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**Youth Conference** 



### **Honours for Burngreave**



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### Burngreave bouncing back



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# Burngreave Messenger

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### **Year 9 of the Messenger**

A year of fundraising and an application to the charity commission, have brought into sharper focus what the Messenger is trying to achieve. It's not just about producing a community newspaper that everyone enjoys reading, the Messenger is a vehicle for residents to develop skills, tackle problems, communicate and work together.

Since the last AGM we have produced 6 issues, developed our website and expanded our delivery area further in Fir Vale. Our key aims for the year were to involve local residents and fundraise for the sustainability of the Messenger.

Highlights of the work we did with residents included: collaboration with the Council's Lifelong Learning and Skills, support for young contributors with help from local schools and youth providers, and support for residents groups to address issues in their community. Residents also developed their skills through our website and writing courses.

With New Deal funding further reduced from April 2008, there was pressure to find another long term funder. After a number of disappointments, including a rejection from the Big Lottery, we were overjoyed to receive 3 years backing from the Tudor Trust of £90,000. Funding from New Deal Small Grants, the Area Panel, and Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities are helping us do extra activities.

Advertising made a considerable contribution to our income, raising £21,320 in the last financial year. Discussion at the last AGM on sponsorship led us to collaborate with several new organisations, Sheffield Hallam University, Aimhigher and BIG Make it Your Business who paid for pages in the Messenger.

The expenditure for the financial year 2007/8 was £97,880, and the anticipated expenditure for the current financial year 2008/9 is £96,426. In the coming twelve months we plan to increase volunteering opportunities where residents can develop their skills. Maintaining our income with further funding will be crucial to achieving our purpose and the support of local people will be vital.







### **Editorial and production**

The content of the Messenger is decided by the editorial team, which is made up of residents and volunteers. They often have to make difficult decisions because space is limited.

The majority of what we include is at the request of residents, who contact the Messenger to ask us to cover their events, or to suggest a story we should look into. Through our volunteers, and by maintaining links with all parts of the community, the Messenger ensures it reflects the residents in our area.

The Messenger's volunteers represent all parts of the community including residents from different ethnic backgrounds: Yemeni, Pakistani, African, Caribbean, White British and Somali. They are also from varied backgrounds and circumstances. Volunteers' ages range from 18 to 65, some of our contributors are as young as 10. In the last year 91 individuals volunteered or contributed as writers, photographers, decision-makers, website editors and proof readers. 24 volunteers took part in the editorial team's discussion and decision making. (Appendix A)



### Young people developing their voice

The fatal shooting of 16 year old Jonathan Matando at the beginning of the year put greater emphasis on the need to engage young people.

Building on the work of the previous year, we worked with youth providers to give young people a voice on this serious issue. Through the year the Youth Council and Young Advisors shaped and contributed to the newspaper. We also made new contacts in schools and study support groups, with young people writing about their activities.

# Writers with English as a second Language

Working with Kath Swinney from Council's Lifelong Learning and Skills, we supported Somali women learning English to contribute to the Messenger. Not only were they developing their writing and communication skills, they also explored issues affecting their lives and the community. They reported on a conference to promote the importance of talking to your children at a young age, and on a 'fire safety in the home' talk delivered by the fire service. In a group interview with the Manager of a local organisation, the class discussed issues around mental health and khat use in their community.



### **Addressing issues**

Residents bring issues to the Messenger, often after they have tried other ways to resolve the problem affecting their community. While these are interesting stories to investigate, we always aim to help residents resolve the situation.

When residents of Grimesthorpe and Carwood expressed concern about a private developer's plans to build a block of flats on a valued green space, we supported them to respond through the planning process. They collected 150 objections to submit to the Planning department.

Responding to a letter from a Pye Bank resident, complaining about fly tipping and criminal activity on their street, we visited the residents and put them in contact with local Councillors through the Area Panel. Action is being taken to put a barrier in place to prevent fly tipping.

Following residents concerns about asylum seeker, Aman Ali, the Messenger supported the campaign to prevent his deportation back to Afghanistan. He was granted leave to remain in Sheffield earlier this year.



Other issues we addressed through features included: parking problems at the Northern General, poor pedestrian crossings, demolition in Fir Vale, school exclusion, debate on school academies, youth sheltered housing, difficulties with GP appointments and one man's plea to

keep his canine companion in his council flat.

### Recognising achievement



Throughout the year, we made sure Burngreave's role models were recognised for their achievements. We splashed the Area Panel awards across the front page in the New Year, recognising residents and workers outstanding contributions to the community. Academic achievement also featured highly, with interviews from University graduates and successful GCSE and college students. There was also a good deal of sporting success to celebrate - Cricket and football have often been in the Messenger, but one highlight of the year was for athletics, with two Somali young men making the front page following their national success.

