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Press statement re. Wood End squatters

Lynn Wassell, Head of Housing Management, Whitefriars North, said:

"We are confident of securing an eviction order on June 19th. One family of squatters has been living in a Whitefriars property in Wood End since early in the year. They have caused harassment and distress to their neighbours and Whitefriars are extremely sympathetic to what the community has been suffering.

"Unfortunately the case has not been straightforward, because the existing tenant allowed the family access to the property. This means that Whitefriars must take possession of the tenancy before taking action to evict the squatters.

"We also investigated the possibility of obtaining an Anti-Social Behaviour Order, but it became clear that the community felt unable to give evidence for fear of reprisals. We have worked as hard as we can to get the squatters out as quickly as the law allows."

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