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## Darnall Forum looks to the future

**D**arnall Forum Annual General Meeting was held at the Subud Centre on 24th September 2002.

It was quite a lively meeting, fairly well attended, but we were saddened by the lack of support from the members who live and work in Darnall. We now have a membership list of 180 but only 50 or so attended the meeting in total and this included other interested parties. The question we ask ourselves is **WHY?**

There are probably as many answers to that question as there are people who are asked it, but the truth is we need to know your views whether it is by your attendance at meetings or in some other way. We want to be accessible to the people of Darnall.

At the Annual General Meeting a new Management Committee was elected and it is our desire to serve the community, to listen to your views and try to work together with all the partners involved in this community, so that together we can make a difference. It is early days we have only had a few meetings - we want to get out into the community so you can meet us and are thinking about the best way to do that, if you have any ideas please let us know. Perhaps you could invite someone from the Forum to one of your meetings and you could certainly commit yourself to being at the next Public Meeting of Darnall Forum - Darnall Forum is holding an open day on Thursday December 12th (see opposite), we hope you could use this opportunity to discuss how you would



*Darnall Forum Management Committee Mike Fudger, Abdul Kahiye, Dave Missing, Sylvia Hamilton, Gail Davies, Nazia Shah at a recent meeting*

**Darnall Forum Open Day**  
**Thursday 12th December 2002**  
**Morning 11.30 am to 1.30 pm Afternoon 5.00pm to 7.00 pm**  
**at Darnall Medical Aid Centre, Fisher Lane**  
**All welcome,**  
**Please come along and give your views about what you would like Darnall Forum to develop and achieve for the Darnall Community**  
Available on the day members from Darnall Forum and other organisations to consult.

*Newsletter of Darnall and Handsworth Forums  
supported by Sheffield Health Action Zone East End Quality of Life Initiative*

# Darnall Wellbeing Where Now ?

By Jack Czauderna

In the last few years, the activities of the Darnall Wellbeing group have continued to engage people in Darnall with mainly physical activities to encourage health and wellbeing. Activities go on in many places, with and without transport but venues remain generally inadequate and it is difficult to maintain an integrated approach. In other words many activities are not connected because we don't have a suitable place for them to happen in.

Up until last year we were trying to build a place – A Healthy Living Centre – where all these activities could go on through the New Opportunities Fund, a lottery based source which was not successful and which would have needed a robust Darnall community to set up and run.

Now we have a different situation where government money through a scheme called LIFT is becoming available to renovate and renew Primary Care premises i.e. GP surgeries and community health facilities which will be set up

and run by a private company through a PPP [Public Private Partnership] . This could give us great flexibility in what sort of services are provided as well as the possibility of community involvement and a vision of how things could be in Darnall if only the SE Sheffield Primary Care Trust will take the chance, be bold and courageous and commit to the vision and support it with funds.

The vision is there and will be available for a future edition of this news. At the moment Darnall communities need to ensure that a major regeneration project in Darnall has the support, control and involvement of as many groups and people in Darnall as possible and that the health services in Darnall represented by the PCT do not hand everything to the private sector to run and control. Talk to your local councillors and community forums. Contact Jack Czauderna C/O Darnall Community health, 246, Darnall Road, Sheffield S9 5AN for further information

## Prompt Burial Service for Darnall's Muslim Community

The City Council's Bereavement Service has launched a major information drive aimed at the Muslim community within Darnall and across Sheffield.

The information pack in Urdu, Arabic, Somali, Bengali and English has been developed in co-operation with the Muslim Burial Forum (MBF).

Islamic law instructs that the burial should take place as soon as possible and in the past this has led to difficulties with current arrangements, especially during bank holidays and weekends.

The information pack, available from Bereavement Services, contains step-by-step details for relatives of the deceased to follow and guidance on the information required from the hospitals and GPs, to allow the funeral to take place as soon as possible.