# Supporting residents working for their community

The Messenger supports a large number of organisations with articles and advertising, this year the total reached 138 (Appendix B). The majority of these organisations are based locally, and many of them are run by local residents. We have supported residents to write about their work so that more residents can be involved and be aware of what they do. We supported groups including Page Hall Community Association, Friends of Burngreave Cemetery and Chapel, Friends of Osgathorpe Park, Bryon Wood Parents Group, SADACCA Study Support and Firs Hill Tenants and Residents Association.









### **Advertising and sponsorship**

Through advertising space we have supported businesses, community and statutory organisation to communicate with residents about their service. We also help advertisers with advice, when appropriate, on use of language, images and design to get their message across.

We received positive feedback from advertisers who told us that residents responded to adverts taking up opportunties, applying for jobs, getting involved in activities and using local businesses.

Advertisers support of the Messenger has contributed significantly to our income. In the last 12 months we invoiced for £24,503, an increase on last year, though taking up slightly less pages, 57 in total over the year. Community organisations and businesses have used 11 pages, statutory services and organisations outside Burngreave used 17, an increase on last year, and Burngreave New Deal and the Area Panel bought 18 pages during the year.

This was the first year we looked to find organisations to sponsor pages in the Messenger. Sheffield Hallam were the first, paying for a page to celebrate the success of local residents graduating from university. Aimhigher, a joint programme between the University of Sheffield and Sheffield Futures, bought some space to promote their work, along with a donation for the Messenger. Big Make it Your Business, bought a series of pages to promote their work in the area.

This extra support, plus the slight increase in statutory services buying pages, resulted in the increased income for the year.

Thanks to Naheem Hanif, who managed the advertising for 3 years, before leaving the Messenger in July to continue the development of his own business in design services.

### **Messenger Website**

Funding was secured from Burngreave New Deal for Communities (BNDfC) Small Grants for three training courses (one Advanced) at Vestry Hall to train and recruit volunteers to update and manage the website. The first beginners and advanced courses have been delivered successfully, and the third is under way. Residents developed skills in website management, structure and design. The courses also resulted in the creation of a web editorial team, including existing volunteers and those from the courses.

### **Editorial team and volunteers**

We now have a team devoted to making decisions about what goes on the website and to help us get content on-line. An email list and on-line forum have been put in place to discuss and distribute content for approval and addition to the website. Daytime drop in sessions have also been held for volunteers to come and add content to the website and get additional support. We hope to continue these.

### Users

We currently have 135 subscribers to the website who can receive email updates and add comments to the website. 40 of these users can also edit pages and include our volunteers.

### Visitor statistics (Sept 07 - Sept 08)

The highest peak was 273 visits in one day in October 2007, following the shooting of Jonathan Matondo, in a month when the daily hit count was between 35 and 108 visits. This was probably due to outside interest from the media. The monthly hit count has been close to 2,500, and shows a gradual increase in website readership over the year. The statistics also show people are visiting the site to read the issue. In this last year, the most



visited areas of the site have been: the What's New section (listing of all new content), the community groups section, the issue archives and the events and jobs sections. We can use this information to monitor how our visitors use the site and which areas are important for maintenance.

### Content

We're continuing to get content that can go on the web between issues — this is now being distributed via the Web Editorial Forum for volunteers to add to the site and it helps groups get information out to residents. The majority of the printed issue is also now added to the website by volunteers, and two evenings in 'website week' have been drop-in sessions for volunteers who prefer to come to our office.

In the Community section we supported the Young Advisors to set up a directory of youth services, and Friends of Burngreave Cemetery and Chapel to develop their own web pages.

### Other websites

Using the same technology our own website is based on, we recently provided Burngreave Community Action Forum with their own website and training in keeping it updated, and we continue to provide Green City Action and BNDfC with websites.

### **Distribution**

Since October last year, over 48,000 Messengers have been delivered to homes, schools, clinics and businesses in the Burngreave and Fir Vale area.

### **New Delivery areas**

Two new rounds in the Fir Vale area were added for the October 2008 edition:

Willoughby Street/
 Wade Street/ Lloyd
 Street/Hinde House Lane

 and Robey Street/Popple Street/Page Hall Road/Owler Lane

With the addition of the two new rounds, October's edition of the Burngreave Messenger was delivered to just over 7000 homes.

