



# THE SURVIVAL OF HU6

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**PEOPLE DON'T FIX THINGS ANYMORE. HAVE YOU NOTICED? BIKES, TV'S, PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES. IT'S LIKE PEOPLE JUST DON'T WANT TO TRY TO FIX THINGS ANYMORE. IT'S LIKE PEOPLE HAVE SLOWLY SHUT THEIR DOORS.**

**THIS IS A STORY OF A COMMUNITY STRIVING TO FIX IT. THIS IS A STORY OF PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN HERE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE YOU SWOOP IN, SWOOP OUT, SHAKE YOUR PET PROJECT ALL ABOUT. PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL THERE TRYING TO MEND THINGS FROM THE GROUND.**

**THIS IS A STORY OF THE SURVIVAL OF HU6.**

**DABBERS AT THE READY? WE'RE AWAY.**



**We are HU6. We are Granny Jan looking after the kids and a group of teenagers on a local litter pick. We are frogging round the flood defence and building a sledge in the snow out of a spare bin lid. We are bingo four nights a week, with barely a moment to sleep.**

**Knock at the door, number four. Come in, buy in, pull up a chair.**

**Always ready with a cup of tea, number three-**

**BINGO.**

**We are kids playing pool in the garden, the clink of the pub, now Premier, still a hub. All watched over by Lucky the dog. Soaking it up, mouth agog.**

**BINGO.**

**We are ghosts of those we've loved and lost, families nearby and kids fetched up. We are offering to catch Ivy at the bus stop, because she mustn't miss the chance to-**

**BINGO.**

A large, stylized number '2' is centered within a white circle, which is itself set against a larger, light pink circular background.



**We are proper Sunday dinners with the grandkids. Gravy and  
Yorkshires with the best spuds. None of that pasta and crap.  
None of that, but served with a laugh. Fitness classes where  
our muscles ache because laughter surpasses even aerobic  
exercises.**

**BINGO.**

**Because we've been here a long time. We've weathered it all.  
Changes big and small. Some that seemed to signal the death  
knell of any community, the loss of the White Hut, austerity. A  
reminder that we don't stop at nine o'clock. That services are  
better served on our block.**

**But still, we're here. Peeking our heads back out after last year.  
Ready to begin, again. Maybe even win, again? All the three's.**

**Thirty- three.**

**BINGO.**

**And in the middle of us all is Unity. Ready to welcome back it's  
community. That's us. That's me!**

**BINGO.**

**So welcome back. Come back out. We're ready. For Dennis in  
his bingo best. Stood tall. Giving it his all. Hear his call:**

**We are HU6.**

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