

# Community News

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Welcome to the 10th edition of Community News and 1st under the new Woven branding.

We hope you enjoy all the latest news, activities, upcoming events and items of interest from around our Woven communities.

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Woven Communities Team take top honours at the CIH All Ireland Housing Awards



On 1 March 2024, Woven was launched at new HQ offices, Laganwood House, Belfast



ALL-IRELAND HOUSING AWARDS 2024  
CONGRATULATIONS

On 14 March 2024, at CIH All-Ireland Housing Awards, Woven won the awards for Excellence in Tenant Financial Wellbeing and Promoting Shared & Inclusive Communities.

## Would you like to join our Editorial Panel?

Community News is produced by tenants, for tenants; co-ordinated and compiled by the Editorial Panel and members of Woven's Homes & Communities Team.

We are on the lookout for willing tenant volunteers. Gain experience of newsletter production and share news with tenants across NI. Email: [newsletter@woven.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@woven.org.uk)

# woven new name FAQs

Here we republish Woven's FAQs to help explain everything to do with the name change. This content was produced by Woven, not the editorial panel, but it was compiled from feedback with the tenant consultation panel and contains all the questions that tenants requested.

## What the 'makeover' means for tenants

We believe, with our recent move to new HQ offices, it is a good time to emphasise our own regional identity with a 'makeover'. **Although our name has changed, in most other respects things will continue as before.** We met with some of our tenants to explain what would be happening and they helped us to put together the following questions/answers.

## Will my Housing Officer or Maintenance Officer change?

**No.** Our current staff members will stay as employees in their existing roles. However, we are an ambitious housing association with a significant development programme in place and as we grow we may take on additional staff.

## Will my Tenancy Agreement have to be changed?

**No.** The Tenancy Agreement you signed when you became a Habinteg tenant will remain in place and you will not be required to sign any new document. Agreements under the new name will only be required for future tenants.

## Will I still have the same rights / conditions of Tenancy?

**Yes.** As above, the Tenancy Agreement you signed is still in place and all conditions of the Tenancy will remain as they were under Habinteg.

## Will my rent or service charge change?

**No.** There will no change in your rental charge as a result of the name change. However, rents are reviewed yearly, in April, and any changes will be subject to 28 days' notice.

## Do I need to notify Housing Benefit / Universal Credit?

**No.** All necessary amendments will be made for you.

## Will contact numbers change?

**No.** Contact numbers will remain the same. There will be a change to the new company email address: **info@woven.org.uk** and there will be two new customer email addresses: For all housing and tenancy related enquiries you can contact us at **housing@woven.org.uk** and for maintenance and repairs you can contact us at **repairs@woven.org.uk**

You will find the new website at: **www.woven.org.uk**

**Please note that until further notice, our offices are closed to public access on Fridays.**

# Out and About



Flower Arranging

Farland Way

Whilst we might have been busy getting ready for our new future as 'Woven', the Communities Team have still been making to time to get out and about on our schemes.



Health and Wellbeing Programme

Hawthorn Drive

There have been lots of great events recently with plenty more to come. Check out our 'Dates For Your Diary' page or contact your Community Involvement Officer if you want to get involved!



