

Tinsley Tribune

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Community Safety

A message from Superintendent John Brennan

It makes you think you know. I was on holiday this year on the little Greek island of Paxos and I was speaking to the local village 'bobby' I asked him how much crime he had to deal with. "Someone stole a pedal cycle last year" he said, "but they brought it back next day." Did he have any targets to meet? "No, no targets" and performance indicators? "I don't understand". Did he ever have any complaints to handle? We were stood in the garden of his police station, which overlooked the harbour, in the shade of a lemon tree. He looked at me as if I had gone mad, "complaints, what is there to complain about on Paxos." I noticed that he didn't carry a radio. How did people get hold of him "they come to my house or they find me in the village" he said, "I'm always around, I always know what's happening."

Good communications, always being around; it sounds easy. It is on a Greek island. In Sheffield, no not so easy. I can almost guarantee that the first question at every public meeting I attend will be about communications and its rarely good news.

Our Communications Department is undergoing a revolution at the moment. A single Comms Centre has recently opened at Atlas Court, just off the Wicker and each of our current Comms Rooms (six in total) will be moving there very soon. In order to cope with that move, we have undergone a revolution in new technology in radio and communications systems, but the change from old to new have given us a massive headache. Someone described it quite well as "putting a new engine in a car which was still running down the motorway."

Actually the problems were not (are not!) of our making. Contractors have let us down,

computer software has let us down, and engineers have let us down.

However we still get the blame and I suppose that's only right. When members of the public have to wait for twenty minutes to report an incident, it really is not good enough. Our staff are working flat out to rectify this nightmare so all I can do is ask the public to be patient, because it will get better I promise.

Meanwhile let me remind you of some useful telephone numbers if you do need us: -

For **emergency contact** with the Police, where a crime is in progress, and the offender is still present, or where a serious accident has occurred, or someone's life is in danger etc **dial 999**.

For **other occasions where you need to speak to a police officer immediately, but not in an emergency dial 0114 2202020**. This will eventually put you through to a communications room, which deals with Tinsley.

To speak to the **Community Officers** who work in Tinsley i.e. PC Lisa Ramsden or PC Paul Sykes **dial 0114 2964329** (Attercliffe Police Station).

N.B.

Do not ring this number if you need a police officer to attend an incident immediately. If they are not in then you will normally be able to leave a message on an answer phone. If you don't get a reply within 24 hours try again or leave a message through the main switchboard number (2202020).

To contact the **Senior Officer responsible for Tinsley** ring Inspector Tony Dobson on **0114 2964303**. Similarly you can leave messages if Tony is not in.

If you want to speak to me about any matter ring 0114 2964101. If I'm not there my



secretary will take a message, or out of hours you can leave a message on my answer-phone.

The thing to remember is don't give up. If you are held "in a queue" on the telephone someone will answer eventually. If you leave a message, **ask for the person's name that you speak to and keep a note of the time and date you ring**. This will help us to check your call later if you have a complaint. If you are patient and you stick with it, you will get a proper answer.

What you can't do is come to my house, or find me in the village!

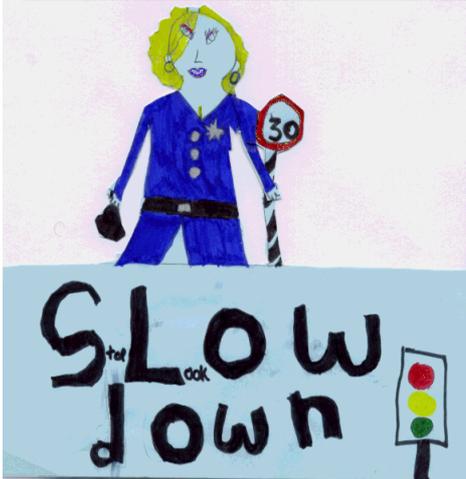
One stolen pedal cycle in twelve months! It makes you think doesn't it!

Tinsley Community Safety Group

Following concerns expressed by a lot of residents at the last Police Consultation Meeting, concerns not necessarily involving the Police, It has been agreed to reconvene the Tinsley Community Safety Group The first meeting will be held in the **Community Centre on Tuesday the 13th of January at 7-00am** it is hoped to have representatives there from the Police, Street Force, Neighbourhood Watch, and Home Zones etc.

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Tinsley School Children help Police Crackdown on Speeding Motorists



Traffic officers and community constables launched a crackdown on speeding motorists in Tinsley, with a little help from local school-children.

