Why it’s great to know your neighbours

- You’ll have friendly faces to say hello to on your street and it will make your neighbourhood a more friendly place to live.
- They can keep an eye on your house if you’re away, creating a safer street for everyone.
- You’ll get to understand one another’s needs which can help you be a more considerate neighbour.
- You’ll always have someone to go to when you need to borrow a cup of sugar.
Living in Leeds

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Say hello to your neighbour

Whether you’re a group of students, a family with young children or a retired couple, taking the time to say hello can make your street a more welcoming place to live, and help residents to understand each other’s needs.

Use these detachable postcards to write a message to the people who live next door to you. Introduce yourself, offer to keep an eye on their house when they’re away or invite them over for a cup of tea!

How you can help your community

There are loads of small things you can do to make your area a better place to live:

• Keep an eye on your neighbour’s house and lock up when you leave to reduce crime
• Tidy your garden and make sure your bins are in to keep your street clean
• Volunteer with a community group – last year our student volunteers did some great things: students gave over 30,000 hours to the community, Green Streets diverted 13 tonnes of waste from landfill and the Knowledge partnership reduced crime by sharing advice.

What if we aren’t getting on?

Most of the time, issues between neighbours result from a lack of communication. Try letting your neighbour know why their behaviour is a problem, in as nice a way as possible. If you’re still having problems, contact Leeds City Council on 0113 242 5841 or the Universities’ Neighbourhood Helpline on 0113 3430564.

Get to know your neighbour

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and make living in Leeds better

We want to make sure that Leeds is a great place to live, whether you’re a student, a family or a long-term resident, which is why we’re committed to working closely with all local residents to ensure everyone loves being part of our great city.

These postcards were produced by Leeds University Union. We’re a students’ union of the 32,000 students at the University of Leeds. You can find out more about our work in the community here:

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