Bingo Event

Ardnaclowney House



Burns Night Celebration

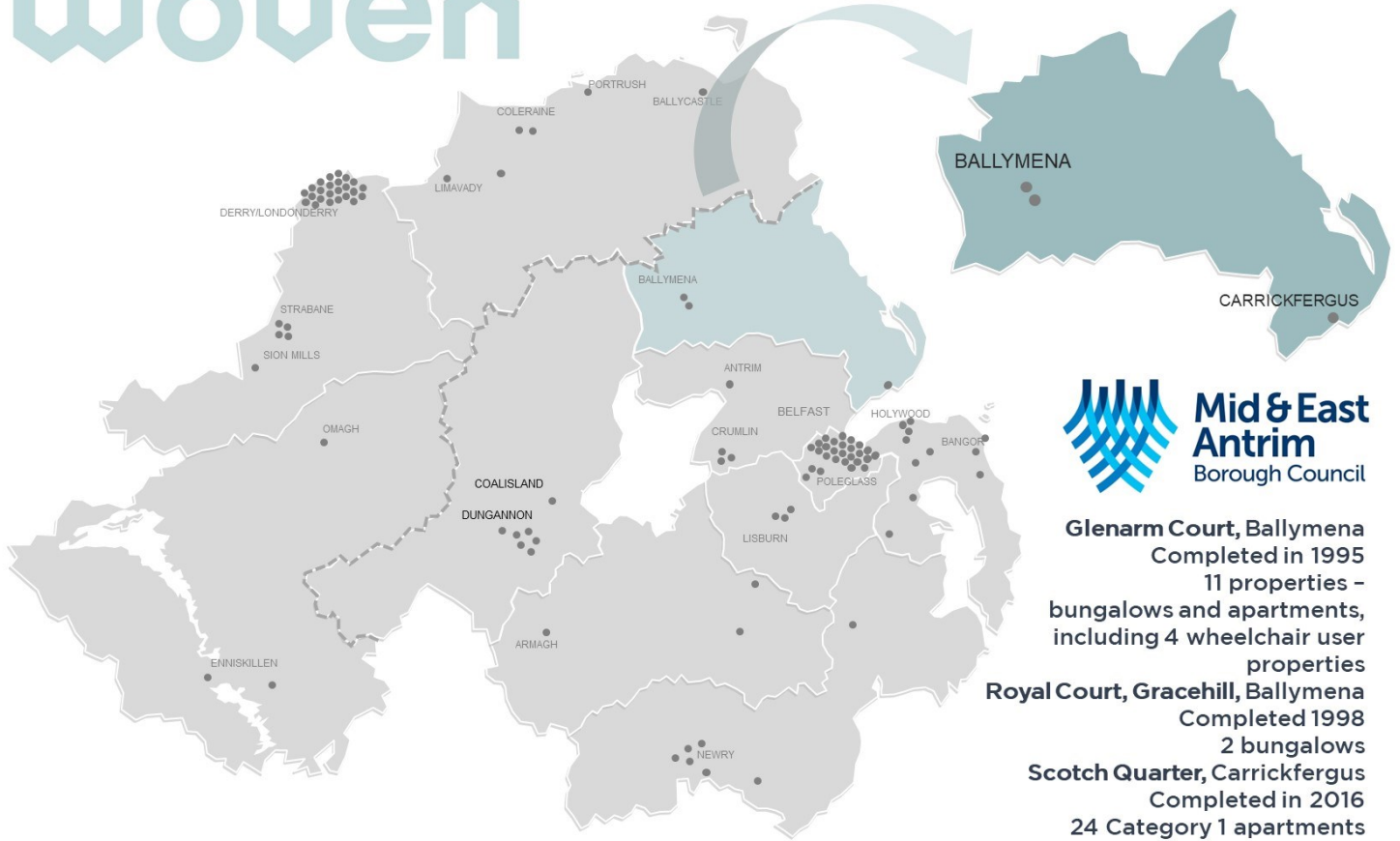
Hollywood Parish Hall

Children of Millstrand Primary School in Portrush had plenty of fun last month celebrating the year of the dragon, fully embracing the history and traditions of Chinese New Year. The event was funded by TBUC - Housing For All. A big thanks to Artsekta for helping facilitate a wonderful afternoon!



