

DARNALL HERALD

Community News

Summer 2005

Carnival a great success



Everyone had a reight good day at this year's Darnall Carnival, which more than made up for the missing event last year!

Thank you all for coming and making it such a success. Most of the hard work was done by staff from Darnall Forum and the Green Spaces Regeneration Project. Thanks go to Diane, Kate, and Helen.

It takes months to organise the Carnival, meetings, writing letters, finding entertainers and facilities. Raising the cash proved a nail-biting experience, but finally the money came in and all was well.

Thanks to our funders, the Council's Area Panel, and everyone else who helped. But remember that the carnival will not automatically happen again next year without volunteers coming forward to help with the organisation – SO IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE LET US KNOW NOW SO WE CAN MAKE CONTACT AND START PLANNING SOON.

Community Action Plan for Darnall

Can it really be two years since we travelled around Darnall to different venues, gathering your views on the proposed community action plan? It is a ten year plan which aims to 'make Darnall a place where people want to live, have children and grow old'. The plan was the work of many partners, built up over a period of two years.

Our plan was accepted by Objective One and £500,000 was secured to deliver it, with just one little problem to be solved – we had to find another £500,000 as match funding before we could spend a

penny of the original money! But we managed, with the help of our partners again, not least Sheffield City Council's Regeneration Unit and Objective One themselves. The community plan has now been in place for the past 18 months.

The first project was to appoint a team to work up the plan, so two full-time and one part-time jobs were carefully filled.

The plan examined six themes, Education, Environment, Crime and Safety, Employment, Young People, Health and Social Care, and a theme group has been established as a think-tank around each topic. many useful projects have been set up. After a lot of hard work and hours sitting in meetings three of the themes – Education, Environment and Crime and

Safety.– now have a fully developed project.

Plans for the other three themes – Employment, Health and Social Care and Young People – are well on the way but still have to be appraised by Objective One before we can really start doing things.

The community action plan has an expected lifespan of ten years. We do not expect the Objective One funding together with the match money will be enough to meet all our aims and objectives, but once the initial project ideas being implemented we will see what further funding might be needed.



Can you help?

Darnall Forum is always looking for people to join us and if you are interested in any of our activities please contact us for details of how you can help.

Theme Group meetings take place locally on a 6-week rota, discussing issues, ideas and developments of projects. If you would like to attend or bring forward any issues you have please contact Darnall Forum office on 0114 249 0099, c/o 209-213 Main Road, Darnall, S9 5HP.

Darnall Green Spaces Project

We have decided to roll out the good work which has been carried out on High Hazels Park to other key local green spaces. Three people have been set on to develop a project to include High Hazels Park, Darnall Community Park, Kettlebridge (particularly the Myton Road site) and Phillimore Park. This project is known as the Darnall Green Spaces Project.

High Hazels Park

Work continues on High Hazels Park supported by the Friends of High Hazels who carry out practical tasks and help with fund raising. The most recent development has been the restructure of the Formal Garden which was opened in March.



Community Park and Phillimore Park

Both these parks are at the planning stage of development – consultation has been carried out by the team in both areas and master plans of both parks have been drawn up by the Environmental Consultancy at Sheffield University. Local consultations continue.



Activities and events have been organised on both parks to involve the community. There is an active group working on Phillimore Park but we still need some local people to come forward to support the work on Community Park.



Kettlebridge/Myton Road

The development on Myton Road was well established before the Darnall Green Spaces Project started and has been supported by the local community, East End Quality of Life Project and High Hazels Park Project. Funding for this project was secured by the group from Doorstep Greens and ? The space is now fully developed and the formal opening took place in August. If you haven't seen it I am sure you would find a visit to the site enjoyable.

How to contact the Darnall Green Spaces regeneration staff

Kate Clark – Project Development Officer
Helen Briggs – Project Assistant.
 Tel. 244 6548 or 243 4992

Or in person at the office in High Hazels Park near the play areas.



THE A TEAM

A is for Action and that is what has been happening for the past 18 months in Darnall.

The Community Action Plan team consists of a full time Development Worker to develop projects, Funding and Monitoring Officer to oversee the finances and a part-time admin assistant. The work has been extensive and at times frustrating, but we are beginning to reach the final stages of the initial process and we are indebted to the team who have worked tirelessly on our behalf. What's next?

B is for But how can we help your organisation

As well as developing the plan the team have supported local groups in a variety of ways, helping to build capacity, assisting with funding applications and many other ways. They are only a phone call away – but be warned they are busy and you may have to be patient, but they will get back to you and help if at all possible.

C is for Contact Details

If you want to discuss projects or any other issues regarding project development please contact Dermot Reader on 249 4112 if you are interested to be added to the mailing lists of theme groups please contact Darnall Forum Office on 249 0099.

Spread Your Wings

Based at Waltheof School, the Spread your wings mentoring project's main aims and objectives are:

- Mentor training accredited up to OCN Level 3
- Mentoring and Communication Skills up to OCN Level 2
- Year 10 pupils mentored on a one-to-one basis
- Training of a Co-ordinator to take the project on into year 2.

Pupils have gained in confidence from a 'listening and supportive ear'. The first three groups have completed successfully and many of the people involved have expressed a wish to continue mentoring or working in school on a volunteer basis with the hope of working in this kind of work.



Young people at Waltheof School

The third group of Spread Your Wings have just completed their studies and mentoring at Waltheof School. The group thoroughly enjoyed the course and the fantastic effect the group had on the children mentored was immense.



Mentors team building at Castleton

So far 18 people have successfully completed the course and with a new group to begin in the Autumn more children will benefit.

■ A celebration day for the mentors of Spread your Wings has been planned for September 28th (11am-1pm).

Plans for tomorrow



Sheffield City Council have asked a firm of planners called Building Design Partnership (BDP) to come up with a "Neighbourhood Development Framework" for our area. This will form part of a long-term plan to improve Darnall

The first stage of the planning process is to ask the people of Darnall what they think about their area. Over the last few weeks well over a thousand local people have been involved, through a postal survey and numerous meetings

and drop-ins.

You told us that issues such as anti-social behaviour, the environment around your homes, refurbishment of older homes, and the provision of larger homes are all a high priority for you.

BDP will add this new information to the results of previous consultations and will devise a series of options. Darnall Forum will hold a number of events throughout late

September and early October to give you an opportunity to view and comment on these options.

Your views will then be used to decide which of the options are selected and taken forward for potential development. There will be another round of events throughout the area in late November to give you another chance to view and comment on the chosen options.

Darnall Forum

Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting of Darnall Forum will be held at the Living Waters Centre at 81 Main Road on 3rd October 2005 at 6 pm.

The Forum needs local people to contribute their ideas and skills. We are looking for local people to join our Management Group. *So are you the person we are looking for?*

- Would you like to help our community?
- Do you have two hours a month to spare?
- Do you enjoy meeting people?

If you can say YES to any or all of these you may be just the person we need. If you are interested please contact us at the Darnall Forum Office on 249 0099 before our Annual General Meeting

Membership forms to join the Forum are always available at the office and we would love to have you on board.

Home Owners Maintenance and Advice Scheme

Builders wanted

We are advertising for builders to participate in the above scheme.

Local builders are welcome to apply.

The scheme involves carrying out external maintenance repairs on owner occupied properties.

Interested?

Please contact Annemarie Johnston or Glennroy Lannaman on 2734623.

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