**When someone dies contact a Funeral Director who will take care of the body and assist you with the arrangements. Before someone can be buried a death certificate from the GP or hospital must be issued.**

**This must be delivered to the Registrar before a Certificate for Burial can be issued. If there is any doubt about the cause of death, the Doctor may well need to discuss the case with the Coroner.**

**Register for Births, Deaths and Marriages**, office hours: Tel: 2039422/3 Fax: 2039424 **Weekend/Bank Holiday** (City Council Operations Manager) Tel: 273 4536

**City Road Cemetery (Bereavement Service)** Tel: 239 6068 Fax: 239 3757

**Medico Legal Centre** Tel: 273 8721 Fax: 272 6247

## High Hazels Community Regeneration Project

The Friends of High Hazels Park have continued to work with the Development Team to bring about some improvements and extend the facilities at High Hazels. You will remember that two years ago at the Carnival we held a Consultation which resulted in a plan being drawn up for the whole Park. The plan is very ambitious and will cost a lot of money, but because we believe it is what the people of Darnall want we are doing our best to deliver. Over the next few months we will be having a funding drive - not just writing to funders and putting in bids for money which is work we do all the time, but in the community - so look out for us and support our events.

**MAMMOTH SPONSORED EVENT** - Members of the group are organising individual activities they can carry out and ask family and friends to sponsor them for, e.g. I will be doing a sponsored bake, the cakes, scones etc. will be sold to raise money for the park. Young people from Waltheof School worked

with the artist Hilary Cartmel to design a sculpture which is now completed and has been placed in the Sensory Garden near the Golf House - come along and have a look - more work needs to be done in the garden and we are raising money to carry this out over the next few months, come and watch the developments. The money for the art workshops and the creation and installation of the sculpture was given by Awards for All and Sheffield City Council.

Thank you to both funders. One of our main success stories was the installation of the Toddler Play Area - it has been very well used and has shown us just how vital it is for us to install something for older children. We have items of equipment already purchased and in store and are working with a range of funders to raise the necessary money to carry out this work. **CONTACT NUMBERS:** Sally Cuckney - Development Officer - 2446548 Kate Clark - Park Ranger - 2434992 Sylvia Hamilton Chair Friends of High Hazels Park - 2442803

**Friends of High Hazels Park  
Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 16th January 2003  
At 7 pm  
Medical Aid Building  
Fisher Lane Darnall**

## Darnall Area Panel meeting Thursday 12th December at 6.30pm at Phillimore Community School, (Main Hall)

### Services for young people in the Tinsley, Handsworth, Darnall areas

Invitations to

Sheffield Futures/Connexions

City Council - Leisure Services

NHS (South East PCT)

and local voluntary organisations which have received funding for work with young people

## Darnall Area Panel Neighbourhood Plans

Comments are invited to the Area Co-ordinator from local organisations and individuals about (a) content of the 'neighbourhood plans' for four different parts of Darnall - Littledale & Acres Hill; Stovin, Greenlands & Uttley; Staniforth Road and Triangle, Housteads, Clifton; and (b) about what should be general themes that affect the whole area (like how local people can benefit from the development sites around the Airport, Waverley etc; or road safety issues; or improving pensioners provision across the district). Either write to Andy Shallice (The Old School, Station Rd, S9) or phone (203 7494). The final plan will be presented to the Area Panel meeting at 6pm on Thursday 30th January (provisionally arranged for Darnall Medical

## Handsworth Community Forum

Handsworth Community Forum have opened a development office at The Parish Centre, St. Mary's Church, Handsworth Road, Handsworth.

Two workers have been employed

Development worker, Moira Walker

Administration Worker, Davina Walker

Telephone 0114 2889029

or Email

moira.walker@handsworth.org.uk & davina.ingram@handsworth.org.uk

The workers are there to develop the work of the Forum and Handsworth Community.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, offers of help please contact Moira or Davina

## Darnall Women's Forum

(women only)

### Open Meeting

Thursday 23rd January 2003

From 12.30 until 2.30pm

at

Subud Centre,

Swarcliffe Rd, Darnall.