By June 2009, we are planning to be able to deliver to most of Fir Vale. The area has been split into ten rounds, two of which were delivered to in October. With each new edition of the Messenger between now and April another two rounds will be added. (This gives us adequate time to be able to recruit new distributors). By April, the Messenger will be delivered to around 8.500 homes.

### Delivered by local residents

The Messengers are distributed by local residents, who are all paid for the work they do. This helps to provide valuable income for people in the area, who do not usually have any other work. For young people, it is also a great way for them to experience employment and responsibility.

Where possible, distributors deliver to the area around their home, and deliver to the

same round each time.
This helps to ensure that
Messengers are
delivered reliably
(people are less
likely to miss
houses in an area
they are familiar
with) and gives
young people the
chance to
contribute to their
local neighbourhood
in a tangible way.

We have a team of twenty-four distributors, who are aged between 13 and 66 years. Because or our commitment to provide opportunities for young people to experience employment, they are prioritised whenever possible: Eighteen of our distributors are aged 24 or under, with the average age being 16.

Fifteen distributors have started in the past year. Nine distributors have left since this time last year (eight finished of their own accord and one was told he would not be asked again, due to unreliability). One of the challenges for the coming months will be to continue to build up a reliable, committed distribution team. We currently need to recruit a further six people, so that each

round has a regular person to deliver to that area.



Distribution of the Burngreave Messenger is now overseen by Sarah Cooper, following Naheem Hanif's departure in July this year.

# **Appendix A - Volunteers and Contributors**

Volunteer	Activity	Volunteer	Activity	
Abdul Rasak Saleh	writing	Freddie Whichelow	photography	
Abtisam Mohamed	writing	Gaby Spinks	writing, proof reading	
Adar Diriye Afrah Alkheli	writing	lan Clifford	writing, proof reading, management	
Ahmed Said	writing	Ingrid Gilson	writing	
Anned Said Amal Ismail	writing photography	Ivor Wallace	writing, photography,	
Amal Ahmed	writing		website, photography	
Amie Rowland	<b>G</b>	Jawahir Said	writing	
	writing	Jenson Grant	writing	
Anab Ali	writing	John Steers	proof reading	
Andrew Green	writing, photography	Jon Dallow	writing	
Anwar Suliman	photography	Kadie-Ann Rutty	Writing	
Ben Kirby	writing	Kate Atkinson	website	
Brent Moya	writing, photography	Kath Swinney	writing	
Camille Daughma	writing, photography	Khadija Hassan	writing	
Carlene Hepworth	writing	Khalid Salih	writing	
Carmelita Duncan	writing	Kirstin Daly	proof reading	
Caroline Harris	management, funding	Kookie Chilengwe	writing	
Carrie Hederwick	writing	Lesley Boulton	photography	
Chris Blythe	website	Lisa Harrison	writing, photography,	
<b>Christine Steers</b>	writing, website		website, proof reading	
Cora Gordon	photography	Liz Searle	writing, photography	
Damian De Souza	photography	Marc Charlton	photography	
Danny Hall	writing, photography	Mark Gibbens	writing	
David Ainscough	photography	Matloub Husayn-Ali-Khan website		
Derrick Okrah	writing, website	Maureen Griffiths	Writing	
Douglas Johnson	writing, proof reading,	Michelle Cook	writing, website	
	website, management Mick Ashman	writing		
Fagr Al-Afif	photography	Mohammed Raweh	writing	
Farhan Ahmed	writing, photography, website	Molly Butler	writing	
Fiona Addison	writing	Muntaz Ahmed	photography	
Fran Belbin	writing, management,	Naeema Khan	writing	
Tan Doloin	proof reading	Nagat Abdullah	writing	

Names in **bold** have taken part in editorial discussions and meetings

# **Appendix A continued - Volunteers and Contributers**

Volunteer	Activity	Volunteer	Activity
Nasira Amin	writing, photography	Sarah Alabbadi	writing
Nicholaus Hall	photography, website	Seraphin Nyirenda	writing, photography
Nikky Wilson	funding	Shaista Shukar	writing
Patrick Amber	cartoon	Sheila Gesage	writing
Rafiq Saleh	writing	Steve Gayle	writing
Rashida Hassanali	writing	Stewart Lodge	poem
Rebecca Norton	writing	Suze Reynolds	writing
Richard Belbin	writing, photography, management, proof reading	Taibah Khan	writing, photography
		Tom Hunt	writing
Richard Hanson	photography	Umme Salama Hassa	anali writing
Rohan Francis	writing, illustration, photography	Wajdi Raweh	Writing
		Yusra Ahmed	writing
Rob Smith	writing	Zahra Saleh	writing
Rubina Perveen	writing	Zaida Bibi	writing
Saleema Imam	editorial	Zeinab Musse	writing
Sam Galbraith	writing, website	Zia Khan	writing
Sarah Watts	photography		

