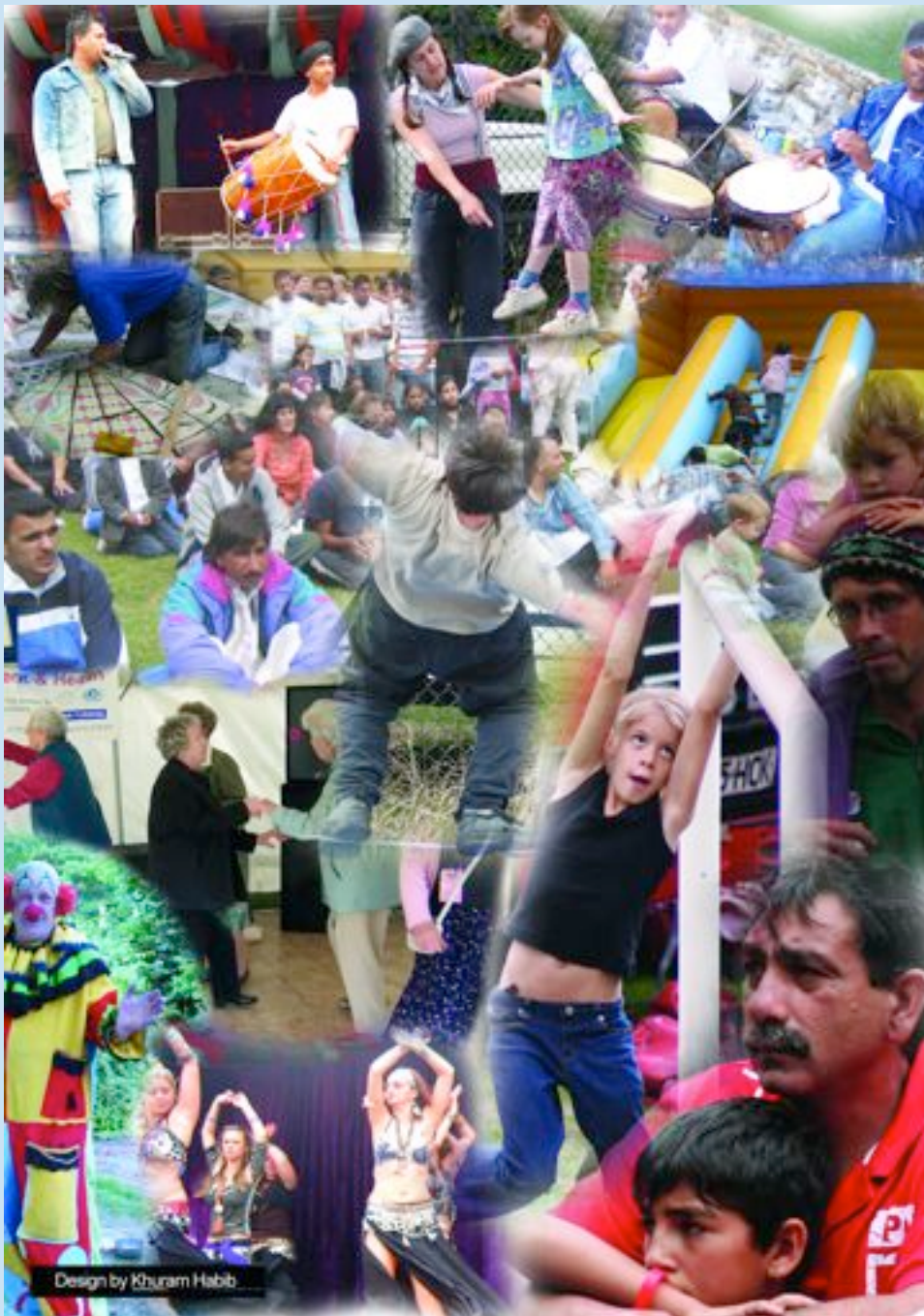


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Voice of the Burngreave Community

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Fantastic festival fun



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Fir Vale Festival



Fir Vale Festival, held at Fir Vale school, attracted 4,000 people, who enjoyed live music, food and sports in the hot sunny weather of July.

OneLove Festival



Kids had fun at the One Love Festival, in Osgathorpe Park, despite the rainy weather.

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The Abbeyfield Festival went ahead without a hitch this year with a variety of sights, sounds and festival foods and gifts continuing to attract large numbers of people. High winds caused a few problems for stall holders, but it didn't prevent a happy, warm atmosphere filling the park.

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BCF dissolved

The Black Community Forum was dissolved in July following financial difficulties.

Black Community Forum (BCF) was an affiliate body set up to be a voice for black voluntary sector groups in Sheffield. The aim was to put pressure on the Council to improve services to the black community, if necessary allowing the black voluntary sector to deliver these services.

The *Messenger* understands that BCF was in debt, in part due to the complexities of the European funding it was receiving which has to be spent upfront and claimed back. The loss of Forum House earlier this year tarnished BCF's reputation significantly, as they were managing the refurbishment project, which was in debt to builders who were taking legal action. Money from the sale of Forum House to Burngreave New Deal for Communities went to pay off debtors.

Former member of the Black Community Forum, Abdul Shaif, who resigned over a year ago, told the *Messenger*:

"BCF did initially play a critical role in community development, but lost its way and direction in recent years. It could no longer function as a viable community organisation. BCF was dissolved because it hasn't got any money and as an organisation it had lost its direction and lost contact with its affiliates and those it represents."

A new start

I went along and attended the second meeting of the newly founded Sheffield Black Community Alliance (SBCA). The aim of the meeting was to discuss the way forward for the new organisation. The Black Community Forum was being moved into the history books with lessons to be learnt by the fifteen or so local black and ethnic minority volunteers and professionals present.

Ahmed Gurnah, Dr Abdul Shaif and the Chair of the Pakistani Muslim Centre chaired the meeting, all representing the organisation now calling itself SBCA. Darnall Councillor Mazher Iqbal and African-Caribbean City Councillor for Richmond, John Campbell also joined the discussion prompted by Aisha Special K, relating to the dissolving of BCF and wanting to be sure that lessons had been learnt and that mistakes weren't repeated.

Aisha mentioned that she had heard about the meeting by chance and called to slow things down. "We must not allow ourselves to become misrepresented because we've moved too quickly. We must consult and allow all black people to become properly involved in SBCA, so this new organisation is inclusive from the start," added Aisha and all present agreed.

Ahmed Gurnah presented a draft working constitution that had been tabled at the previous meeting. It was agreed to review the working constitution and to move towards forming a proper accountable, fully representative and fairly elected body that will reflect Sheffield's black and ethnic minority communities.

"We want people to not just get involved, but to take a leadership role in the new SBCA. This new organisation will only succeed if it can truly reflect the nature of the community and create a new voice for the black communities. Fresh blood is required to give it energy and a fresh start, with clear direction," said Abdul Shaif.

by Rob Smith

Get involved...