# AREA IN FOCUS: Mid & East Antrim

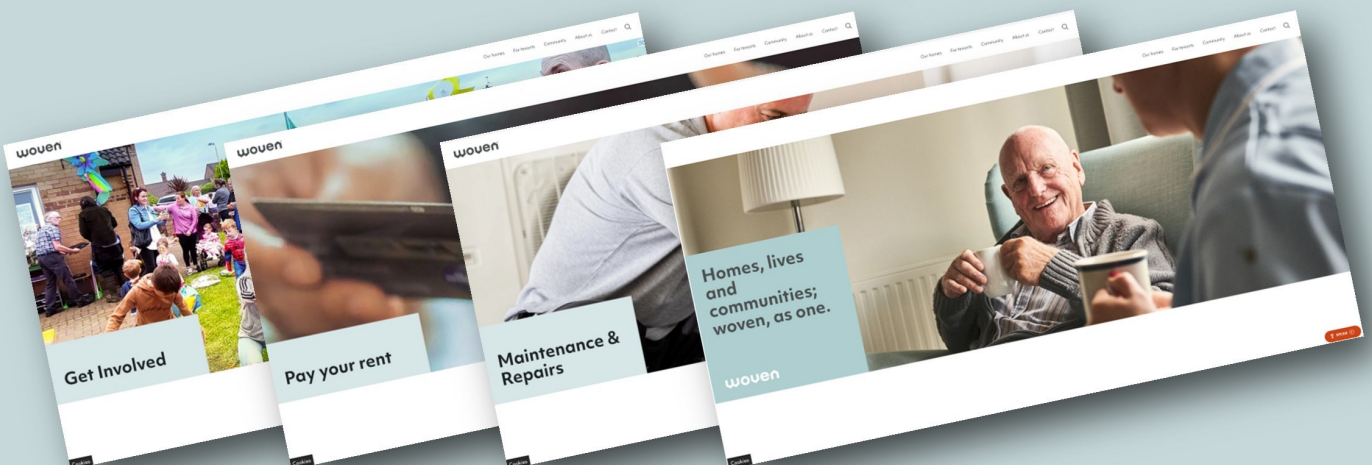
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## Have you tried out the new Woven website yet?

Pay your rent, report a repair, get in touch. Use the ReachDeck toolbar to view or listen to the website in your language of choice.

[www.woven.org.uk](http://www.woven.org.uk)



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# Around the District

Habinteg tenant Dave Maher looks at things to do in Mid and East Antrim



## Glenarm Forest Park



This forest park provides peaceful woodland trails, perfect for a gentle stroll surrounded by nature. If you are lucky, and relatively quiet, you may see heron, kingfishers and even otters as the Glenarm river is stocked with trout and eels! It is also one of the best places to spot our native red squirrel. The walk follows the river and is not too strenuous, about 3.2km, and to aid your recovery, should you need to, there are a number of good restaurants in the area. Best of all, there is no admission charge to the park.

## Carrickfergus Castle



My own particular favourite in the Borough is Carrickfergus Castle. It is one of the best preserved medieval structures on the island of Ireland and it dates from 1177. The castle has played a huge part in the history of the area. It was besieged by the Scots, French, Irish and English and also hosted King William of Orange on his way to the Battle of the Boyne. As you can imagine, there are plenty of stories of ghosts and terrible events connected to the castle. The castle offers a fascinating glimpse into medieval life, with interactive exhibits and guided tours available. Admission is £6 for an adult ticket and £4 for children aged 5-17. The tour lasts about 3 hours.



## Raceview Indoor Karting

If you fancy some Go-Kart racing why not try Raceview Indoor Karting at Woodside Road Ind. Estate, Ballymena. Sessions are available to suit everyone and the prices are reasonable. I went here with one of my granddaughters a few years ago, when I could actually get into a Kart, but I was just a moving obstacle as far as she was concerned! More info. at [www.raceviewkarting.com](http://www.raceviewkarting.com).



## Day at the Beach?

For a simple day out at the sea a visit to Portmuck is very enjoyable. It's also on Islandmagee, and normally easy to get to, but on a warm summers day the busy narrow winding road down to the car park is not for the faint-hearted! In that instance Browns Bay is a good alternative, and not far from Portmuck.