Names in **bold** have taken part in editorial discussions and meetings

# Appendix B - Organisations supported

Organisations and projects supported	Issue	
Abbeyfield Bowlers	Apr-08	article
Abbeyfield Festival	Aug-08	article
Activity Sheffield	Dec-07	article
Adult and Community Learning Unit	Dec-07	article
Aim Higher	Oct-08	advert feature
Al Nisa Sports	Oct-08	advert
All Saints Connexions Centre	Aug-08	summer listing
Anti-Social Behaviour Team	Apr-08	advert
Arabic Community Language School	Aug-08	article
BIG Make it Your Business	Oct-08	advert feature
Black Women's Health Network	Apr-08	article
Black Women's Resource Centre	Aug-08	advert and feature
Burngreave & Canklow Crusaders	Feb-08	article
Burngreave Advocacy Now	Jun-08	advert feature
Burngreave After School Study Support	Jun-08	article
Burngreave Amateur Boxing Club	Apr-08	advert
Burngreave Area Panel	Dec-07	advert feature
Burngreave Bouncing Back	Feb-08	advert
Burngreave Business Forum	Dec-07	advert
Burngreave Celebrates Learning Festival	Apr-08	advert
Burngreave Community Action Forum	Apr-08	advert
Burngreave Community Learning Campaign	Apr-08	advert
Burngreave Community Radio	Jun-08	article
Burngreave Domestic Abuse Project	Jun-08	advert
Burngreave Drug Project	Oct 08	advert feature
Burngreave Education Forum	Jun-08	advert
Burngreave Football Club	Apr-08	article
Burngreave Health Shop	Aug-08	collation
Burngreave MEND	Feb-08	article
Burngreave New Deal for Communities	Dec-07	advert features
Burngreave Opportunities	Apr-08	advert
Burngreave Saints	Jun-08	article
Burngreave Small Grants Fund	Dec-07	advert
Byron Wood Parents Group	Jun-08	article
Byron Wood School	Apr-08	article
Campaign for Aman Ali	Apr-08	article
Christ Church Pitsmoor	Aug-08	summer listing
Community Action Halfway	Feb-08	article
Community Forestry Team	Feb-08	advert feature
Community Wardens	Feb-08	advert
Companions Club	Apr-08	article

# **Appendix B continued - Organisations supported**

Organisations and projects supported	Issue	
Connexions	Dec-07	advert
Conversation Clubs	Apr-08	article
Creative Outpost	Oct-08	advert
Crimestoppers	Dec-07	advert
Earl Marshall Open Access Youth Club	Aug-08	summer listing
Earl Marshall Under 12s	Jun-08	article
Elders Project Pakistan Advice Centre	Jun-08	advert
Ellesmere Youth Project	Aug-08	summer listing
Extended Schools	Dec-07	article
Family Advocacy Project	Jun-08	article and advert
Fir Vale Enterprise Centre	Dec-07	advert
Fir Vale Fusion Athletics	Apr-08	article
Fir Vale Ghuasia Masjid	Apr-08	article
Fir Vale Playscheme	Aug-08	summer listing
Firshill After School Club	Aug-08	summer listing
Firshill TARA	Apr-08	articles
Forum House	Feb-08	advert, article
Fostering and Adoption Service	Dec-07	advert
Friends of Burngreave Chapel and Cemetery	Apr-08	article
Friends of Devon Gardens	Jun-08	aticle
Friends of Osgathorpe Park	Jun-08	article
Friends of Roe Woods and Crabtree Ponds	Feb-08	article
Furnival Burngreave Community Projects	Oct-08	advert
Green City Action	Dec-07	advert
Greentop Circus	Oct-08	advert
Grimesthorpe Institute	Oct-08	article
Hadfield Institute	Dec-07	advert
HEET event	Feb-08	advert
Hope project - Streetworx	Feb-08	Sheffield Futures
Indigo	Apr-08	advert
Inter Varsity Folk Dance Festival	Feb-08	advert
Interfaith Walk	Jun-08	article
IT-CSSS	Aug-08	summer listing
Jeevan Project	Jun-08	advert
Knitting Group - Pitsmoor Surgery	Apr-08	advert
Kurdish Community Centre	Apr-08	article
Landfill Action Group	Feb-08	article
Longley Sixth Forum	Apr-08	article
Martin Luther King Junior Planing Group	Feb-08	article
Mediation Sheffield	Jun-08	article
Music in the Sun	Jun-08	article and advert

