

Golden Gates Housing Trust press release

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Golden Gates Housing Trust and Warrington Wolves Foundation Celebrate Partnership Launch

Golden Gates Housing Trust (GGHT) tenants in Lymm got a surprise this week when Warrington Wolves mascot “Wolfie” turned up to deliver their new kitchens. “Wolfie” was on hand to help celebrate the launch of the Trust’s partnership with the Warrington Wolves Foundation.

GGHT and Warrington Wolves Foundation have entered into a long-term partnership to benefit the local community. Over the next 12 months the partnership will see the two organisations working together to deliver a range of activities for young people in Warrington aimed at promoting health and physical activity and reducing anti-social behaviour.

Staff from GGHT’s pre-tenancy team will be based at the Wolves Halliwell Jones stadium and will be working closely with their colleagues from the Wolves Foundation to deliver skills courses for pre-tenants and younger tenants to help them into work and improve their quality of life.

The Wolves Foundation are also helping to reward work placement volunteers who will be helping to carry out an estate clean up in Longford. This will include hosting training, providing them with Wolves kits and match tickets and giving them the opportunity to take part in rugby leaders’ awards.

Further activities linked to the launch included GGHT Chief Executive Peter Mercer joining The Foundation’s Chair Cllr Terry O’Neill and the Wolves Young Trustees on the pitch during the half time interval of the Wolves match against Wakefield Wildcats. The Trustees are heading out to Gambia in November. The match saw Warrington Wolves run out 66-12 winners.

GGHT Chief Executive, Peter Mercer said: “Warrington Wolves Foundation is doing excellent work with young people helping them to develop their skills, gain qualifications and improve aspirations. We believe that our partnership with the Foundation will bring many benefits to our tenants and their families and will be a springboard to improve their quality of life.”

Warrington Wolves Foundation Director, Neil Kelly, added: “We are delighted to announce our partnership with Golden Gates Housing Trust. The two organisations are both committed to working within the local community of Warrington and share many values. We look forward to working together on a number of projects to strengthen the local community”

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Wolfie delivers a new kitchen in Lymm, Cheshire as part of GGHT’s investment programme.



(From Back, Right to Left) GGHT Vice-Chair Phil Pemberton, GGHT Chief Executive Peter Mercer, Wolves Foundation Chair Cllr Terry O'Neil, Warrington Wolves Chairman Steve Broomhead and the Young Trustees at the Wolves match against Wakefield Wildcats.



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About Golden Gates Housing Trust

Golden Gates Housing Trust (GGHT) launched on 29 November 2010, formed as part of the Stock Transfer of 8,700 homes from Warrington Borough Council. The transfer converted the successful Arms Length Management Organisation Golden Gates Housing into a registered provider of social housing.

GGHT will be investing around £105M in tenants' homes and neighbourhoods over the first 5 years and £530M over 30 years to deliver the "Warrington

Standard". This Standard has been developed by GGHT's tenants to ensure that improvements and investment is prioritised in the areas that tenants have said are a priority. Plans include the installation of double glazing and secured front and rear doors in all properties over the next five years as well as environmental improvements such as fencing, gates and lighting.

About Warrington Wolves Foundation

We are a registered charity working within the local community of Warrington and through the umbrella of sport we work in four key areas: health, education, young people and social welfare.

Our aims and objectives are:

Health & Social Welfare: We look to enhance the quality of life by promoting healthy lifestyles to all ages, backgrounds and abilities within the community. We tackle key health issues for all, create wider activities for people with disabilities and hold inclusive activities for disadvantaged and hard-to-reach communities.

Young People: We inspire our community by providing our young people with pathways to participate in positive activity. We work with partners to provide diversionary activities, create sporting and physical activities and engage with young people to strengthen their communities.

Education: We look to create an environment to support learning and to contribute to the improvement of attainment, confidence and employability. We host Sports Leadership Programmes, volunteering opportunities, work placements and are home to a modern and welcoming learning environment.