## ...and that's not all!

There's far too many places I could recommend in this area but an honourable mention to these other great days out!

- Gobbins Cliff Path
- Galgorm Spa and Hotel
- Whitehead Railway Museum
- Carnfunnock Country Park



## Dave says:

Situated in the heart of Northern Ireland, this is a region rich in history, culture and natural beauty. There's something for everyone to enjoy!



# Meet the Tenant



Community Involvement Officer, Tom Cummings recently caught up with Editorial Panel member and Mid and East Antrim resident Dave Maher, who has been a Woven tenant for over 8 years now!

## What is your favourite thing about where you live?

The location and quality of the property. We are on the Marine Highway overlooking Belfast Lough and because we are on the third floor have an incredible view from all sides.

## You are an active tenant, regularly getting involved - how did you first get started?

My Housing Officer, Kathy Crawford, first suggested becoming involved with Habinteg. Initially, this was with the Newsletter team and then grew to include the Housing Policy Panel and various Tenant Consultation groups.

## What do you enjoy about being involved in Woven events/activities?

My involvement has given me an insight into how Housing Associations in general operate, plus the opportunity to meet Woven staff from various departments and discover the problems and issues they face on a daily basis. I have come to understand that working in harmony is the way forward - we are all striving for the best results for everyone.

## If you could give any advice to a new Woven tenant, what would it be?

My advice to a new tenant would be to get involved with Woven, at some level. They require feedback to improve services and to effect change. (You can find contact details on the Woven website or in this Newsletter).

## Other than getting involved with Woven, what do you like to do in your spare time?

In my spare time I am also privileged to be Chair of the Supporting Communities charity - a really worthwhile organisation that promotes tenant and community participation by developing groups, supporting active citizenship, and building cohesive communities. I also like to spend time researching my family history on Ancestry, reading non-fiction books, and basically trying to educate myself, something most people do when they are younger, but of course I chose to do it the other way round!

## What is your motto for life?

A simple answer to this; Treat others as you would like to be treated.

Want to be interviewed for the 'Meet The Tenant' section? We'd love to hear from tenants across any of our schemes. Get in touch at [newsletter@woven.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@woven.org.uk)

Woven tenant Dave on a recent trip to Stormont



# Arts and Crafts

Tenants in Dungannon take part in a weekly arts and crafts class at Castle Gardens. Here, Cloisters tenant Lynne Morrow gives a step-by-step to decoupage a stone, to create a beautiful keepsake that looks great inside or outside your home!



## Step 1

Gather everything you need!

- Stone/Rock
- White Paint
- Paintbrush
- Mod Podge
- Napkins

Optional

- Glitter
- Varnish sealant



## Step 2

Give your stone/rock a really good wash to get rid of any dirt.

Paint the entire surface of the stone white and allow to dry (you may require 2 coats)



## Step 3

Pick a napkin of your choice. Peel all layers of your napkin (this can be fiddly!). Most will be made up of 2 white sheets and one sheet with the image on it



## Step 4

Starting with a blank layer, glue this to the stone. When dry, add the second layer and repeat up to picture layer. When dry, add an additional layer of glue over the image (add glitter at this stage if desired)



## Step 5

Apply a final layer of Mod Podge, or if you wish to place the stone outside, apply a varnish sealant. This will protect your image/s from fading!

Why not give this a go and send photos of your masterpieces to [newsletter@woven.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@woven.org.uk) and you could feature in the next edition of the newsletter!



# Cooking with Cavell



This take on the Mexican classic chilli con carne is packed with veg and is slow cooker friendly! Serve with rice, sour cream and a fresh lime!

