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## An Action Plan to bring the community together

**D**arnall is developing a Community Action Plan (CAP). This is required by Objective 1 to access funding. But it is also an opportunity for the Darnall community to put together a comprehensive strategy for the sustainable regeneration of Darnall. The Plan is community-led and is based on needs and priorities identified by the community. It is designed to further develop the capacity of the local community and to link local people with the city, regional and national regeneration agendas.

It builds on lessons learned from previous initiatives and action plans by incorporating training, employment, encouraging young people, environmental, community safety, health and social inclusion activities into a comprehensive approach. Activities in the Plan will be delivered in partnership with the private, public and voluntary sectors but a key principle is that the community will play a lead role in the regeneration of the area.

Developing the plan is the Darnall Community Action Plan Group, local people supported by other partners. The Plan has to be submitted for assessment by Objective 1 by the end of April, so in recent weeks the work has been accelerated. The group have been meeting every two weeks to review the progress being made and to make important decisions about the content of the plan.



The planning group are proposing that: -

**Darnall Forum** is the local organisation that will be responsible for owning and implementing the plan. To be effective in this the Forum needs to encourage more participation and will be creating opportunities for people to discuss the plan.

**Attercliffe & Darnall Community Enterprises Ltd** will be the local organisation who will manage the finance drawn in by the CAP. This builds on ADCE's excellent reputation and capacity – as well as keeping the process local.

**Lead Projects** will be identified to be the focus for delivering a strand of the CAP. This builds on and harnesses the expertise of some excellent local projects and may lead to new groups/alliances around the themes of Young People, Crime & Safety and Education & Learning.

**A Community Action Advisory Partnership**

will be convened by the Forum to assist in making decisions about the CAP. This will include reps from Public and Private Sectors as well as Community Reps.

**Communication & Consultation** will be well resourced, with at least £10k per year being set aside for this purpose: this will include regular editions of Darnall Herald; 5 Neighbourhood Events in the near future and the development of a communications strategy.

**A Core Team** will be appointed to be responsible for the implementation of the Plan. This will include drawing on ADCE's excellent staff team and track record in securing streams of funding for local projects. A new Development Worker will be appointed – it is hoped that this would be an opportunity for a local person.

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supported by East End Quality of Life Initiative*

## High Hazels Park Adventurous Play Area could be finished by Summer Holidays

**N**ow the days are getting a bit warmer and longer why not take a walk in High Hazels Park and see the changes that are taking place there. We have had a long hard struggle to raise the funding required to complete the Adventurous Play Area, but after a year of what appeared to be very little activity the money has been raised and the work has begun. We hope it will be finished before the long school holiday in the summer but there will be plenty to see as the work progresses. We are very grateful to Single Regeneration Budget, Sheffield City Council, Enventure, Hansons, J.G. Graves Trust, Sheffield Town Trust and Sheffield City Trust who have all contributed to the cost of the play area now being constructed. The Friends of High Hazels together with the Development Team will continue to hold fund raising events for further developments in the Park. The next area for some attention will be the entrance on Senior Road

and the Formal Garden. During the cool Autumn days a group of volunteers worked with the rangers and development team staff planting bulbs in a number of places around the park and the hard work then is now blossoming and the park looks a picture as the flowers are in full bloom – so come and look but please leave the flowers for others to enjoy. More recently trees have been planted. Some are very small and look rather more like twigs than trees but you know what they say “From little acorns grow mighty oaks” and if we give them the chance to grow in a few years time we will have some young trees to enjoy as well as the older ones. We continue to hold monthly events for the family which have been very well supported throughout the winter even on the wettest, coldest Saturday afternoon in January – THANK YOU – for your continued support. If you would like to become a Friend of High Hazels Park – call at the office near the Toddler Play area or telephone Andy Carrick – 2446548 for more information.

## Kettlebridge Residents act to get funding to improve open spaces

**S**ince the last edition Of the Darnall Herald we have been asked to apply for ‘Doorstep Green’ funding from the Countryside Commission. Initially we will be applying for funding to employ a Landscape Architect to help us draw up a business plan to turn the open space on Myton Road into a high quality green space to be used by all sections of the community. When we have developed our plan with help from High Hazels Park, East End Quality of Life Initiative and the Darnall Area Panel then we will be able to apply for further funding to enact our business plan. We are working on a constitution for the Group with Voluntary Action Sheffield. Look out for our Fun Day on Myton Road at Easter where with £500 from the Darnall Women's Forum and with the help of Stuart Rodgers from the Children's Fund we will be having some good fun and discussing the ideas for the open spaces

## Possible new premises for local Health Services and Well-being Centre in Darnall

**N**ew premises for primary care, where GP's nurses and other health workers can comfortably work are sadly lacking in Darnall. Community space, allowing all sorts of activities which could compliment health care provision are also sadly lacking. The possibility of joining these spaces up to create something which people would use and feel was theirs is still a possibility with the LIFT (public private Partnership) even though the setting up of the company is being pursued away from the concerns of local people.