There is a need for people to help by attending the Sheffield Black Community Alliance (SBCA) strategy working group now taking place every Thursday at 5pm at Forum House on Spital Hill.

SBCA is also to hold an AGM in September, for more information: contact Ahmed Gurnah or Abdul Khayoom on 279 4960.



Get involved...

Summer can be a quiet time of year for community involvement, but things are gearing up again and in this issue, the *Messenger* is flagging up information on opportunities for residents to get involved in our community.

Look for the **i** symbol.

Messenger offspring

The *Messenger's* design service has been taken on by two of our employees – Naheem Hanif and Jamie Marriott. We wish them the best of luck in their new business.

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We design flyers, leaflets, booklets and magazines.

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Residents triumph

The Council's planning board has rejected an application to build flats at the top of Smithies Field on Grimsthorpe Road after objections from residents.

Since 2005 the developers, Redwall, have put in several applications to develop the land in the hope of building one- and two-bedroom flats. One application was conditionally granted while two others were rejected. Redwall are appealing against this and a public enquiry is still pending. Now a further application has just been turned down.

Grimsthorpe damaged

Nearby residents were angered by the developers' approach, as they cut down valued trees and cleared green space before their planning applications had been considered. Distressed residents appealed to the Council and 'Tree Preservation Orders' were put on the remaining mature trees.

The Council received 80 letters from residents objecting to the most recent application. Their concerns formed a large part of the report to the planning board which was used to make the final decision.

The residents argued that the site was not 'brownfield' (previously built on) as maps dating back to the early 1800s showed only one house, which had extensive gardens and greenhouses. This was later home to a cricket pitch and pigeon coops which were dismantled in the 1980s and the land was left to nature and became woodland. Planning officers took up their well considered arguments and rejected the application on the grounds that it is classed as 'greenfield' and cannot be built on.

Local resident Pat Eckhardt told the *Messenger*:

"I can't believe it. It's like everything we wanted has happened. Now I'm wondering what we can do to repair the damage done by the developers."

Residents can only wait to see what Redwall will do next, but with the planning board taking a strong stance against the development it looks unlikely to go ahead.

by Rohan Francis & Lisa Swift

Peacemaker Deacon Dave

Deacon Dave Havard is planning to go to Palestine at the end of September as a peacemaker with the International Solidarity Movement (ISM). ISM have been involved for some years in Palestine helping children to get to school; protecting homes from demolition; clearing roadblocks; helping with the olive harvest and joining joint demonstrations with Palestinians and Israelis against the illegal Wall.

There will be a fundraising event at the Kashmir Curry House on Wednesday, 6th September at 7pm. For more details or to make a donation contact Dave on 272 9695.

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Breast cancer fundraiser

A Burngreave resident is on the road to her target of raising £1,500 for the breast cancer research charity Breakthrough.

One morning while watching TV, Marjorie Beckford-Peart saw a programme inviting individuals to join the Breakthrough's Aviva weekend to raise money towards cancer research by walking 60km over two days. As someone with a 17-mile walk for British Heart Foundation under her belt, Marjorie decided to give it a go. The weekend will take place in Birmingham from 22nd-24th September and concludes with a celebration for all participants.

Breast cancer is the most common female cancer in the UK with 41,000 women diagnosed per year. Men can also develop the illness, but it is rare



with only 300 men diagnosed per year.

Breasts have a powerful emotional and psychological impact on women's self-confidence and body-image. This disease therefore has a great effect on women's health and self image.

So far Marjorie has managed to raise £600 for this worthy cause, but needs your help in reaching her goal. She is continuing to collect in the area, or you may prefer to donate online: www.breakthrough.org.uk using reference number: 201038-6 or contact her on 0798 967 9706.

Marjorie would like to thank everyone who has donated and to say a special thank you to her grandchildren, Duane and Paris who have helped with car boot sales.

by Camille Daughma

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Young people take control

Burngreave's Youth Council is on the verge of becoming a reality, with young people already involved in the early stages of its establishment. The idea has been talked about for three years or more. Now October has been set as the month for elections to the Council.

The first attempts to create a Council of young people were made by the Listen To Us youth project. New Deal took up the idea as something important and when investing half a million pounds into youth project, Streetworx, it made the Youth Council a top priority.

We went to speak to the Shadow Youth Council, who are making decisions about how the Youth Council will be set up. The Chair, Jihad, and Vice-Chair, Mohamed, explained that the Shadow Youth Council has been established for two months and has at present twenty members — thirteen male and seven female. They meet at All Saints Youth Centre.

The main aim of the Youth Council is to help young people help themselves by seeking to assist young people into further and higher education and training. They currently have members from the Somali, Yemeni, African-Caribbean and white communities.

Members of the Shadow Youth Council at their meeting on 16th August.



When asked what needs to be done in Burngreave for young people, both Jihad and Mohamad agreed that improvements have been made in the area, for example crime rate reduction, but there is lack of support provision for young people who are isolated and in need of support with decisions regarding education and training. The Youth Council would be a forum for developing young people's ideas and a platform the young people of Burngreave.

"The Youth Council will be the voice of young people, so we can influence how money is spent on us," Jihad told us.

They said more activities need to be happening; but aside from sports, recreational and leisure activities, the Youth Council aim to focus on wider issues such as training and education,

as a number of young people seem excluded and bored with traditional activities.

"Young people need support to do training or apprenticeships, it's difficult to be motivated, but if other young people are there to encourage you it's easier." said Jihad.

"We want there to be better activities, but it's more than that. Activities can be combined with training so we can 'enjoy while we learn'." explained Mohammed.

Streetworx Manager, Zain Abdulla, said:

"Members of the Youth Council will take up seats on decision-making bodies, such as the Area Panel, the New Deal Board and the Council's Children and Young People's Directorate. They can then be part of the decisions that will affect them. They will also be fundraising for their own activities, so they can take control of what they are involved in."

by Asma Ali & Lisa Swift

Get involved...

The Shadow Youth Council is meeting monthly. Young people aged 14-24 can get involved. Contact Zain Abdulla on 0792 149 1540.

What's happening for young people?

All Saints Connexions Centre

7 Lyon Close S4

Open: Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm
Mon, 6.30-10.00pm, girls only
Tue & Fri, 6.30-10.00pm, mixed sessions

All young people welcome, activities aimed at 13-19 year olds

Contact: Courtney Sterling 256 2940

Earl Marshal Connexions Centre

Heathcoat Street S4

Open: Mon-Fri, 8.45am-5.30pm
Mon & Friday, 6.00-9.30pm, Youth Club

Contact: Elaine Virgo 243 9871

Ellesmere Youth Project

Mon, at All Saints, girls only (see left)
Tue, from 6.30pm, performance project
Thu, 7.00-8.30pm, detached work and football around Carwood
Fri, from 6.30pm, detached work

Contact: Jenny Tibbles or Lorraine Blake on 243 5854 or 0788 677 7068

Christ Church Pitsmoor Youth

Welcome Centre, Nottingham Street

Sessions open to all young people to relax with their friends.