Attercliffe and Darnall Community Enterprises are looking at ways to regenerate the **Sheffield & Tinsley canal**. We have established a steering group comprising the main players (eg British Waterways, Sheffield City Council, Sheffield Wildlife Trust) and are beginning to develop plans to tackle:

- **Physical Improvements**
- **Opportunities for Enterprise and Training**
- **Tourism**
- **Recreation and Leisure**
- **Transport**



We have published a consultative brochure to gather the input of local people, local groups and city-wide agencies. For copies of this brochure, or for more information, please contact Trywell on 249-4111.

# Kettlebridge residents determined to improve their neighbourhood

Since June a group of local residents and representatives from local agencies such as housing, local councillors, etc have been working together to try and improve derelict land, reduce problems of fly tipping and rubbish dumping, and to make the area a safer place for children to play.

On 10 June about 30 people went on a walkabout with cameras, looking at the problems and making suggestions about what could be done. Rubbish dumping and overgrown trees and bushes were the main problems that were identified. It was felt more could be done, particularly by Street Force, to keep the area clean and cut back the overgrowth. Other suggestions for improving the area included installing security cameras, ensuring the existing street lighting worked properly, and traffic calming to slow vehicles down and make the area safer for children and pedestrians.

The walkabout identified 3 main areas of land that needed attention: the grassy area on Myton Road, the area around the old Kettlebridge school, and a large area of derelict land between Ouse Road and the factories on the Parkway. In the month following the walkabout, community researchers went round to most of the houses in the area, getting people's opinions on the ideas that had been suggested during the walkabout.

The open space opposite the houses on Myton Road is already used as a play area by many local children. However, there were concerns about children's safety from passing cars, as there is no fencing to stop balls rolling into the road. The bushes also hide a lot of illegally dumped rubbish, including waste food which could be a health hazard. As this is an area where parents can easily keep an eye on their children while they play, it was suggested that this might be a suitable area to develop for young children, up to the age of about 7, with a climbing frame, see-saw, etc, and low fencing to keep children from running into the road. It was also recognised that some effective traffic calming would be needed to increase safety. One suggestion was to close the narrow bridge leading to the Parkway. As well as reducing the potential for accidents, it was felt this



*Open space on Myton Road*

might help to significantly reduce the amount of rubbish dumping, if it was no longer accessible to vehicles.

Ideas for the area around the old Kettlebridge school were that it should be improved eventually as a play area for older children, with facilities for cricket, netball, etc. However, it was felt that nothing should be done until the school building had been either made safe or, preferably, was in daily use, so that there would be less chance of any improvements being wrecked or dumped on. The large area of derelict land was identified as having the potential to become a recreational open space for sports activities and organised events. However, this would be a large undertaking and too much for a local group to take on at present. A small traffic survey was done on the narrow bridge in October. This showed that most of the traffic was private cars - between 8.15 and 9.45 am, 84 cars used the bridge in both directions, and between 2.15 and 5.15 pm (the period when children are most likely to be involved

in road accidents), there were 127 cars. Most of the other traffic was light vans, but 7 lorries were also counted during the survey.

Since the walkabout and surveys some improvements have started to be made, but progress is slow at present. Street Force cut back some of the overgrown bushes that had been photographed. The local area housing office promised to install a litter bin to help reduce the litter problem. Local residents have been out with their children sweeping the streets occasionally. The council's playgrounds officer promised to get costings for play equipment and its maintenance to the local Area Coordinator. Local residents are looking at forming a group to apply for funding and take things forward. If anyone wants to be involved in this group, please contact Mushrat Javaid at 12 Myton Road telephone 0114 2447434. East End Quality of Life Initiative is helping to bring people together (local residents and workers in the area) to work on priorities and actions for the area. contact Barbara Rim-



*Dumping where local children play*