

# Voices Together



## Festive Bakes competition winner



Well done to Katy from Kent who won our Festive Bakes photo competition.

Katy bought a new TV with her prize.

Thank you to everybody who sent in photos of their delicious bakes.



## More Voices, More Choices celebration



Our tenant group, More Voices, More Choices have not met up in person together for a long time.

In August, they'll be meeting up for a special event in Manchester to celebrate their hard work and achievements. We can't wait to see them!





# Our Plan



Golden Lane Housing  
building futures



Golden Lane Housing is no longer part of Mencap, but we are still working together closely.

Golden Lane Housing now has a new plan, known as Our Plan. Our Plan tells you what Golden Lane Housing will do over the next three years to improve services to tenants.

Mark Johnson, chair of More Voices, More Choices and Golden Lane Housing tenant, and Stephen Smith, More Voices, More Choices member and Golden Lane Housing tenant, have been working with John Verge, chief executive of Golden Lane Housing, to make sure tenants will be able to understand Our Plan.

It is great, I really feel as though we are being listened to.



**Mark Johnson**

I think Our Plan is important because we feel that we want to take Golden Lane Housing to the next level.



**Stephen Smith**



You can read Our Plan on the Golden Lane Housing website, or you can ask for an accessible copy by emailing [communications@glh.org.uk](mailto:communications@glh.org.uk)

# Top energy saving tips



In March, we sent you a letter about how you could save money on your energy bills. These are bills like your gas, water and electricity.

Stephen Smith, Golden Lane Housing tenant and Newsletter Rep, has picked his favourite tips.

1

When you brush your teeth, turn the tap off while you are brushing. This way you will use less water.



2

Turn off your lights when you are not in the room or do not need them on.



3

Wait until you have a full load of washing before using your washing machine and your dryer. This way you will save water and electricity.



4

Turn off your devices at the plug when you are not using them. For example, your TV, laptop, and chargers.

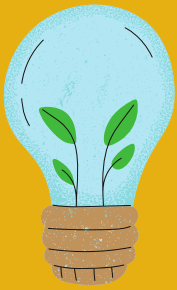


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The tips that might be helpful for some people might not be helpful for you. For example, some people might need to keep their lights on. You can choose which tips to follow to help you. You can also talk to your support about how they can help you to save energy.




If you would like a copy of the easy read energy saving guide, please email [communications@glh.org.uk](mailto:communications@glh.org.uk)



# Energy saving competition



E	G	A	S	L	R	W	F
N	Z	K	A	C	B	A	G
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**Circle** the energy saving words below in the wordsearch. We've circled the word ELECTRIC as an example.

**ENERGY**  
**SAVING**  
**BILLS**

**WATER**  
**GAS**  
**GUIDE**

Send a picture of your finished wordsearch to [tenant.competition@glh.org.uk](mailto:tenant.competition@glh.org.uk) by Friday 20th May 2022 to enter a prize draw to win a £50 voucher.



# Design a Dixie postcard competition



Thank you to everybody who sent in their 'Design a Dixie' competition entries, and told us how they would like to get involved with Golden Lane Housing. All of the entries were brilliant.



We have been contacting tenants who told us what they wanted to get involved with at Golden Lane Housing.



We're really excited to start doing more work with you to help improve our services.



Golden Lane Housing staff members have voted for their favourite Dixie design and we have contacted the winner.



## And the winner is...



Connor from Middlesbrough! Well done Connor and to everybody who entered - all the designs were brilliant



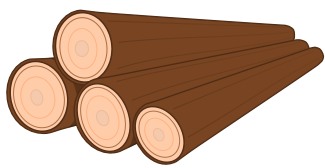
# Build a bug hotel



Spring is here and with nicer weather, we can get outside more! A fun and easy activity is to build your own bug hotel to help wildlife.

You can build it however you like - you might want to make it look like a house or a nest.

Some of the things you can use are:



- Logs and twigs



- Dry leaves

- Pine cones

- Stones



For more instructions on how to build bug hotels and why they're good for the environment, go to the Woodland Trust website:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2019/09/how-to-build-a-bug-hotel/>

We'd love to see your pictures of your bug hotels or other outdoor activities.



Please email them to [getinvolved@glh.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@glh.org.uk), and your picture could be on the Golden Lane Housing social media pages, website and in the next Voices Together newsletter!



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