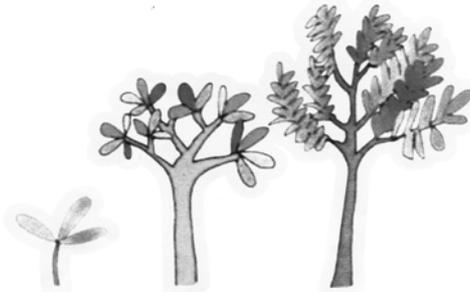


Tinsley Tribune

newsletter of Tinsley Forum

February 2006

Our aim is to improve the quality of life for all the people of Tinsley



Tinsley Green

First of all many thanks for the patience you have shown, whilst the work has been undertaken in the Tinsley Recreation Ground. It seems such a long time since we closed down the existing playground and then later on closed off the Norborough Road and St Lawrence Road entrances to the Park. These will shortly be reopened as we accept handover of the new Building and the Park from the contractor Kier on Friday the 24th of February.

Great credit must be given to KIER Sheffield, Sheffield City Council Architects, Sheffield City Council Parks and Countryside Department, Tinsley SureStart, Tinsley Parents and Childrens Consortium, Tinsley Forum and the Steering Group for ensuring the completion of a regenerated Park and a new building Tinsley Green, now called the "Tinsley Green" that will be of enormous benefit to all Tinsley residents in the years to come.

The project is also indebted to the many funders who have given so generously towards the Capital costs of the project and it is intended to recognise their special contribution in the next edition of the Tribune. With any project of this size, there will still be "snagging" and remedial work ongoing in conjunction with a much reduced contractor work force. There is still work to complete in the Park which cannot be done until April and below is a general summary of what will be made accessible to you in the Park the next three months.

The Park



centre and recreation ground near completion

As soon as the contractors site fencing is removed all entrances will be made fully accessible including the two new additional entrances created on Bawtry Road and St Lawrence Road, along with the new childrens Playground, Multi Use Games area and the three new cricket practise wickets. You will notice a lot of bare soil throughout the park and these will be left in this state until April when specialists contractors will be brought to the Park to complete final seeding. We would ask that you refrain from walking on these areas until the new grass is established

Tinsley Green

You will recently have received details of job descriptions for the appointment of a Building Manager and two Caretakers for the new facilities and unfortunately there will be limited access for Tinsley residents to the new building until the above personnel are appointed and in place. During February and March, SureStart management, Home visitors and Health visitors will be taking up occupation in the building and it is now confirmed that the SureStart nursery will not be operational from the new building until after the Easter break.

Safety and Security

Ideally we would have liked to have had the Building Manager and Caretakers in place for when we take over the new facilities from the contractor KIER Sheffield, so establishing a management presence in the Park. Due to reasons outside of our control this has not been achievable but we will still have the following security and safety measures in place: The SCC, CCTV cameras fully operational in the Park

The building alarm system will be linked to the SCC, CCTV system for fast reaction The SCC Park Rangers will be making additional inspections of the Park in the evenings and at weekends

The local community constables will be visiting the Park on an ad hoc basis throughout the week

I trust the above gives you a good update on progress with the Park development and further updates will be given in the coming months as full access to all the wonderful new facilities in the Park are achieved. If you have any queries or concern with the work undertaken in the Park feel free to contact the Project Development Officer, Richard Edge on 0114 2447028

Tinsley Green Steering Group

we aim to deliver to every household in Tinsley

Highgate Surgery

South East Sheffield
Primary Care Trust



Job Vacancy
Tinsley Forum

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WORKER

35 hours a week

Maternity Cover – Minimum of 6 months contract

Required to start mid April 2006

Scale 5 - £17,922 - £19,656 (pay award pending)

We are looking for someone with:

Enthusiasm

Professionalism

Good interpersonal skills

Knowledge and experience of working with hard to reach young people

Ability to work in partnership with school and other agencies

Experience of managing a budget and producing monitoring reports

Experience of providing advice and guidance to young people around employment and education

Experience of providing accredited and non-accredited training opportunities e.g. ASDAN Awards.

For more information contact Tinsley Forum on 0114 2444887 or visit us at the Tinsley One Stop Shop on Bawtry Road.

Closing date: 12.00pm Monday March 6th 06

This post is funded by Connexions South Yorkshire

Tired of having to wait 6 days for your appointment?

In December 2005, one out of every four appointments was missed at the Highgate surgery. If more people understood our system, it would help cut down on wasted money and appointment, so here it is...

We run on an appointments only system.

This sometimes means that you have to wait a few days to see a doctor. There are a number of urgent appointments available every day, but these are in the morning, and they go quickly. If you need one of these, then please come in at 8.45, or phone at 9.00 to book one of these.

If you book an appointment a few days ahead, and then get better, or you are unable to attend, then please cancel the appointment by letting the surgery know, as soon as you can.

This is so that we can give the appointment to somebody else, and it will not be wasted!

We have some telephone appointments for people who would like to speak to the doctor regarding a problem they are having. The receptionists will take your name, telephone number, and a short message to pass to the doctor, who will then call you back as soon as they are able.