Fri, 7-9pm, *Genr8* for 11-14 year olds
Wed, 7-9pm, *Sanctuary* for 15-18 year olds

Contact: 220 1534.

Burngreave Young People's Group

Jahshanti (Jamal) Wilson has set up BYPG. The group consists of over 120 members and has been established by young people for young people aged 14-25 as somewhere to chill out.

There is concern regards the need for staffing in the form of supervision of the young people, currently the group relies on volunteers as staff. New Deal have committed a community engagement team member to help at the centre for one evening per week.

If you are interested in supporting young people or require further information regarding BYPG, contact Jamal Wilson on 0775 690 9547.

Humiliated under arrest

Reporting by members
of the Editorial Team

A young black man, Jason, has told the *Messenger*, how he was violently arrested and humiliated by police on Spital Hill just after 2pm on 26th July.



Officers from the New Deal team stopped him because they thought he fitted the

description of someone the police were looking for. He did not object to being stopped and searched. The police found a cannabis spliff in his pocket. But when they arrested and handcuffed him for possession of a spliff, he objected that this was an unnecessary abuse of their powers.

Deacon Dave Havard had just left a community meeting with a colleague. "We saw two police officers who'd been on bicycles, wrestling with a young black man," Dave told us. "The officers were pushing the man into the undergrowth beside the Library and his head pushed into the brick work. He was struggling and as we moved closer I could see one officer had both his hands around the man's neck. My immediate concern was seeing the young man being throttled by this technique."

Jason confirmed that he told the officers he suffers from sickle cell anaemia: "They were depriving me of oxygen and this triggers my illness."

Dave's colleague saw the officers undoing Jason's belt and trousers as part of the search. He asked the officers to stop restraining him.

Numerous other officers appeared at the scene and attempted to place Jason inside a police car. "He resisted by making his body rigid," added Dave. "Five officers then wrestled him to the ground placing restraining straps around his legs. He was left trussed up in the middle of the road with his trousers around his knees."

A large crowd of local people gathered to see what was happening. Jason says he was a victim of assault in which the police stamped on his back and his finger was damaged.

"For over ten minutes with his head

jammed into the tarmac and semi-naked he was left in this humiliating position until a van to transport him arrived. Even then the man wasn't removed from the scene, as though there was no urgency to get him away from the scene or put him straight into the van. He was shouting and complaining bitterly about this treatment," added Dave.

Jason says that at the police station he was not questioned about any crime alleged to have been committed by the person he supposedly resembled. Instead he was charged with assaulting the police.

Inspector John Ekwubiri gave us the following response:

"The man was stopped and searched following information received of drug dealing in the immediate vicinity, the man matched the description given."

We asked if the police have any policies around sickle cell anaemia that would affect the way officers dealt with the incident. Inspector Ekwubiri told us:

"I have sickle cell anaemia trait which is known to my colleagues, the man was struggling violently and my officers responded accordingly, they are all trained in first aid, had he shown signs of distress, he would have been treated accordingly, safety of all is a priority."

The *Messenger* asked if negotiation could have been used to avoid the situation escalating as it did, the Inspector responded:

"Had negotiation been used, the offender would have had the opportunity to destroy evidence, immediate compliance is paramount. Any incident that shows police officers struggling in the street is to the detriment of community relations, however, we have to balance that with ridding the community of drug dealers."

Code of Practice

The *Police Code of Practice (A)* relating to searches says: 'All stops and searches must be carried out with courtesy, consideration and respect for the person concerned. This has a significant impact on public confidence in the police. Every reasonable effort must be made to minimise the embarrassment that a person being searched may experience.'

No one can be required 'to remove any clothing in public other than an outer coat, jacket or gloves' except in case of searches under the *Terrorism Act 2000* or if the person is trying to conceal their identity or a weapon. 'A search in public of a person's clothing which has not been removed must be restricted to superficial examination of outer garments. This does not, however, prevent an officer from placing his or her hand inside the pockets of the outer clothing, or feeling round the inside of collars, socks and shoes.'

The officer who does the searching must provide his name and the name of the police station to which he is attached, and give a clear explanation of the reason for the search.

Since the *Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005* came into force, the police can arrest those suspected of committing any offence. But the *Police Code of Practice (G)* relating to arrests says: 'The use of the power must be fully justified and officers exercising the power should consider if the necessary objectives can be met by other, less intrusive means. When the power of arrest is exercised it is essential that it is exercised in a non-discriminatory and proportionate manner.'

There must be reasonable grounds for an arrest. The main grounds (listed in full in section 2.9 of the Code, available at all police stations) are:

- if the person being arrested refuses to provide their name or address, or the officer has reasonable grounds for doubting this information;
- if the person might hurt himself or someone else, or damage property;
- if the person might interfere with a police investigation (eg, destroying evidence or intimidating witnesses);
- if the police think it is necessary to obtain evidence by questioning; or
- if there are reasonable grounds for believing that if the person is not arrested they will fail to attend court.

Gold Fingers

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Half day on Sunday
(ladies only)

Opened just last month by manager Rissam, Gold Fingers is a brand new hairdressing salon for men and women, just up the hill behind the Kashmir Curry House, on Spital Street.

The salon is bright and welcoming, offering the usual cutting and styling, perming, braiding, extensions, colouring and tinting. And there will shortly be a team of three stylists to join Rissam in the salon. Prices start at £3.50 for a child's hair cut, £5.00 for men and starting from £15 for a cut and blow dry for women. "We also do perms for children and half-price haircuts for over 60s," Rissam told me.

Rissam (also known as 'Frenchie' as he came to England from France a couple of years ago) has plenty of experience working in the hairdressing profession. Before moving into his own premises,



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he recently worked in Spital Hill Plaza but he has also quite an international repertoire, having worked in France, Belgium and Algeria. "I came as a student to Sheffield originally," Rissam told me "and when I moved to Pitsmoor, I really liked the sense of community here. So I've stayed. And already I have my faithful customers coming to the new business."

by Nicky Wilson

South African visitors

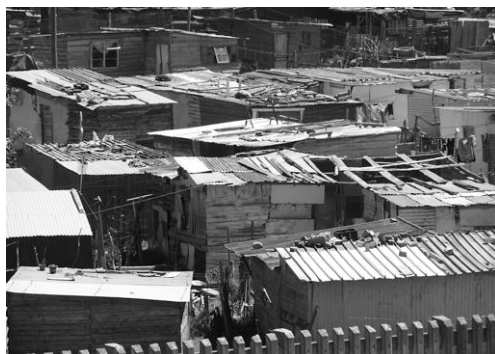
Rainbow House was host to young people from the townships of Cape Town in July, as they stopped off in Sheffield en route to an international camp for young people in Kent.

Sheffield and Burngreave residents had raised £9,000 so that twenty young people from Cape Town could take part in the Global Village camp, organised by the Woodcraft Folk and involving young people from 51 countries.



Young people visit Rainbow House.