Representatives from each year group, who form Tinsley Junior School Children's Council wrote to the Sheffield, Road Policing Group to request speed enforcement on Bawtry Road. Officers had previously targeted the road but motorists soon lapsed back into bad habits and speeding problems continued.

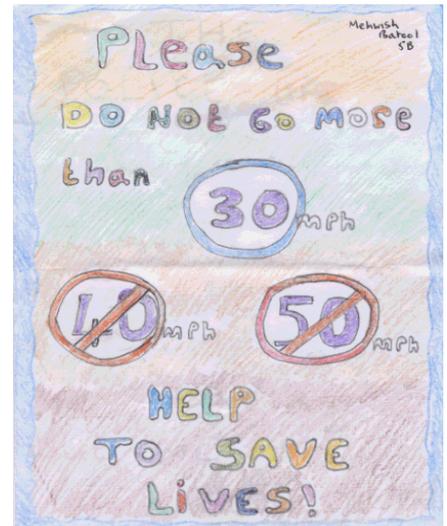
A speed education day was organised and children were asked to produce their version of a speeding ticket. Traffic Education Officer PC John Richardson took a radar detector linked to a huge visual display which showed approaching drivers their speed. Officers stopped 32 vehicles travelling over 30mph and gave advise. Then a selected child from Year 6 asked the drivers to slow down and handed the driver a copy of the poster depicting the speeding ticket they designed.

Official government literature and a police letter indicating the aims of the day and warning drivers of further intended enforcement initiatives were also handed over. The operation was backed up by more speed enforcement over the following weeks.

Speed kills: Aroosa Amjed hands over her ticket, with the help of Area PCs Paul Sykes and Lisa Ramsden, while PC Richardson shows the speed gun to another pupil.

As an incentive to this operation the best two pictures from each year group were offered a prize of a day trip to the Operations Complex to look at traffic cars and the helicopter. All children in the school were also given free government literature on the Green Cross Code.

Consultants working for the City Council's Environmental Protection Service are currently developing a number of options to reduce traffic on Bawtry Road as part of the implementation of the City's Air Action Plan.



Keep Warm and Healthy with Warm Front



Sheffield City Council is working with the Warm Front Team to encourage more local people to apply for **FREE** government grants to help make their home warmer.

If you own your **own home or rent from a private landlord** and receive certain income related benefits or credits, or disability benefits, you could have a range of insulation and essential heating measures installed in your home up to the value of £1,500. People aged 60 or over who receive income related benefits or credits could be eligible for a Warm Front Plus grant which is worth up to £2,500 and can include installation of a new gas or

electric central heating system. Houses that have no insulation can lose up to 35% of heat through the walls and 25% through the roof. With effective home heating and insulation, you will notice a real difference, your home will feel warmer and more comfortable and it could help save you money on your energy bills. Everyone has an important role to play in helping local people to keep warmer in winter, please spread the message to your friends, family and neighbours.

To find out if you, or someone you know, is

eligible, householders can apply by ringing the Warm Front grants helpline direct on **0800 952 1555** and quote reference: EDR/VOL between 8-6pm, Monday to Fridays, the call will only take a few minutes and is completely free. Alternatively, you can visit the Warm Front website at: www.powergen-warmfront.co.uk

If you rent your home from the council or a housing association or are not eligible, but would like more information about energy efficiency please contact your local Energy Efficiency Advice Centre on 0800 512012.



Council Leader Jan Wilson accompanied by Councillor Steve Jones presents a Quality Award to Tim Shortland, Manager of Tinsley Tree Project



Tinsley Tree Project

Subgroup of Tinsley Forum

Tinsley Tree Project has been selected by Sheffield City Council to receive a 'Quality Award' in recognition of outstanding services to the residents of Sheffield.

On the 8th December the community allotment to the rear of the Tinsley One Stop Shop was visited by; City Council Leader Jan Wilson, Councillor Steve Jones and Bob Kerslake Chief Executive. The project had the opportunity to show the visitors the composting system, tree nursery, organic growing beds and wildlife area. The award was presented by Jan Wilson during the visit.

All the staff and volunteers at the project are very pleased to have our environmental work commended by the city council. It is great to know that we are being appreciated and acknowledged as an active and successful project in a city wide respect.

Any resident wishing to know more information about the projects activities and the allotment launch in Spring should contact Tim on: 0777 585 2667.

