



Children challenge deportation

Story: Saleema Imam

St Catherine's Catholic Primary school students are campaigning to keep one of their families in the UK. Mildred Okpara and her young family were threatened with deportation in September and live in fear that they will be deported any day.

The 21 members of the school council, elected from each of the classes, studied 'philosophy for children' lessons about human rights. One of the questions they asked was, "Why aren't human rights followed in every country?"

They then presented an assembly to the rest of the school on what they had learned. They told us it was a difficult subject to explain simply for everyone to understand. They wanted to use the knowledge to support their campaign to keep the Okpara family, whose children attend the school, from being deported to Nigeria.

After the assembly all the children drew around their hands and wrote messages of support for Mildred and her family and why they didn't want them to go.

"We think it's important for them to stay as it would be dangerous in Nigeria and they might die," said one message.

"We want you to stay and be safe," says another.

The school council then created the banner, pictured above. "We want other people to see what we have written so they can support the Okpara family too," explained one member of the school council. "We want the government to know that we've done this and that other people care about them too."

Mildred's story

Mildred Okpara has been living in Sheffield since 2005. She has been an active volunteer with many community organisations and currently is a familiar



voice on Sheffield Live Radio. Her case has recently come to light following a failed asylum appeal which, under a new process, means families can be deported directly from their homes, rather than being removed to a detention centre. This could mean Mildred and her small children face a traumatic forced removal by UK Border Agency Enforcement Officers.

Mildred's supporters believe that her application for asylum was not dealt with fairly and are working to get her case back into the legal system.

Campaigners explained the details of Mildred's case to the Messenger:

"Mildred Okpara fled Nigeria in 2005 with her two children, then aged three years and 5 months. While still a teenager, Mildred fled from her home village to escape forced female genital mutilation, a practice which is widespread amongst the Igbo, which is the family's tribe. She met her partner and lived with him until he was abducted and murdered by the Nigerian separatist group, MASSOB (the Movement for the Actualisation of the



Sovereign State of Biafra). After her partner's murder, threats were made to Mildred and her two children resulting in injuries to her baby son - he is still receiving treatment for these injuries.

"Despite evidence of continuing atrocities committed by MASSOB, the UK Border Agency has rejected her claim for asylum. Mildred is convinced that her family will be targeted and killed by MASSOB if they are forced to return to Nigeria."

If you would like to support the Okpara family, you can sign an online petition at the following address:
<http://www.gopetition.com/petition/38613.html>

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For more information call
0114 263 4335

Or email:
fis@wildsheffield.com



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For more information contact:

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Shima - 07792 667 271

Aziz - 0114 292 0464



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5 Burngreave Road
Sheffield
S3 9DA
Tel: 08451 242 528

Herries Road Surgery
450 Herries Road
Sheffield
S5 8TP
Tel: 08451 243 331

Dr Mooney and Dr Hobden would like to invite you to attend for a seasonal **flu vaccination**. If you are over the age of 65 or have one of the following - **asthma, COPD, diabetes, chronic liver or kidney disease, heart disease, stroke/tia**, if you have a **weakened immune system** or are a **carer** or are **currently pregnant** you need to **book your flu vaccination now**.

We are holding drop-in clinics at both surgeries on the following days:

Burngreave
Wednesdays 6th, 13th and 20th October
Time 8.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Herries Rd
Tuesdays 5th, 12th and 19th October
Time 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend one of the above sessions, please ring your receptionist on the number above to make an appointment in one of our nurse-led flu clinics.



WHAT IS IT?

WATCH IT is a city wide service which is designed to help and support children and young people aged 7-14 who struggle with being overweight.

Each child receives guidance on achieving a healthy balanced diet, increasing physical activity and hopefully feel better about themselves. The focus is on family change as well as on the individual child. Families commit to attend for 4 months initially.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Weekly Activity

Young people are encouraged to participate in the weekly Watch It activity sessions delivered by Activity Sheffield. This involves fun activities for the children to get involved in. There are

treats and rewards for children to celebrate their achievements on the programme.

Family Appointment with a Health Trainer

Health Trainers work with each family individually whilst they are on the programme. Assigning a Health Trainer to a child is great as they support the child on their journey to losing weight as well as motivating and encouraging them. Various topics are covered in sessions including, what is a healthy balanced diet, how to increase exercise, portion sizes and many more.

WHERE?

We run a clinic at St Catherine's Catholic Primary School on Firshill Crescent on Saturday afternoons from 2-5pm.

Other areas have sessions that are delivered after school and on Saturdays to avoid absence from school and mosque.

If you are interested in joining the programme or would like more information, please give us a call.



Contact Us

For clinic details or for further information contact:

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Nature site damaged

Redwall Developments, the company behind controversial building work taking place on Grimesthorpe Road, has churned up local feelings once again after damaging local nature site, Smithies Field.

Trouble began for residents of Carwood Close back in August when they awoke to the sound of excavators digging a large hole in the field just a few yards away from their back gardens.

Local people discovered that Redwall had been carrying out work to connect drainage to their construction site on Grimesthorpe Road.

Residents informed the Messenger that the Dinnington based contractor had been starting work outside their homes as early as 6.30am and was leaving their road covered in mud.