Eight of the people going to the camp came to Sheffield for a week beforehand and visited Rainbow House, run by Burngreave Problem Busters, where they met local people and played pool with Burngreave youngsters.



Cape Town township.

The Woodcraft Folk is a national children and young people's movement, which aims to build a world based on equality, friendship, peace and co-operation. To find out more or help build links with the young South Africans, contact Jon on 268 6369.

by Lisa Swift

Security Grants Reduce Crime Against Burngreave Businesses

Recently released figures reveal what a difference simple security measures can make to crime against local firms.

A comparative study of the participating companies before and after they added extra security show that 31 Burngreave businesses had suffered 180 attacks on their premises – this plummeted to just 39 offences when the security measures were added.

Martin Flack of the Sheffield Switchgear and Cable Company who received a grant in 2005 told People United Against Crime.

"The scheme has definitely benefited my business and in doing so safeguarded local jobs."

Mr Flack continued: *"The enhancements I received have certainly lessened the opportunist crime on my business, in fact since the installation I have not suffered any major crime of note."*



Examples of the type of security measures which can be supported include CCTV, shutters, door access systems, security lighting, alarms and fencing.

Community, voluntary and faith organisations also qualify for the grants.

The Scheme which is funded by Burngreave New Deal for Communities can provide up to £5,000 for security enhancements to buildings.



For further details and/or application forms please contact Martin Bancroft at People United Against Crime, 4th Floor Castle Market Buildings, Exchange Street, Sheffield S1 2AH, or call (0114) 275 8688.



Residents challenge Council

Angry Burngreave residents confronted council officers over the Skinnerthorpe Road demolition plans at July's Area Panel meeting, claiming that their surveyor had been ignored by the Council and that they've been left in limbo awaiting a decision.

In order to work out how much compensation Skinnerthorpe Road residents should receive for the demolition of their properties as part of the Burngreave Masterplan, the houses need to be valued. Standard practice for compensation means that a value is first calculated by a surveyor hired by the Council, and this value should then be compared with one given by an independent chartered surveyor, chosen by the residents themselves, in order to arrive at a fair price.

Independent chartered surveyor, David Bell, was hired by sixteen Skinnerthorpe Road residents to value

their houses. At the meeting, Mr Bell claimed that the houses have been valued by the Council's surveyor at a "very low" price, and that his attempts to provide independent values were being hindered by council officers. He accused the Council of delaying tactics, claiming that it had taken over a month to receive replies to letters he had sent regarding his clients. He also said that the Council's head of valuations was not prepared to meet him to discuss the problem.

In response, Council manager, David Shepherd, said: "The Council will always talk to people and their nominated agents." When Mr Bell said he had been asking for a meeting for a fortnight with no response, Mr Shepherd said: "You've not asked me."

Councillor Ibrar Hussain stepped in, saying: "If Council officials haven't responded to you, then that's not good enough. I will assure you that we have done all we can."



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Skinnerthorpe Road resident, Zulfquar Ali, criticised the Council for being disrespectful: "Instead of encouraging separate valuations, his [Mr Bell's] reputation has been put down. This is about the Council listening and residents having the right choices available. There should be a bit more respect for them, because it's their houses being demolished."

Immediately after the meeting, Mr Bell and Mr Shepherd met up to try and find a solution to the issue.

by Jennifer McKiernan

Down Memory Lane

Firshill and Pitsmoor Local History Group are a small group from the Firshill estate, most of us born in the area, who got together to reminisce and chat about days gone by.

Anxious that our recollections should not be lost, we got some of our memories about living in the Firshill and Pitsmoor area from the 1920s onwards down on paper in the form of the 'Down Memory Lane' booklet. Our next venture involved producing our 'Schooldays' booklet – a record of school memories for posterity and today's schoolchildren.

We have a good selection of old photographs and have displayed these at Burngreave Library; a Local History Fair at the Town Hall and the Children's Festival. We have also made a series of study trips.

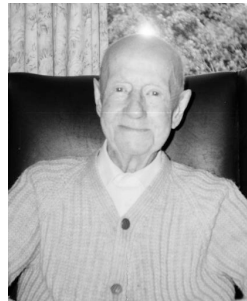
by Marion Graham

Get involved...

Firshill and Pitsmoor Local History Group meet every Wednesday from 10am to noon in the Firshill TARA office at 11 Firshill Glade. Bring your memories for an informal chat; tea and biscuits.

Memories of Fred

Fred Shepherd moved, with his wife Ada from Clun Road to Firshill Croft in 1972. Fred always spoke his mind. Once, when a shop manager told an impatient queue that the assistant only had one pair of hands, Fred replied: "Aye and I've only got one pair o' legs and they're gerrin' older while I'm stood here!"



We also remember Fred in hospital sat up in bed with his flat cap on. "It's bloody drafty to my bald 'ead from that window," he explained.

Fred lost his wife in the 1980s but his niece, Rene, used to visit. Once, when Fred tried to take flowers for his wife's grave, he found the cemetery gate locked and is remembered climbing a wall near the site of the old De La Salle college. Fred went into Longley Home at age 93 and passed away in his sleep at age 98 in April 2004. But we will always remember him!

by Joyce Rason of Firshill and Pitsmoor Local History Group

Racist letter

A letter with explicit racist content, addressed to 'the occupier' was recently received by John Duignan of Andreas Hairdressers on Pitsmoor Road. John was sickened by the letter and has no idea why it was sent to his shop.

The police are taking any such incitement extremely seriously. Inspector Jon Ekwubiri stressed that such letters are against the law and said:

"If you have received a similar letter, avoid touching it and put it into a dry plastic bag and call 101. The police will then deal with it."

by Naheem Hanif

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Well Dressing

The Lord Mayor, Councillor Jackie Drayton, placed the first petals on the central panel of the well dressing in Burngreave cemetery at the end of July, in the second year of the event.



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Other volunteers completed the flowers and trees surrounding the war memorial depicted and children from Firs Hill and Byron Wood schools created bird-themed panels which were displayed in the chapel alongside an exhibition commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

Jamaica versus England

In July a sunny Petre Street hosted the first successful community organised world cup football event.

Those who took part played matches throughout the day leading to the main event of England vs Jamaica.



Home-grown West Indian descendents played a team of newly-arrived Jamaicans. This event drew a large turnout of several hundred community people, who all enjoyed what was a sunny, musical, fun day of sports.

by Rob Smith

SADACCA Study Support

SADACCA Study Support started in the 1990s as there was a realisation within schools across Sheffield that children from African Caribbean backgrounds were not achieving and in many cases being excluded.



They were stereotyped and labelled instead of systems being put in place to address the need for extra support. It was easier to put them in special classes which did not challenge them in any way. It was a way of pushing them aside, which mostly led to exclusion.

SADACCA sought to address this need by starting the study support, which resulted in many of the students who attended achieving remarkably well.

The aim of the study support is to take underachieving children, and bring them up to the National Curriculum average. The study support teaches all areas of the curriculum but mainly focuses on maths, English, science and life skills.