The video produced to market LIFT does seem to appreciate that new ideas about integrating and linking space and activities is the way forward. It doesn't go far enough in its vision and that's where local people through the Wellbeing Group need to keep those ideas on the agenda of the PCT and the people working around LIFT. We have to persuade the PCT that the ideas we have are worth investing in so that they will mainstream them and ensure funding streams are secure. In that way space for physical activity, food, children's activities, education and training and just having a good time become integral to future primary care.

Anyone wanting to see the video which runs for about 15 minutes should contact Lesley Lockwood on 2812297  
Jack Czauderna

## Kettlebridge Residents Lookout for details of our Fun Day during the Easter Holidays

**Bouncy Castle  
Face painting,  
Henna Painting,  
fun and sports games,  
health bus,  
food stalls etc.**

## High Hazels Park

**CAR BOOT SALE  
MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2003  
10.00am to 2.00pm  
HIGH HAZELS PARK**

Look out for further details and come and join us – bring a car boot full of bits and pieces to sell or just come to look for a bar-

## Darnall Community Action Plan

# Proposed Community Activities that will assist in the Regeneration of Darnall

Through the Darnall Community Action Plan the community organisations in Darnall aim to:  
**Support All Forms of Learning**

**Encourage Young People to Feel Centrally Involved in the Development of Darnall**

**Ensure Local People Enjoy the Benefits of the New Jobs Created**

**Make Darnall an Area Where People Want to Live, Have Children and Grow Old**

**Produce an Environment that We Can Be Proud Of**

**Make Darnall a Safer Place**

These 6 aims will be met by pursuing the following objectives. Those objectives which we feel could be achieved through projects supported by Objective 1 Priority 4 are highlighted in **bold**.

## 1. Support all forms of learning

- **To run courses in English, especially for women**
- To re-engage young people with further education
- **To secure more nursery places, and better premises for Darnall Community Nursery**
- To run basic skills training courses
- To develop bespoke vocational training for new jobs
- To develop volunteering schemes as a route into work
- To run computer courses for employability and fun
- To introduce books to babies and toddlers

## 2. Encourage Young People to Feel Centrally Involved in the Development of Darnall

- **To develop a Youth Forum to give young people a voice**
- **To involve young people more in existing local projects**
- To develop new facilities for youth at Phillimore
- **To develop a Youth Health Project / Clinic**
- To use local parks for sports projects

## 3. Ensure Local People Enjoy the Benefits of the New Jobs Created

- To continue to offer ILM placements locally
- To continue to offer JobNet services in Darnall
- **To ensure that an increase in childcare places enables parents to access work**
- To work closely with local employers on employment projects
- To support women into training and jobs
- To develop Community Enterprises
- To develop community transport to enable people to access work

## 4. Make Darnall an Area Where People Want to Live, Have Children and Grow Old

- To build a new Healthy Living Centre
- To support mental health projects
- **To support exercise projects**
- To support Family Help projects
- To develop a Help at Home scheme for older people

## 5. Produce an Environment that We Can Be Proud Of

- To bring derelict land back into use
- **To develop tree-planting projects**
- To improve and develop facilities in local parks and green spaces
- To develop the Sheffield & Tinsley Canal and exploit its potential for regeneration
- To encourage the development of environmentally friendly housing
- **To develop a range of recycling projects**
- **To develop targeted Neighbourhood Warden schemes**

## 6. Make Darnall a Safe Place

- **To develop targeted Neighbourhood Warden schemes**
- **To develop Neighbourhood Watch programmes**
- **To improve Home Security**
- To deliver Cycle Proficiency courses

# DARNALL FORUM NEWS

## A NEW OFFICE - NEW STAFF

**D**arnall Forum has taken office space at **Joblink 209-213 Main Road**. At present it is a room with a desk and telephone but very soon it will look like a fully operational office with filing cabinets and all the office equipment necessary these days to run an efficient organisation.

We are also in the middle of a recruitment process and hope by the time you read this article that we will have employed a Support Officer to do just that – support the Forum in all its activity.

We have been very busy over the past few months building a team of people to work together on your behalf. At a training day before Christmas we considered very carefully what our role should be and on the basis of the discussion which had taken place and the Annual General Meeting in September we decided the Forum was the community and that when it met, a “Listening Space” should be created where people could share their concerns and listen to each other. The role of the Management Group was to be the caretaker of that space and take action on the issues raised there. The Open Day on 12<sup>th</sup> December, which was really the first Public Meeting of the Forum since the AGM was a great success bringing groups and individuals together to network and share ideas.



## Darnall Forum Public Meeting

**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2003,  
1.pm. – 3.pm.  
at the SUBUD CENTRE  
Swarcliffe Road.**

**PLEASE COME TO HEAR ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT  
WE HAVE BEEN DOING  
AND  
TELL US WHAT YOU WANT US TO DO**

If you require an interpreter and/or crèche facilities please contact  
Sylvia Hamilton on 2442803

## Darnall Community Action Plan

Darnall Forum will be running 5 Neighbourhood Events during the summer  
Look out for an event in your area to have your say about the Plan. We need to hear what you want for your area and we need more people to get involved if we are going to improve Darnall as a place to live and grow, work and play.