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Garden built in memory of Melin resident



Melin Homes and its Residents' Panel have worked in partnership to build a new communal garden area at Glengriff Court, Griffithstown, in memory of resident Tom Gullick.

Tom was a landscape resident for Melin before he passed away last year. This role meant that he regularly tended to his local community's plants and greenery, and he also managed the work of contractors carrying out garden works at the Melin development.

Tom and his wife Glenys moved to Glengriff Court in 1995. After Tom passed away, neighbours organised a collection which raised more than £150. Glenys used this money to pay for a memorial stone at their request, and the decision to update the garden area at Glengriff Court followed from this.

The Residents' Panel contractor Malcolm Griffiths led the garden makeover.

Tom's wife, Glenys, saw the transformation first-hand. She said: "Before there were just overgrown, weathered shrubs which needed replacing. Now there is

lots of greenery, flowers and even a beautiful Japanese flowering cherry tree. It all looks so pretty.”

Mark Gardner, Melin’s Chief Executive, said: “Replacing this garden area seemed a fitting way to remember Tom and all the good work that he did around the estate. I’m so proud that Melin and the Residents’ Panel were able to help when residents requested for the area to be updated – it’s just one example of how Melin not only listens to its residents, but takes action too. Glenys has now taken over Tom’s role as landscape resident for Melin in her area and I am confident she will do the job just as well as he did.”

Glenys was also recently co-opted onto Melin’s Residents’ Panel. The Panel plays an active role in the day-to-day running of the organisation and provides a vital link between Melin and its residents.

She added: “The Panel does so much good work as it has its own budget which can pay for a range of activities and projects that help improve Melin’s communities. The makeover of Glengariff Court’s communal garden area is just one example of these beneficial projects, and I’m ever so grateful to the Residents’ Panel and Melin for their contributions towards this. I’m looking forward to representing residents’ views and continuing the Residents’ Panel’s good work.”

Melin’s Residents’ Panel is currently looking for new members. If you are a Melin resident who is interested in putting your name forward for election, please contact Melin’s Rose Matthews before 24 July 2009 on 08453 101102.

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Photo caption: Melin’s Chief Executive Mark Gardner, Chair of Melin’s Residents’ Panel Val Phipps and resident Glenys Gullick are all pleased with Glengariff Court’s new garden area.

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