As a parent who uses the facilities, I have experienced the positive effect this service offers. My son felt more comfortable asking questions and gaining a better understanding in each subject which brought up his grades especially in maths and handwriting. This improved his confidence as he was better equipped for his lessons. It provides him with an opportunity to socialise with children of similar backgrounds with the consistency of interaction, which is fundamental in forming relationships.

Presently there are approximately 170 children age 5–16 using the service from 30 schools across Sheffield. There is a cross-section of representation from different communities. The service is staffed by a Co-ordinator,

administrator, five trained teachers (three primary, two secondary) and five to six volunteers. They operate Monday to Wednesday, 4.30–7.30pm. A snack is provided for a small contribution of 50p, everything else is free.

Get involved...

Children from the Burngreave area are encouraged to utilise the facilities.

For more information please contact Carmelita Duncan on 273 1975.

There are two gems that come to mind which we should remind our children in helping them to achieve their potential.

“The heights of great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upwards through the night.”

“Good, better, best – never let it rest until your good be better, and your better best.”

Let’s encourage our kids to hold on to their dreams. It can be done.

by Camille Daughma

Betty's badge collection

Design by Khuram Habib



Collecting things seems to be human nature: lots of people collect interesting and quirky things which tell stories about their lives. Last summer I was introduced to a remarkable collection of badges, belonging to Betty Smalley, well-known volunteer and Burngreave activist. Over a period of fifteen years, Betty and

her friends accumulated almost 250 badges, mostly bought at CND (Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament) marches. She came into the office last week to tell me the story behind her collection.

"When I was a young woman in my twenties there were marches at Aldermaston against the bomb. I remember that my father thought the people involved were 'barmy' and, as a dutiful daughter, I didn't really question that view. But then in 1979 I started to become interested in the campaign against nuclear power. It was just after the Harrisburg nuclear accident in the USA when there was a leak from one of the nuclear reactors on Three Mile Island. I remember talking to my son about it and realising that I had to do something. At that time, the national CND office was based in Sheffield and there were lots of local CND groups all over the city. I joined the Grimesthorpe Anti-Nuclear Group and we used to travel round the country going to marches and other events. Our mission statement said that we existed 'to counter the nuclear threat'! Buying badges at each event was one way of showing support and raising money so I kept on buying them. And friends such as Steve Cook and Sheilaugh Waugh added to it. And so it became quite a collection, covering CND events and all sorts of other campaigns."

"What do the badges mean to you?" I asked Betty.

"Well, they bring back lots of memories. I'm not a militant or an evangelist but the campaign offered me a way of expressing my concern and sympathy with different causes. And I met some marvellous people involved in them. We went all over the place to marches: London, Fylingdales, Menwith Hill, and Alconbury. I even danced around the fence at Greenham Common and we sang all the way. We organised local protests too: on the anniversary of Hiroshima, we used to dress in white and go to Firth Park shopping centre, handing out posies of flowers with messages to remember those who had died in the war. People seemed to like that. And we organised a local showing of a film that had been banned by the BBC, which showed the impact of nuclear war."

Looking at the badges brings back some of the great campaigning slogans and causes from the 1980s and '90s. Amongst the CND collection are ones like 'Bread not Bombs', 'Nuclear power, no thanks!', 'Give Peace a Chance' and 'Ageing hippies against the Bomb'. There are several from the days of Anti Apartheid – 'Free Mandela' and 'I don't bank on apartheid: boycott Barclays'; others from the Miners' Strike – 'Coal, not Dole' and 'Is there life after Thatcher?'; plus those with a foreign interest, such as Chile and El Salvador. They illustrate some of the big causes that Sheffield people have been involved in. Betty told me:

"I really treasure those badges, so I was delighted when Sheffield Galleries & Museums Trust accepted my offer to donate them to Weston Park Museum. I'm so pleased they can use the collection to show a part of history that sometimes gets forgotten."

For anyone interested in seeing them, the badges will be on show at Weston Park Museum when it reopens from 14th October. They will form part of the 'Sheffield life and times social history' display which will feature some of the Sheffield people involved in campaigning and standing up for their rights, going back to the 1790s.

by Nicky Wilson

Burngreave Voices

Our stories Celebrated

Invite you to two events in September

A Burngreave history walk

A walk around the area looking at some of the interesting historical features, starting from Roman times to present day

**Sunday 3rd September
2.30pm**

Starting from Abbeyfield House in Abbeyfield Park,
Also "The Corner Shop"

Preview of the short video featuring Burngreave people and shops,
to be part of the new displays in Weston Park Museum

**Thursday 14th September
7.00–9.00pm**

At Burngreave Cemetery Chapel, off Melrose Road
For more information contact Nikky Wilson on
(0114) 276 1900 or call into
Burngreave Library.



SHEFFIELD GALLERIES
& MUSEUMS TRUST

Steel da Streets

This year's Steel da Streets football and basketball tournament was a great success. Burngreave and Sheffield have been waiting for something like this for a long time. Believe it or not Steel da Streets is here to stay. The two-day tournament, double the size of last year, saw teams come from in, around and out of Sheffield. Split into age categories; the first day was for 11-13s and 14-16s, and the following day for 16+. Sheffield United, Sheffield Sharks, New Deal, BSN, and SY Community Foundation supported this year's event.

On behalf of the Steel da Streets crew, I would like to thank everyone who supported and made this year's event such a success - look out for Steel da Streets 2007! For further information about Steel da Streets or future events contact me on 0791 729 7398.



by Ben Hamilton

Friends of Osgathorpe

Thanks to the unstinting efforts of The Friends of Osgathorpe Park, the park (also known as Earl Marshal Recreation Ground) has been transformed into a superb site for the whole community to enjoy.



design based on these ideas and then ran a series of workshops in February for the schools to create the 30-



metre mosaic. Over 150 local

residents and children have taken part in the workshops which included those with enduring and serious mental health difficulties. Local resident, Ingrid Gillson said "the workshops really increased people's awareness of the park and brought members of the community together."

With the support of Parks & Countryside, funding has been found for footpath lighting; a large mosaic in the playground; a new mosaic sign at the Earl Marshal Road entrance and to resurface the



Gayton Road entrance. In addition, BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) have helped plant 5,000 bluebells; 2,000 snowdrops; 2,000 wild daffodils and 1,000 ramsons (wild garlic) and cut back trees to make the Gayton Road entrance feel much safer and less intimidating.



Now, Parks & Countryside and the Friends of Osgathorpe Park, are working towards improving the sports area by the Pavilion. Consultation has been carried out with young people and planning and fundraising started.

by Amie Rowland

Mosaic Workshops

The playground mosaic was based on drawings by children at four local schools who were asked to illustrate what the park means to them. The artists came up with a



Get involved...

If you would like to help improve the Park and have a little free time to volunteer, ring Amie Rowland on 273 6952.

St Catherine's Summer Fair

The sun shone on 17th June, for a glorious day of football and fun at St Catherine's School. The Football Crazy tournament, in which five teams from Firs Hill school also took part, ran very smoothly and all players received a commemorative medal. St Catherine's plans to make this an annual event, and hopes that next year, all Burngreave schools will join in.