## Ingredients

- 1 medium onion
- 1 clove of garlic
- 1 medium carrot
- 1 medium pepper
- 5 button mushrooms
- 450g lean mince
- 1 dstsp plain flour
- 1 tsp chilli powder
- 1 beef stock cube in 150ml water
- 1 dstsp tomato puree
- 1 400g tin chopped tomatoes
- handful frozen peas
- 240g tin of kidney beans

## Method

Peel and chop onion, garlic, carrot, pepper and mushrooms  
Fry mince in a pan until well browned  
Add onions and garlic to pan and stir for 3 mins  
Sprinkle in flour and chilli powder and cook for 2 mins, mixing well  
Add beef stock, puree, tinned tomatoes and remaining vegetables  
Bring to boil  
Add kidney beans  
Cook for 20 minutes until sauce at the desired consistency  
Alternatively, transfer to slow cooker and leave on low for 4 hours



## EASTER TREATS

Why not give this tasty cheesecake a try this Easter? Decorate with your favourite chocolate treats!

## Ingredients

- Vegetable oil, for tin
- 200g digestive biscuits
- 80g unsalted butter, melted
- 250g mini eggs/Easter egg
- 400g full fat soft cheese
- 150g icing sugar
- 1tsp vanilla bean paste
- 400g double cream

## Method

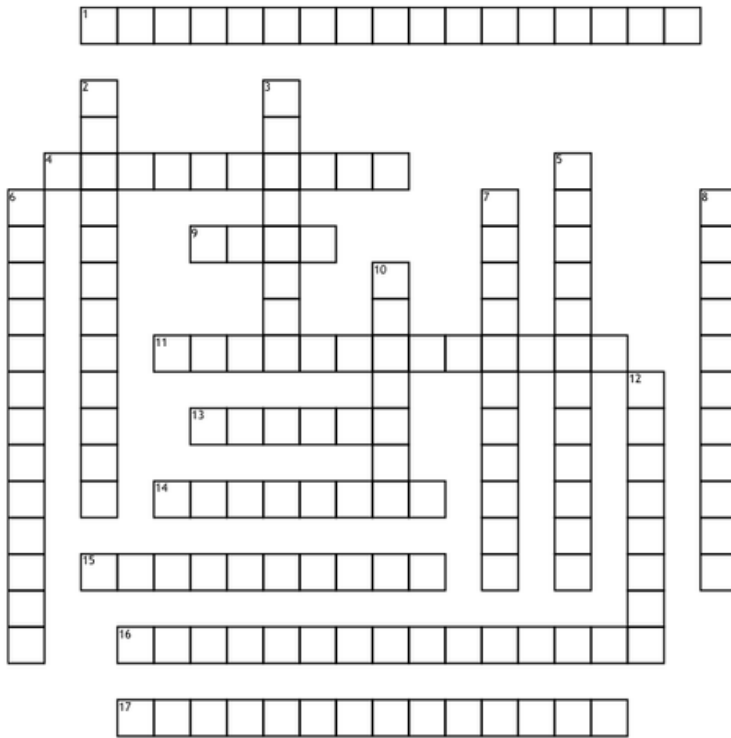
- Oil a 20cm deep springform cake tin and line with parchment paper.
- Tip digestive biscuits into a food bag and crush to a fine crumb. Mix with the melted butter then press into base of the tin and set in fridge for 30 mins.
- Roughly chop half of the mini eggs. Beat soft cheese with icing sugar and vanilla until just combined. Beat double cream to stiff peaks in a separate bowl. Fold the whipped cream into soft cheese mix along with the chopped mini eggs.
- Spoon cheesecake mixture over biscuit base, smooth over and chill overnight. Carefully release cheesecake from the tin and decorate with remaining mini eggs/chocolate of your choice!







## Crossword



### Across

- 1. I'm sorry Dave, I'm afraid I can't do that.
- 4. I'll be back.
- 9. "We're gonna need a bigger boat"
- 11. "I see dead people"
- 13. "I feel the need. the need for speed."
- 14. "Say hello to my little friend!"