# **Appendix B continued - Organisations supported**

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Northern Refugee Centre	Oct-08	collation
Osgathorpe Pavillion	Aug-08	summer listing
Page Hall Community Association	Feb-08	article
Pakistan Advice and Community Association	Jun-08	advert
Parkwood High School	Feb-08	article
Pedal Ready	Oct-08	article
Pheonix Music Club	Aug-08	article and advert
Pitsmoor Adventure Playground	Apr-08	article and advert
Pitsmoor CAB	Dec-07	article
Private Rented Project	Dec-07	advert
Pye Bank School	Aug-08	article
Race for Life - Activity Sheffield	Apr-08	article
Reach High 2	Aug-08	summer listing
Refugee Council	Aug-08	article
Rock Christian Centre	Apr-08	advert
SADACCA	Apr-08	article
SADACCA Study Support	Apr-08	article
Safer Neighbourhood Team	Apr-08	article
Sage Greenfingers	Feb-08	article
SAVTE	Dec-07	article
Second Step Caribbean Women's Group	Feb-08	article
SENTA Sheffield Enterprise Agency	Dec-07	advert
Seventh Day Adventist Pathfinders	Apr-08	article
Sheffield College Community Foundation Programme	Feb-08	article
Sheffield Credit Union Pitsmoor Branch	Feb-08	advert
Sheffield Hallam University	Feb-08	Sponsored article
Sheffield Homes	Jun-08	advert
Sheffield Live	Dec-07	article
Sheffield Sports Foundation	Aug-08	article
Sheffield Theatres - Vestry Hall plays	Apr-08	article
Shiloh Church	Aug-08	advert
SOLID	Jun-08	advert
Somali Mental Health Project (Maan)	Jun-08	article
Somali Women's Disability Group	Jun-08	article
South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue	Aug-08	article
St Catherine's Roman Catholic Church	Jun-08	article
St Catherine's School	Apr-08	article
St Peter's Church	Jun-08	advert
Stand for Islam	Aug-08	article
Station Foyer	Aug-08	article
Streetworx	Dec-07	advert

# **Appendix B continued - Organisations supported**

Organisations and projects supported	Issue	
Swamp Circus	Dec-07	article and advert
SYFAB	Feb-08	advert
Thursday Football	Dec-07	article
Verdon Recreation Centre	Aug-08	summer listing
Vestry Hall	Dec-07	collation
Wensley Community Centre	Aug-08	summer listing
Western Park Museum (Yemeni Exhibition)	Dec-07	article
Whiteways school	Aug-08	article
Women's Construction Centre	Apr-08	article
Workers Education Association	Apr-08	article
Write Horizons - Pitsmoor Surgery	Apr-08	advert
Yemeni Welfare Advice Centre	Oct-08	collation
Young Advisors	Oct-08	article
Your Voice	Dec-07	article
Youth Council	Apr-08	article

# Appendix C - Businesses supported

Business	Issue	
A 2 B Shipping	Dec-07	advert
Albert Winter Accountants	Dec-07	advert
Annabel's Flowers	Apr-08	advert
Appliance Centre	Apr-08	advert
Bitz & Bobz	Apr-08	advert
Bowen Therapist	Dec-07	advert
Bright Beginners Preschool Nursery	Oct-08	advert
Burngreave Amateur Boxing Club	Dec-07	advert
Burngreave MOT and Service Centre	Dec-07	advert
Chiropody	Dec-07	advert
Cyberia	Apr-08	advert
Ellesmere Post Office	Oct-08	article
Fir Vale Pharmacy	Dec-07	advert
Fir Vale Post Office	Oct-08	article
Fir Vale Preschool	Oct-08	advert
Gobal Immigration	Dec-07	advert
Hallcar Tavern	Aug-08	advert
iCITY magazine	Apr-08	advert
Jaznet	Feb-08	advert
Jeff Hall	Oct-08	advert
Julia Myczko Holistic Therapist	Aug-08	advert
Lloyds Pharmacy	Apr-08	feature
Meridian Communications	Dec-07	advert
Munchies Cafe	Jun-08	advert feature
Ndesign	Dec-07	advert
NSM Driving School	Jun-08	advert
Pitsmoor Dental Health Centre	Apr-08	advert
Pitsmoor Post Office	Oct-08	article
Prime Pizza	Dec-07	advert
Property 4U	Dec-07	advert
Sorby House	Aug-08	advert
Stress Solutions	Dec-07	advert
Thai Boxing Wicker Camp	Dec-07	advert
Vital Hair and Cosmetics	Dec-07	advert
Wicker Pharmacy	Dec-07	advert

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