Activity Sheffield's

skateboards and ramps proved popular as were the bouncy castle and chocolate fountain! CAFOD's raffle raised £48 for overseas mission work.



The money raised at this year's Summer Fair will go towards improving the outdoor play facilities as the number of reception classes will increase in September.



Home grants leave a trail of frustration

Over 700 residents have received £500 home maintenance grants since the project started in 2004.

On the face of it the scheme is a brilliant idea; Small grants for essential maintenance work carried out using local builders. But the scheme has left a trail of angry residents in its wake as people complain about work not finished, poor quality and over inflated prices.

Dianne Johnson of Fox Street informed us that she'd had guttering replaced as well as work on the chimney. She had to ask the contractors to return three or four times, before she was happy. Dianne told us:

"The first time the chimney wasn't right and needed pointing again, then the guttering wasn't flush with next door. The third time they came to remove the rouble of the roof. We also made sure the work carried out did not reach more than the allocated amount of £500. If I'd had to pay anything myself I would not have been happy with the standard of work carried out, not at all."

Neighbour Ivy Brown explained that after watching them do her neighbours she didn't want the work done.

"I watched them paint my neighbours downstairs window sill, without cleaning or prepping. Then they went to the sill directly above, meaning dust and bits went all over the sill they'd just painted below. The council inspector told me he would watch and supervise my work himself, but he never came back. They didn't prep or even remove the old paint from my windows either and now the new paint is peeling away."

Ivy also told us they had very little equipment and spent most of the time going out to fetch and buy to complete each job. The total cost of the work was £554. "I only had my guttering cleaned and one coat of cheap paint on the Window sills and sandstone lintels front and rear," she explained.

Sharon from Scott Road is not happy either, as no work has started on her house yet and the grants scheme is due to finish at the end of August, she said:

"I am worried I will lose the grant and that the work will be rushed and not very good quality. The builders promised to start ten days ago and I am still waiting."



Scott Road resident complains about poorly-finished and uneven fence.

Another Scott Road resident is fed up because the builder didn't finish her pointing and then the Council signed off without checking the builder had come back to finish the job properly.

Hilary, also of Scott Road, lost out on her grant, as the builder quoted over £700 for decorating the back of her house. She knows that last time she had the house painted it cost her about £250, so she thinks that some of the builders see this as an opportunity to scam money out of the Council.

We did find one resident on Scott Road who is really pleased with the work done, Mr Khan said: "It was done quickly, within a week and was of a good quality". He had nothing but praise for KK Builders.

But Paul of Abbeyfield Road, told us: "I was quoted £500 to get only one new window fitted, but eventually got the Council to agree that I could use my own builder who fitted two new windows for the same price, it was better quality work and value for money". He wrote to the Council to complain, they responded saying the customer feedback forms suggest people are all happy with the scheme.

Another Abbeyfield Road resident said that the painting that was done on their house was not finished properly but the Council signed off his house as there was confusion over what works were included in the schedule.

While Ray, from Grimesthorpe Road had his gutters replaced under the scheme two years ago and even though the builders have been back three times to mend them – they still leak.

Mr Ghulam Nabi of Brunswick Road has refused to sign any documents to say he is satisfied with the grant works.

"I asked them to paint the lower stone lintel and they haven't touched them. They've painted the window sills and only the middle concrete border instead of all of them."

Mr Nabi's front door had not been painted and the fascia given one brush with a cheap coat of white paint. The recast step to the front door that has not been made level and infact looks like it's never been recast at all (pictured below). Mr Nabi has also been left with a £300 bill.



"I was told by one builder to buy my own paint and do the front door myself, it's clear from looking, that this job has not been completed."

Amelda Wallace of Rock Street said: "They should have just given us the money and allowed us to employ and have the work done ourselves. They did not do the work to my property properly at all." Amelda has refused to sign off for the work and pay the bill of £565. "If they came back and did it properly I would pay."

We received the following response from Maura Branney, Assistant Regeneration Manager, in the Council's Private Sector Housing:

As with all Council schemes, residents have been given the opportunity to offer feedback on the scheme and encouraged to express their level of satisfaction. Response to the customer satisfaction survey has been extremely positive with 92% of respondents expressing their satisfaction and support for the scheme.

We are concerned that some residents are not satisfied with the quality of work and we ask that any residents who experience difficulties should contact the team directly, providing the Council with an opportunity to investigate the cause of complaint and take appropriate action. If anyone has any issues which they feel have not been addressed please contact Project Co-ordinator Mr Lannaman on 273 4623 or write into the East Renewal Team at 3rd Floor, Howden House, 1 Union Street, Sheffield S1 2SH.

by Rob Smith & Clare Burnell

BURNGREAVE MESSENGER

Allotments arson attack

The recent vandalism of the Grimsthorpe allotments has caused devastation amongst its community.

For years now, its occupants have reaped the rewards of their hard work, growing crops in their spare time and relaxing on their land. Now though, many fear that their hard work could be destroyed.

I met with one of the longest-serving occupants, Chris Burns, whose greenhouse was burned down in July and his crops ruined. He has gardened there for 30 years now. Looking back he said, "We do our gardening then sit down, have a cup of tea and a bite to eat. It's a part of my life, I'm very sad about what has happened."

Chris told me that this was the second time his allotment had been burned down and that he is now very sceptical about rebuilding a third time:

"I want to rebuild, but I don't want the same thing to happen again. I had 60 tomato plants and a grapevine before this attack, it took me years to achieve that."

A new perimeter fence has been put up, but Chris said: "If they want to get in, then they will. The police visited and told us they would continue inquiries, but they've got better things to be dealing with". One officer said they had been instructed to concentrate on football hooliganism, but the police have promised to patrol the area.

We talked with a couple who have had their allotment for just over a year. They said, "If you put hard work into something then you expect others to respect that". Another owner, Mrs Creasy told us she has had four break-ins previously and has had her water tap smashed twice in the past month. "I've been here three years now and this means everything to me right now." She is both shocked and angered

Chris Burns' allotment - before...



...and after the vandals.



by the recent vandalism, especially as she spends every day on her allotment.

Allotment Society Chair, Ralph, told us:

"It affects everyone. People are coming to their allotment wondering what they might find. It's an awful feeling. When my greenhouse was burnt down some years ago I wanted to give up, but a friend said if you give in they've won, so we rebuilt it. It's not been this bad for many years, last time it was like this we had to do night time patrols ourselves."

The Council's allotment's officer, John Martin, told us:

"We've checked the fencing is secure, but it's really important that allotment holders lock the gates when they are coming in and out of the site. Allotment holders need to report everything to the police - the more we report the more likely they are to take action."

Whatever the outcome, the vandalism has caused a great deal of anguish and upset for the people of Grimsthorpe allotments.

by Brent Moya

Get involved...

