



My Community.

Getting involved with, looking after and protecting the Belle Isle community.

Belle Isle Tenant Management Organisation

Aberfield Gate, Belle Isle, Leeds LS10 3QH

General Enquiries: 0113 378 2188 | Emergency: 0113 376 0410

Get Involved!



There are lots of opportunities for people who live in Belle Isle to make Belle Isle an even better place to live. There are lots of community-based activities and groups, and we work with volunteers to run activities. If you would like to find out more about what is going on in Belle Isle or start up a group or an activity ring our Community Development Team on **0113 378 2190**.



We have a Community Orchard, a Community Garden, and a group of volunteers who run a community kitchen where hot food is provided regularly throughout the week. We have a mums and tots' group, a repair café, and two cinema clubs.

We run lots of family activities during school holidays, and we provide FREE tuition in maths and English to primary school aged children. If you'd like to participate or help with any of the activities at the GATE please speak to us to find out more.





BITMO aims to work with you to make Belle Isle a safer, stronger and greener community, where people want to live.

Belle Isle should be a great place to live. It has the advantages of a green garden estate, is close to open countryside and just a few miles to the centre of one of the UK's most vibrant cities. We take a proactive approach to improving the Belle Isle estate. You will see our caretaking team out and about, working to ensure Belle Isle is clean, tidy, and safe.



We invest thousands of pounds in estate improvements, planting trees, clearing overgrown areas, and carrying out repairs.



You can help us by reporting any fly tipping or bonfires. Fly tipping and burning industrial waste are both offences under the Environmental Protection Act, and we will take action to investigate and prosecute when it happens. These are serious offences which can involve fixed penalty fines and even imprisonment. Vehicles used can be seized, crushed and owners prosecuted.

Communal green areas are maintained by our caretakers and Continental. You are responsible for keeping your garden well maintained and tidy, whilst we manage communal grassed areas, shrub beds and some hedges.

If you would like to volunteer to help keep Belle Isle looking its best, please get in touch.

Quad bikes



Members of our community are understandably concerned about the number of people riding quad bikes around the estate. They are dangerous for pedestrians and other road users. The Police are keen to locate the bikes and their owners. We have done what we can by fencing off the circus, and where we are aware of quad bikes, we inform the police. If you know of the location of any bikes on the estate, please contact the police and let us know too.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)



Everyone should feel comfortable and secure in their home and in their neighbourhood.

Sadly, there are incidents and behaviours which can cause worry and make people feel unsettled. As a BITMO tenant you are responsible for your own behaviour as well as that of anyone living in or visiting your home.

Everyone has to put up with behaviour they would not choose from time to time, it may be that you can hear your neighbour's music, or there is an argument. When this is a frequent occurrence, it can become a problem. If you are having problems with your neighbour, the best thing is to explain to them calmly and kindly the impact of their behaviour on you, as they may not realise the effect they are having on others.

You can report anti-social behaviour by **calling** us or **emailing** us at :

ASB.enquiries@belleisletmo.co.uk

When sending your report, tell us:

- Your name and address
- What the ASB is
- Who is doing it & what their address is
- When it is happening
- Whether you have reported it to the police



The use of and dealing of drugs is a concern for our community. It is a fact of modern life, and it is very prevalent, but it is illegal, and it is a **breach of the tenancy agreement**, which can result in a person losing their home, as well as criminal prosecution. We have a **zero tolerance** approach so we will report it to the police if we suspect it.

Penalties are in place for the possession and supply of drugs, and we will work with support agencies to help people, but ultimately if people are not engaging, or are causing problems for their neighbours we will work with the police to provide evidence, prosecute, and end the tenancies of people guilty of drug offences.

CLASS	DRUGS	POSSESSION	SUPPLY
Class A	Crack cocaine, cocaine, ecstasy (MDMA, Molly), heroin, LSD, magic mushrooms, methadone, methamphetamine	Up to 7 years in prison, and unlimited fine or both	Up to life in prison, an unlimited fine or both
Class B	Amphetamines, barbiturates, cannabis, codeine, ketamine, methylphenidate, synthetic cannabinoids (Spice),	Up to 5 years in prison, an unlimited fine, or both	Up to 14 years in prison, and unlimited fine or both
Class C	Benzodiazepines (diazepam), gamma hydroxybutrate (GHB) gamma butyrolactone (GBL) piperazines (BZP) khat	Up to 2 years in prison, an unlimited fine or both	Up to 14 years in prison, an unlimited fine, or both

You can report drug use and drug dealing via the methods below:

- Anonymously through the Crimestoppers helpline: 0800 555 111
- To BITMO online: asb.enquiries@belleisletmo.co.uk
- Direct to the police by phone: Dial 101 or 999 if it is happening there and then and you are not putting yourself at risk.

Domestic Abuse

There are higher than average levels of domestic abuse in Belle Isle.

Domestic abuse is a crime, and it can happen to anyone. It affects the wellbeing and quality of life of the victim, their family, and their friends. It traumatises those who witness it. At BITMO we firmly believe that you have a right to live safely and confidently in your home, free from any form of abuse, and that children should grow up in homes that are safe and loving. The true scale of the problem is difficult to determine because a large proportion of domestic abuse goes unreported, but studies suggest many millions of people are affected every year. Tragically, two women are killed every week by their partner or ex-partner. If you are experiencing any form of domestic abuse, you can speak to BITMO staff in confidence. **You can also contact the following organisations:**

Domestic Violence Assist specialises in help to obtain emergency injunctions to prevent further abuse
phone: **0800 1958 699**

National Centre for Domestic Violence specialises in assistance to get emergency injunctions to prevent further abuse. Phone: **0800 9702 070**

Women's Aid Domestic Violence Helpline, Free 24-hour helpline run by Women's Aid and Refuge
Phone: **0808 2000 247**

Hourglass confidential helpline provides information and support to anyone concerned about harm, abuse, or exploitation of an older person.
Phone: **0808 808 8141**

Men's Advice Line Confidential helpline for male victims of domestic abuse
Phone **0808 801 0327**

National LGBT Domestic Abuse Helpline
Emotional and practical support for LGBT+ people
Phone: **0800 999 5248**

National Stalking Helpline
Guidance on the law, how to report stalking, gathering evidence, staying safe and reducing risk.
Phone: **0808 802 0300**

Victim Support
Free and Confidential help to victims of crime, witnesses, their family, and friends
Phone: **0808 1689 111**

In an emergency phone **999**, or report online at your local police station, via **101**

Police Support

The police can give you information, and support.

Clare's Law

This scheme is named after Clare Wood, who was murdered by her ex-boyfriend George Appleton in 2009

THE RIGHT TO ASK gives members of the public a right to ask police where they have a concern that their partner or former partner may pose a risk to them, or where they are concerned that the partner of someone they know poses a risk to that person.

THE RIGHT TO KNOW gives police and partner agencies the right to provide information to an individual when there is risk from a partner (or former partner) and there's a need for them to know this where they may be unaware that they are at risk.

Community Fund

BITMO have established a Community Fund to make grants available to tenants to improve the appearance of the estate, support training and education, or help with financial difficulty.

Financial Inclusion

BITMO has two members of staff who help tenants to access financial support and benefits that they are entitled to.

If you would like to find out more about how we can help you, get in touch:

Call BITMO: 0113 378 2188



Building a better future for Belle Isle.

For more information and support, contact us by:

Telephone Enquiry

(including repairs and all BITMO services):

0800 389 5503

0113 378 2188

Out of hours emergency service:

0113 376 0410

Email

bitmo.enquiries@belleisletmo.co.uk

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