



BUILDING CONTROL NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the June edition of the Building Control newsletter. We hope you enjoyed the first newsletter and found it useful. If you have picked up this newsletter in our office or have seen a copy of a colleague's, and you are interested in a regular copy then we can add your details to our mailing list. Please send your details to building.control@fdean.gov.uk Otherwise please visit www.fdean.gov.uk and follow the links to Building Control where our newsletter can be found online.

We would also like to bring to your attention that the Building Control department has placed a link on our front page so you can now get access to all the current Building Regulation documents.

Fees

As from 1st July 2008 all your Building Regulations fees will have to be paid on submission of your application, this will mean that you will not be invoiced for inspections on commencement of work. This is intended to streamline the system, save time and duplication and provide a more efficient service. New fee forms will be available online or on request from Building Control admin on 01594 812352. If you have any queries regarding this matter please contact our Senior Surveyor Mark Saunders. mark.saunders@fdean.gov.uk

Changes in the way Building Notices are used

The Government has proposed that Building Notices should be restricted to very minor work, eg septic tanks, new door openings, etc; this means that a Full Plans application will be required on all other works which will require you to have detailed drawings prepared.

We appreciate your views on this subject, so please email the editor of this newsletter with your comments.

Meet the Team

In this section every month we will be introducing you to a member of the Building Control Team.

This month I am going to introduce myself Simon Drake.



I have been working for the Forest of Dean District Council since April 1990, I hold a BSc (Hons) Degree in the Built Environment and I am a full member of the RICS.

Each of the Surveyors covers part of the Forest District, I cover the West and this includes the Coleford, Milkwall, Sling, Bream, Whitecroft and surrounding areas.

I can be contacted on 01594 812360, as a Surveyor we are in the office between 9am and 10am Monday to Friday to take calls for inspections.

Just For Fun



In this section each month an unusual or interesting picture will be published. Please send your pictures to simon.drake@fdean.gov.uk

Partnering - What is it?

Your local authority to cover the whole country

The LABC Partner Authority Scheme is designed to help those companies that operate in multiple locations and deal with many local authorities. The scheme enables a company or adviser to have a one to one working relationship with a preferred local authority for advice and plan appraisal. The site inspections are carried out by the local authority where each project is carried out.

Currently LABC Partnering has over 2,500 successful partnership agreements throughout the country.

What to do next

If you are interested in this scheme please contact tony.gwynne@fdean.gov.uk for further information.