Grimsthorpe Community Gardens will be organising work days, to help those who have shed and greenhouse remains to clean up. If you would like to volunteer, contact Rob Bullock on 243 5689 - you don't have to have an allotment to help out. Rob also encouraged allotment holders to join the group every Saturday 10am-12 noon in the community room (near the toilets) for tea, coffee and cake.



Green City Action

Deliver It Green

Our Deliver It Green project has already made a big impact, clearing undergrowth and pruning trees to open up views at Denholme, Pitsmoor Road open spaces and Burngreave Rec making them safer and more accessible. We have reclaimed an area of waste ground on Nottingham Cliffe by clearing undergrowth and rubbish, installing a barrier to prevent dumping and will be installing a bench with a great view up the valley towards Rivelin.



The stewards team together with residents and volunteers are improving the landscape around Firs Hill Close. Some residents there had already started to garden the areas around their flats and have joined with GCA to improve things further. We have built a large raised bed with lattice fencing to screen a garden area from the road, this will be planted up in the autumn along with other areas to soften the landscape. It's great that residents are now involved in delivering the improvements to their environment and especially that six of the seven stewards we employ are from Burngreave.

This is just the start, if you overlook or live near a neglected public green space, however small, and would like to see it improved then call us at Green City Action on 244 0353.

Deliver it **green...**

New Priorities

As reported in July's Messenger the BNDfC Partnership agreed the New Deal programme should move away from prescribed themes to a set of priorities that best reflect the future challenges and opportunities facing the programme in Burngreave.

Just to recap the new priority areas are:

Children & Young People – which covers for example, activities for young people, school education and childcare.

Employment & Skills – which covers for example, jobs, adult training, skill development and self employment.

Physical Environment & Safety – which covers for example, building development, green spaces and crime related issues.

Community Strength & Wellbeing – which covers for example, health, communication and community empowerment.

The meetings for the new structure are now bi-monthly with the first of the meetings starting with the Strategy

Groups in September followed by the Residents Forum in October.

Venues for meetings will be posted shortly on the BNDfC website.

On Thursday 28th September there will be an event to formally launch the new structure which will include information workshops, a tour with a chance to visit some of the excellent projects in the area.

If you want to know more about the new priorities or how you can be involved please contact the Burngreave New Deal for Communities team.

Priority Area	Regeneration Manager	Phone Number	Strategy Group meetings	Residents' Forum meetings
Children & Young People	Jon Cowley	292 2908	12th September	10th October
Employment & Skills	Cecilia Shields	292 0396	5th September	3rd October
Physical Environment & Safety	c/o Lisa Keel & Ernest Shrewbridge (<i>acting RM</i>)	292 0395	7th September	5th October
Community Strength & Wellbeing	Lisa Keel (<i>acting RM</i>)	292 0461	14th September	12th October

Partnership Board Report Back

28th June at Forum House

Programme Director, Mushall Khan, presented the mid-term evaluation of the Burngreave Learning Campaign project. There was discussion around the sustainability of this and all other projects within the programme with the Board agreeing that the programme will encourage projects to seek out future funding opportunities.

The Board agreed to endorse the recommendations of the evaluation, including the recommendation to continue funding the project. The decision was subject to an Action Plan being formulated in line with the outcomes of the evaluation and recommendations of the Education Theme Strategy Group.

The Community Childcare Consortium Project gained approval for Phase 2 of the project to continue at a cost of £133,047 from April 2006 to 31st March 2008. The Board asked for an update report and a sustainability strategy from Early Years Education and Childcare in January 2007.

The Streetworxs project was unanimously approved to move to Phase 2 of the project. The Board requested that an Advancing Together agreement with Sheffield Futures be put in place by August 2006 and be brought back to the September Board meeting. The Board also requested to review the project in six months.

The BCAT project also gained approval from the Board at a cost of £84,027. After negotiations between BNDfC and BCAT a way forward towards one agenda has been agreed with the aim of benefiting all the community.

26th July at Forum House

Programme Director, Mushall Khan reported to the Board on both the LEA Advancing Together Evaluation and the forthcoming Joint Area Review (JAR). Mushall presented the mid-term evaluation of the eight projects, seven of which are already up and running and one that has not yet started. The final evaluation will be carried out next summer with an Action Plan being prepared for this September's Board meeting.

The JAR, a new form of combined inspection which provides a comprehensive report on the outcomes for children and young people in a local area, will begin in Sheffield in September. Burngreave and Firvale have been chosen for the more detailed Neighbourhood Study.

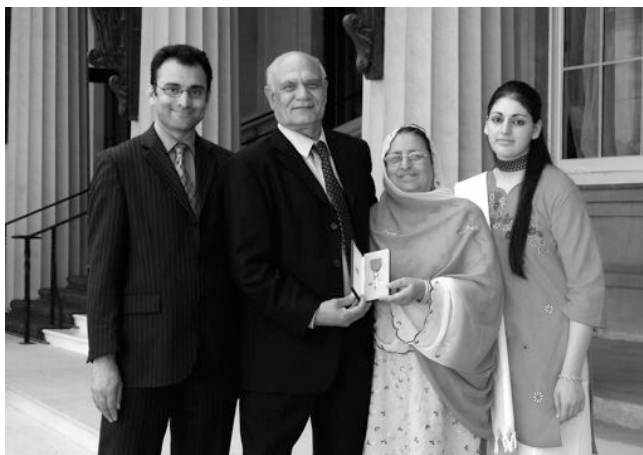
Chief Executive, John Clark reported to the Board that at the half way point BNDfC have spent £26.5m, with this year's Transformational projects taking a large chunk (approx £10m) of the remaining monies.

A New Deal for Burngreave



Mr Iqbal MBE Palace visit

Muhammad Iqbal, who was awarded an MBE in the New Year's honours list for devoting much of his life to making Burngreave a better place to live, visited Buckingham Palace in July to collect his award.



Muhammad Iqbal (second left), with his wife – Gulzar Begum, son – Nadeem Iqbal and granddaughter – Sadaf Usman.

Mr Iqbal, who went to London with his wife, son and granddaughter said: "I am so proud to receive this honour. It really is a dream come true for me

and my family – we had a lovely day in London and to meet the Queen was a privilege. It was an immensely exciting day."

As Mr Iqbal, now vice-Chair of BNDfC, explains, he is very passionate about the area in which he has lived for 25 years.

He said: "Together we are working towards achieving our mission to improve Burngreave. I can see the results of our hard work and Burngreave's reputation is getting better and better."

John Clark, Chief Executive of BNDfC, said: "We are thrilled for Mr Iqbal and so pleased that all his efforts over the years to put something back in to his community have been recognised in this way. He really is a shining beacon for Burngreave!"