If you don't speak English very well, we would be happy to book an interpreter to speak for you at your appointments. These cost money, and if you do not come to these appointments, the money is wasted.

Please help us to provide a better service by coming to all of your appointments, or cancelling them if you cannot attend. It is only by you helping us that we can, in turn, help you.

Missed Appointments

2005	Total no. of	Number of missed	% of missed
October	639	136	21.2%
November	744	161	21.6%
December	709	188	26.5%

www.nowideningm1.org.uk

Local residents and environmental campaigners have been getting together to oppose the governments plans to widen the M1 to 4 lanes in both directions.

Road widening, like new roads, usually encourages traffic growth, leading to more air pollution, and more emissions causing climate change. The Highways Agency's own figures suggest that due to traffic growth, the congestion will be even worse after the scheme is completed. The widening is set to cost over £3.5 billion. On 4th January Sheffield No Widening M1 Campaign presented a petition to Sheffield City Council asking them to oppose the scheme. Despite clear evidence that air pollution from traffic is damaging the health of local residents, the council have not committed themselves to opposing the scheme. We need to keep tackling our councillors about this issue. We have been asking people to write to their MPs, to pass on their con-



cerns to the Department of Transport. The campaign has also been out doing stalls and talking to local groups. We have had lots of positive feedback and support from local people and from similar campaigns around the country, but we need to keep up the pressure if we are to succeed. To get involved or find out more please see www.nowideningm1.org.uk or phone 07896264519

By Julie White

Volunteers clear Rec of Rubbish



The above photograph shows some of the volunteers (some volunteers being part of Darnall Civic Leadership Programme operated by Sheffield Futures) who contributed to removing 40 bags of rubbish in 3 hours, from only about half of Tinsley Recreation Ground. The rubbish was put there, over the years by Tinsley residents, and we cannot afford a repeat of this exercise when the new facilities in the Park are handed over. Don't forget the park and the new facilities belong to you and they must be respected.

Tinsley Tribune, Tinsley, Tinsley One Stop Shop, 120-126 Bawtry Rd Tinsley, S9 1UE phone Neil Parry on 0114 2859911.

The views of contributors are not necessarily the views of Tinsley Forum

It Could be Big Lottery and Big Art for Cooling Towers

Helen Batt, Groundwork Sheffield

We are wandering around the Meadowhall car park without a shopping bag in sight and the rumble of the M1 in our ears. We've come to see the cooling towers close up. We have already glimpsed them from the tram travelling through the Lower Don Valley. I have seen them many times from my local park 5 miles away, and my companion remembers them from childhood journeys up the M1 to see his granny in Newcastle. We marvel at their soaring presence. The M1 viaduct is big, but the towers dwarf it – as it curves gracefully around them and brings motorists within touching distance.

We are here because of an intention to do something creative with, on top of, around or inside the cooling towers. Their days may be numbered, but their looming presence has inspired a project to create a landscape scale artwork. Dwarfing the Angel of the North at a mere 20 metres tall, the transformed towers or an artwork in their place, could be a gateway landmark for Tinsley, Sheffield and the North. GO Sheffield nominated the cooling towers for Channel 4's Big Art Project, a scheme to create six public artworks across the country. Channel 4 was overwhelmed with the number of votes that poured in for the towers. The towers have now reached the final 30, selected from thousands of nominations. We will hear if the cooling



towers are one of the six to receive the go ahead – and funding- in April.

Groundwork Sheffield has also submitted a bid to the Big Lottery Living Landmarks for funding to create an artwork, and a public space around the base of the park. Linking into Blackburn Meadows, the River Don and Canal, the project will create a green oasis. A beautiful space, a beautiful frame for the

towers. Connecting local communities to each other, the Lower Don Valley and the city.

Tell us what you think or if you want to get involved. We will hear if the project has got shortlisted for Living Landmarks funding in June. Then we can really start work on the kind of landmark that will put Tinsley, and Sheffield, on the map.

Contact Helen Batt: 0114 2636421

LANDLORDS

You can access a **discounted traders list!**

Free access to dump it sites throughout the city!

Access to a Landlord Housing Benefit Advice line!

Guest Speaker

The Rent Service will provide an overview of their work & give you the opportunity to ask questions about their service.

To find out, come to the:
Tinsley Landlord Information Session
Wednesday 15th March
Tinsley Methodist Church
Ingfield Avenue
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Buffet provided / Interpreters available

For more information contact **Daniel Massey, Dennis Tester or Mohamed Hujaleh** on **273 5134 or 273 4680 / email: prp@sheffield.gov.uk**

Private Rented Project,
 Private Sector Housing,
 3rd Floor, Howden House,
 Sheffield S1 2SH



Hello from the Active Tinsley Project

The Active Tinsley Project Team are now in place working for Activity Sheffield. There are two members of staff, Helen White – Project Coordinator and Imtiaz Begum – Area Worker, who will be based in Tinsley Green when the centre opens.

