questions, concerns or feedback about the regeneration.

We've had some difficulty accessing one of the Churchill Court boxes. Please let us know if you're waiting for a response and haven't heard back. We're sorry for the delay.

GETTING IN TOUCH WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Do you have any further questions? 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:

-  Please call us on **0800 121 60 60** 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 where we'll be providing all the 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)**