Tinsley *Sure* Start

Asylum Drop In Session every Thursday. Meet at shop for transport at 12 noon to go to the women's conversation group. FREE CHILDCARE at venue.

Parents In Partnership Meetings fortnightly, Tuesdays 09.30-11.30am St Lawrence Portakabin FREE CHILDCARE Free Refreshments. Contact Sure Start office 2618181 for dates

Tumble Tots/Early Years Development Sessions Gymnastic Sessions for 0-4yr olds Tuesdays 1-2.30pm St Lawrence Church Hall Cost: 50p per child. Children must not be left unaccompanied.

Punjabi/Urdu 6 week Conversation Course Coming in the New Year

Fathers Focus Groups In December we will be holding some focus groups for Sure Start Fathers to enable them to give their views on Sure Start and to find out what they would like to see happening for them. There will be a one-off minimal payment for attending these focus groups.

Programme Management Committee Next

meeting 19 January 2004 from 1-3pm St Lawrence Portakabin FREE CHILDCARE at St Lawrence

Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities – parenting sessions starting on 14 January 2004 contact Sure Start office 2618181

Swimming for Mother & Baby Wednesdays 9.30 – 10.30am Sheffield Road Baths

Health Walks (women only) meet at Sure Start Shop/office 1 – 3.30pm

Cook & Eat Sessions at St Lawrence Church Hall 9.30am – 12 noon Please contact Tahira Ali/Health Activities Worker 0114 2618181 for further information on the above.

Mother & Toddler Group St Lawrence Church Hall Mondays 1 – 3pm

Mother & Baby Group St Lawrence Church Hall Thursdays 1 – 3pm Please contact the Home Visitors on 0114 2618791

Your MP's Advice Surgeries



Clive Betts MP your Member of Parliament for Sheffield Attercliffe Constituency holds Advice Surgeries on:

1st Saturday of Month
Darnall Library, Britannia Road,
9.30 am to 11am

3rd Saturday of Month
Waterthorpe Library, Crystal Peaks
9.30 am to 11am

Constituency Office: 2nd Floor,
Barkers Pool House, Burgess Street, Sheffield S1 2HF
Tel: 0114 2734444 or

Tinsley Advice Service have received Funding from the Community Fund, A Lottery Fund programme. This means more opening hours. Watch out for future notices in the next few weeks. Thanks to everyone supporting us

Health services in Tinsley

Public Meeting

Your Health Care needs, current health provision, and future plans for primary health care provision in Tinsley.

Background

PCT plans for future service provision in Tinsley announced in March 03 were met with considerable local concern. In response, the PCT agreed to:

- undertake an independent study to understand these concerns better;
- disseminate the findings of the study to the Tinsley community;
- to use the outcomes of the study to inform plans for future service provision.

In July 03 a research team from Sheffield Hallam University (SHU) were commissioned to undertake the study with support provided by PCT staff (Sue Greig and Baljit Sanghera) and Joanne Coy, Health Informatics Service Research Worker.

The study

- Questionnaire survey: 380 Tinsley residents (chosen by a random sample stratified by gender and ethnicity) completed the questionnaire.
- Focus groups: 5 focus groups conducted for the different sections of the community.
- PCT Drop-ins: Three 'listening exercise' at the request of the community were conducted where 55 Tinsley residents attended in total.

The next steps: The findings will be presented at a public meeting on:

Thursday 22nd January 2004
Tinsley Community Centre, Ingfield Ave, Tinsley
At 7.00pm

- University Staff will present their report and findings
- Sheffield Health Information Services will report findings from the Drop In sessions
- PCT staff will present an initial response to the study findings.
- Interpreters and childcare will be available

If you require any further details please call Baljit Sanghera on 0114 226 4050 or Sue Greig on 0114 226 4050.

Tinsley Forum AGM

Tinsley Forum held it's Annual General Meeting on the 4th December. The Forum had a successful year the highlight being the opening of the Tinsley One Stop Shop. The trustees voted on for the coming year were:
Richard Edge, Mohammed Afzal, Dennis Ford, Joy Docherty, Maroof Sharif, Eileen Sanderson, Tracy Calvert, Neil Parry

Shaffaq moves on

Shaffaq Mohammed did not seek re-election to Tinsley Forum Trustees, after many years as Chair he has decided to concentrate his energies on work and other voluntary commitments. The Annual General meeting thanked him for his big contribution in developing Tinsley Forum. Shaffaq will remain a member of Tinsley Forum and campaigner on local issues.