John identified four key pieces of evidence that confirms that the NDC programme has made a real and positive impact on the area and the people who live here:

- 1 Independent articles in the Sheffield Star newspaper on May 4th and 5th in which was highlighted the achievements and positive changes that have occurred in Burngreave. In light of the negative image portrayed in past years in the local papers and the fact that these stories were based on what local people thought, this is a real measure of the positive impact the BNDfC programme has had and continues to have, in the area.
- 2 Performance information produced by the Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research for the NRU identifies BNDfC's combined national ranking as second out of the 39 other NDC's in the country.
- 3 After a visit from the Local

Strategic Partnership (Technical Committee) in June, committee members commented that changes were visible for all to see. The Chair of the Technical Committee, Councillor Pat Midgley, asked that the BNDfC Partnership Board members and staff were made aware that BNDfC was recognised throughout the city for what it had achieved and that the good practice being developed here was helping to inform regeneration around the city.

- 4 The BNDfC Year 6 Delivery Plan has been approved by Government Office for Yorkshire and the Humber and identifies our key challenges and success criteria for 2006/07.

Next meeting: 27th September at Pitsmoor Methodist Church Hall.

Minutes of meetings will be available shortly on the BNDfC Website.

Small Grant Fund advice

If you have an idea for an event that will benefit the residents of Burngreave but are not sure how to go about getting funding, come to the BNDfC Information Shop on Spital Hill on Wednesdays between 2pm and 5pm. A representative of the Small Grant Fund will be on hand every Wednesday to give advice and guidance as to whether your idea is eligible for support. If you are unable to call into the shop you can ring the team on: 292 2096.

Dates for your diary

September

Wednesday 27th

Partnership Board,
Pitsmoor Methodist Church Hall

Thursday 28th

Launch of new priority areas

October

Friday 6th

Open day for Sorby House
development

Further details will be posted on the BNDfC website.



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Burngreave Area Panel

Real debate at the Area Panel

The last Burngreave Area Panel public meeting was held in Fir Vale at the end of July. About 100 people turned up to hear the latest progress reports on the various housing related developments in both Fir Vale and Burngreave that have followed from last year's Masterplan exercise.

There was also a 'quick fire' question and answer session for service managers from Street Force, Sheffield Homes and South Yorkshire Police. Finally, there was another full and frank debate about the City Council's latest exercise "Your Council, Your Say" – about people's views on recycling, litter and rowdy behaviour. The Area Panel chairperson, Cllr Ibrar Hussain said:

"We made a real effort to make sure that as many people as possible knew about the meeting – and it paid off. The presentations from the council officers were very clear; the questions and contributions from the audience were very well argued; the debate that followed was very constructive. There was a real thirst by everyone to make sure that this is a tool for making things happen for the better."

Over forty questions were asked, some of which were answered on the night but others will require feedback later. They ranged from overcrowding and noise nuisance on Skinnerthorpe Road; to street lighting concerns on Popple and Robey Streets; to traffic schemes on Barnsley Road and Rushby Street; the details of the demolition and re-development programmes for Catherine Street area and Skinnerthorpe (including the 'phasing' of the schemes); the valuation of houses on Skinnerthorpe; the amounts of government funding available to support the improvements in Page Hall;

parking on Spital Hill; and the implications of having more family houses throughout the area and sufficient school places for our children.

The Panel has agreed that everyone who attended the meeting (and left their name and address!) will receive a detailed update on all the issues raised by the end of this month. And progress will be reported to the next Panel meeting on Tuesday, 3rd October at Pitsmoor Methodist Church – junction of Christchurch and Burngreave Roads. This meeting will have a detailed discussion on new traffic schemes in the area, and the impact of previous traffic alterations. And it is hoped that there will also be a debate about how locally the council and others can help improve household waste recycling.

Bring out your rubbish

The last round of the Area Panel/Street Force 'bring out your rubbish' days will take place in the first two weeks of this month (September). In Burngreave, the Ellesmere area will be offered the programme, with the Wensley estate and Page Hall neighbourhood to follow. All houses will be leafleted by our friends at Green City Action – remember to follow the instructions on the leaflets as to what and when to put rubbish out!

Composting workshops

Don't miss out on home composting workshops in early September with Green City Action and funded by the Area Panel. Contact them on 244 0353 to sign up. You can also get a garden compost bin and kitchen caddy for the subsidised offer price of £2.



Area Panel fund

Denholme improvements

In August the Greenwatch Rangers and Green City Stewards worked together to put in a new all weather access path into Denholme Close open space from the bottom of Rock Street. This will allow year round access to the start of the Burngreave Round Walk. The round walk was devised by residents and put together into a really impressive booklet by Green City Action. The walk is seven miles long but can be completed in three separate sections if you do not fancy doing it all in one go.

The booklet is available from Green City Action's offices in Abbeyfield Park House for just £1. Pick one up and you can get to know the area better.

Councillors' Surgery Dates

Your local councillors, Jackie Drayton, Ibrar Hussain and Steve Jones (pictured left to right below), share surgeries on a rota basis.



Councillors' surgeries are on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month.

August: no surgeries

9th September: Steve Jones, 11am–12 noon Burngreave Library and 12.15–1.00pm: Firshill TARA

23rd September: Ibrar Hussain, 11am–12 noon Burngreave Library

Next Area Panel Meeting

Tuesday 3rd October, 6–8pm, Pitsmoor Methodist Church.

Agenda: road traffic schemes and improving household waste recycling.

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Pitsmoor Credit Union

Volunteer and Development Co-ordinator

Salary: £21,588 (NJC Scale 6 sp27) pro rata (0.5)
Hours: 18.5 per week

This well-established community savings and loans co-operative has obtained Comic Relief funding to employ an experienced Volunteer and Development Co-ordinator to support and develop the work of credit union volunteers. The post is funded for six months, but will be extended if further funding becomes available.

The successful candidate will have:

- experience of co-ordinating volunteer activity
- experience of working in a credit union environment or similar
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I have no idea who actually owns the piece of derelict land at the very top of Osgathorpe Road next to No 119, but it would be wonderful if the land could be put to some good use, say the building of a couple of garages or even flats. As it is, the land is at present merely used as a public toilet (very unpleasant in the recent hot spell) and a dumping ground for rubbish, including items left by drug addicts. I think it is disgusting that we have to live with such a stinking rubbish dump on our doorstep. Aren't there environmental rules about this sort of thing? It is high time that whoever owns this land was made to do something with it that would hopefully be of use to local people. Or is that too much to ask?

Kirton Road resident

Dear Messenger

I am writing about two subjects. Firstly, the news that the Ellesmere Out of School Project is being forced to close due to lack of funding and the article about the sale of the Sutherland Road playground made it seem sensible to suggest that the money could be used to run a similar project based at Pitsmoor Adventure Playground. Highfield Adventure playground run an out of school club very successfully and we could have the same success here. Also, from the park on Catherine Street I spotted a painting of a unicorn on the side of the end house on Brotherton Street. Do any local residents know how it came to be there?

Liz Searle

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Wednesday

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Senior Citizens • 1330-1530; Various activities, low-impact exercise, bingo and cards, trips; £1

Thursday

Circuit training • 0930-1030; starts 14 Sep; women only; £1

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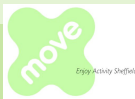
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