### Down

- 2. I'm going to make him an offer he can't refuse
- 3. No, I am your father
- 5. Life uh, finds a way
- 15. Shaken, not stirred.
- 16. "Great Scott!"
- 17. One ring to rule them all

- 6. "We're off to see the wizard"
- 7. Mama always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know you're gonna get.
- 8. Rosebud
- 10. I'm the king of the world!
- 12. I am serious. And don't call me Shirley.



## Sudoku

	7			2			4	6	
	6						8	9	
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7	1							5	9
			1	3			4	8	
6	9	7			2				8
	5	8						6	
4	3			8				7	

## Kid's Wordsearch

J P H G B K E G G S  
 R X U M U S C E G N  
 I U N Y N L F P A O  
 T H T C N A P A M W  
 C A N D Y M B Z E Q  
 H V O F T B X P S C  
 I O S R H A P P Y O  
 C K A P R I L C O N  
 K W G C N T M B T K  
 H O P I N S U V M W

### WORD LIST

- APRIL
- BUNNY
- CANDY
- CHICK
- EGGS
- GAMES
- HAPPY
- HOP
- HUNT
- LAMB



# Kidz Competition

Open to children  
12 and younger

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Colour the picture below and submit your entry by Friday 5th April to be in with a chance of winning. The winner will receive a Spring hamper full of goodies and have their photo in the next edition of the newsletter!



Send a photo of your child's entry, along with your name and contact details, to [newsletter@woven.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@woven.org.uk) or via WhatsApp on 07485396526



# Tenant Zone

## Nominate a Neighbour

Here at **woven** we want to celebrate those tenants that have made a positive difference in their community!

- Do you have a neighbour that has helped you in the past?
- Do you know someone who always puts others first?
- Has someone gone above and beyond to help their local community?

Then 'Nominate a Neighbour' and we will give them the recognition they deserve in our next Edition!

Please send your nomination and a brief paragraph as to why you are nominating them to [newsletter@woven.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@woven.org.uk)

## Our Contact Details have changed following the rebrand...

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## WE WANT YOU!

Want to join our Editorial Panel and get involved in writing articles as well as designing and editing the Woven Community Newsletter?

Or do you just have a story you want to tell? Maybe you have an article you think other tenants would love to read?

If so, get in touch at [newsletter@woven.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@woven.org.uk)

Welcome to Tenant Zone! This section is full of useful information for Woven tenants.

This is also your opportunity to get involved and have your voice heard.

Visit our new website at [www.woven.org.uk](http://www.woven.org.uk), to keep up to date with all the latest news from **woven**

There is currently an online 'Tenant Zone' on the website that we hope will be a useful resource for all tenants. We'd love to hear from you about what they'd like to see on it! Get in touch if you want to share your ideas.



**Pets Corner**  
The featured pet in this Edition is Mia, who is owned by Briege Corr of Castle Gardens, Dungannon!



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# Dates for your Diary


## Woven Events

**Belfast Regional Panel**  
Hillmount Garden Centre  
Early April 2024

**Arts and Crafts**  
Castle Gardens  
Every Monday

**Irish History Workshops**  
Holywood  
Early April 2024

**Easter Crafts and Quiz**  
Ardnaclowney House  
26th March



Want to see something in your area, or know more about upcoming events? Get in touch with your Community Involvement Officer



## Other Events

Check out these events taking place across Northern Ireland in the coming months

**Spring Spectacular**  
Hillsborough Castle  
9th Mar - 6th May

**Easter @ Ulster Folk Museum**  
Holywood  
31st Mar - 5th Apr

**Roe Valley Market**  
Limavady  
6th April

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Rowallane Garden  
23rd Mar - 7 Apr




**Fishing Festival**  
Enniskillen  
28th Apr - 3rd May



For more information and to find events in your local area, visit [discovernorthernireland.com](http://discovernorthernireland.com)

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Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for upcoming events in your area!



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