The aim of the project is to organise and run sport and physical activity to meet the needs of local people from Tinsley. Activities will be organised for all ages and all abilities, ranging from walking to sports specific activities i.e. Football, Cricket, and Netball

The project will also arrange and help local people gain leadership qualifications around sport and physical activity, as well as providing volunteering opportunities within Tinsley.

For more information on the project or if you would like to get involved contact Helen White, Project Coordinator on 0114 2039173, e-mail Helen.white@sheffield.gov.uk or

Tinsley SureStart

Babies & Toddlers Love Books starts Friday 3 March, 9.15-10.45am at Tinsley Library. Join in with free workshops, sharing books with your children. Contact Kath on 250 6843, Fiona on 07976 305786,

Strengthening Families and Communities continues on Fridays at the St Lawrence Portakabin, 9.30-11.30am. All parents welcome - contact Fiona McNeill on 244 1053 for more details.

Introduction to Community Development and Health continues on Tuesdays, 9.30am-2.30pm. This course runs for 14 weeks; all parents welcome, but you need to attend at least 12 sessions to complete the course. If you need childcare, please contact Roundabout on 244 8885.

Toy Library Mondays 1-3pm at St Lawrence Portakabin. Contact Home Visitors on 261 8791 for more information.

DVD/Video Library planned for exercise, relaxation, healthy eating etc. Contact Fiona on 261 8181 if you have any suggestions.

Parents & Tots Every Thursday afternoon, 1-3pm at Roundabout. Contact Home Visitors on 261 8791.

Women's Conversation Group for Asylum Seekers and Refugees transport from the Sure Start office, Highgate, Every Thursday at 12.15pm, returning to Tinsley for 2.45pm, but must be booked in advance.

Healthy Mum Healthy Baby term-time only every week on Wednesday, 1.30-3pm at St Lawrence Portakabin contact the Health Visitors on 244 1053.

Swimming for Women only and Mums & Babies every Tuesday, meet at 9.15am on Norborough Road, back for 11.30am, to go to Upperthorpe, costs £1.50 for swim and £1.50 for minibus. Contact Vanessa or Shada on 261 8791

Parents in Partnership Group meets monthly on Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am at St Lawrence Portakabin - Feb 23, March 16. Refreshments and crèche provided, but places are limited and must be booked through the Roundabout Centre on 244 8885.

Parent Time very informal drop-in session, meets monthly on Thursdays, 9.30-11.30am at St Lawrence Portakabin on Feb 9, March 9. Limited childcare is available - book in advance with Roundabout (244 8885).

Family Centre Collage Group Drop in to the Sure Start office on Fridays 12-2pm for materials, information etc. and to use the sewing machines. Contact Alix on 261 8181 or Tracy on 244 8885

DIY Course - following the success of the DIY course which ran at B&Q last year, another one is being planned around Easter. Contact Fiona or Alix on 261 8181

Tinsley Help at Home Scheme

The Tinsley Help at Home Scheme, which provides a free practical help service to older people living in the Tinsley area has a new coordinator Angela Harper. Angela has been with Age Concern for almost 4 years

If you would like further information about the services we have to offer to Older people living in Tinsley please telephone Angela on 0114 2502872 alternatively you can phone the Scheme Manager Rachael Wilson on 0114 2502871.

Age Concern Sheffield in association with the National Grid, has launched a new project. **We are offering 2 free services to older people.** Specially trained volunteers will visit you at home to explain how you can avoid being caught out by bogus callers and the steps you can take to protect yourself. The Age Concern Sheffield Handyperson Service will be supplying and fitting door

chains and other home-security devices to help you stay safe. National Grid are paying for them so it **wont cost you a penny.** For more information, please call Serena on 0114 2502857.

Volunteer Opportunities

If your able to volunteer as little as 1 hour a week / month, please contact Sean Kachmarski (Volunteer Coordinator) at sean.kachmarski@ageconcernsheffield.org.uk or 0114 250 2867. One hour of your time can make a positive impact on an older person in Sheffield. If you are a member of a group that would like to learn more about volunteering with Age Concern Sheffield, a volunteer presentation is available. Rachael Wilson, Tel. 0114 2502871

Weston Park Hospital Cancer Appeal

Bob Wainwright is organising the ninth J&A Loomes Memorial Trophy fundraising evening on the evening of 20 May
For more details contact R Wainwright
203 Ferrars Rd, Tinsley

Tinsley Under 17's football team wins Five a Side League and Tournament

Tinsley's under 17s football team excelled this season, winning both the tournament and league trophies.

The team was formed last summer under the coaching and direction of Henry Walsh. Henry is the Kier Project Manager currently managing the building of Tinsley Green on Tinsley Recreation Ground.

All of the boys involved have worked



Naqash Mohammed, a member of the team, with the two trophies.

hard to train over the summer and entered into the Powerleague winter 5-a-side league at Woodbourne Road Stadium. Their hard work and commitment paid off and the team were awarded the trophy for the Under 17's tournament winners 2005 and the Under 17's League winner's trophy.

Tinsley Forum

**Meeting
Thursday 16th March
at 7.00pm
Tinsley Methodist
Church
Ingfield Avenue**

All Welcome