They also told us that Redwall had left a large and dangerous hole in the field, without adequate barriers to stop children climbing or falling into it. One resident explained that children had always used the field to play on, "We were going to have a children's funday on the field but couldn't because they'd dug a great big hole."

Planning officers were asked to enforce the conditions originally agreed by



Redwall in their planning application, which should have prevented them from working at unsociable times and using Carwood Close as an access route to the site. Concerned residents have been told to seek advice from the Health and Safety Executive regarding the excavations.

Another resident complained that, "They've left all this mud piled up and left a deep hole in the ground. There's nowhere for kids to play now, it's just not safe for them."

Residents also alerted the Messenger to damage done further up Smithies Field, the site of special natural history interest extending from Carwood Close to Redwall's construction site. Several people had witnessed the developer driving heavy vehicles across the grassland. This action was seen as particularly destructive as the area was just starting to recover from a devastating fire in the summer.

Residents are meeting with local Councillors to see what action can be taken to force Redwall to stick to the planning conditions and prevent further damage to their local green space.

Social Housing for Ellesmere

Story & photo: Rohan Francis

Plans to build 19 affordable homes on Ellesmere Road have got the go ahead after the Council managed to find an alternative developer to match the £1.6 million of Government funding granted to the scheme.

The homes, originally planned for local authority ownership, were awarded planning permission at the end of August 2010 and would have been among the first Council Houses to go up in Sheffield for over 20 years. However, recent cutbacks meant the Council's Neighbourhoods department had to search for a private developer with capital to invest in the project. Local social housing provider, Arches Housing was able to put up the cash and, alongside the



Government grant, they will now develop the scheme.

Manchester architects, Stephenson Bell will provide the plans for two 5-bed, seven 4-bed, four 3-bed and six 2-bed homes to be built on cleared land on Ellesmere Road between Clun Street and Buckenham Street.

The dwellings have been designed to achieve the Code for Sustainable Homes level 5 and should provide highly efficient, healthy and affordable homes for tenants to rent.

Building work is planned to start before the end of March 2011.



Burngreave Messenger AGM

Join us for our Annual General Meeting

Saturday October 23rd 2010, 11am-1pm

At Pitsmoor Methodist Church on Burngreave Road.

We'll be looking back at the last 12 months and forward to the future in which there will be a lot less money available.

If you'd like to support the Messenger to continue, come along to discuss it with volunteers and staff.

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Paddle power

Story: Jenny Tibbles | Photo: Ellesmere Youth Project

Ellesmere Youth Project (EYP) ran a 3-week summer programme in August, with over 30 young people. Activities included our now regular bike ride in Derwent Valley, a sunny trip to Millhouses Park and cooking, art & games at the Cornerstone Building.

This year, 11 young people also achieved their Level 1 'Paddle Power' canoeing certificates, after 2 days of canoeing activity. We are hoping to develop this project - in partnership with the Linley Educational Trust - with a smaller group of young people, working up to a wilderness canoeing expedition to Scotland.

This should be a fantastic opportunity for young people to grow their skills in planning, team work and fundraising, while having a brilliant experience along the way! If you would be able to support this group with fundraising or planning, we'd love to hear from you.

EYP's AGM is on Wednesday 6th October, 5.30pm at St Peter's Church, Lyons Road. Come along if you'd like to find out more! Or call us on 07886 777 068.



Summer Study

Story: Diane Haimeed

In the summer, 30 children aged 8-13 from Burngreave After School Study Support attended a one-week educational project organised by the Sheffield Children's University. In the process, they improved their maths and literacy skills and found out about University.

The young people visited Manor Lodge Discovery Centre, where they learned about archaeology, and Bishops' House, where they learned to build shelters in the woods and dress up as characters from the olden days. At Kelham Island, they participated in workshops about better pay and conditions for workers. Heeley City Farm was a popular trip, where they saw all the animals and dug underground to find ruins. The young people enjoyed a final day at the Millennium Galleries where they met others on the programme and contributed personal items to put in a time capsule.

For more information on BASSP contact Diane on 303 0141.

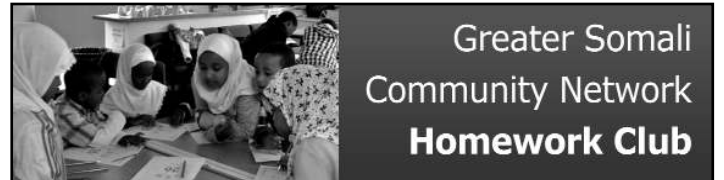
Somali learning awards

Story & photos: Daniel Stanley



The Greater Somali Community Network (GSCN) held a celebration of the achievement of their Homework Club on Saturday 31st July at Sorby House. The Lord Mayor presented awards to the children who had worked hardest and made the most progress in improving their learning. Over 150 children and parents were in attendance and enjoyed traditional Somali songs and delicious food.

The GSCN is a locally formed group that aims to improve the educational achievements and overall well-being of their community. The homework club was initially set up as a pilot project for only 15 children. But overwhelming demand and immediate success meant the club quickly expanded to serve over 80 children. Resources are now being sought to further expand the club so more children can be helped to achieve their potential. If you would like more information about the GSCN or the Homework Club, please contact Sharif Hassan at hassanaden@yahoo.co.uk



Greater Somali Community Network Homework Club

The winning **homework club project** runs again this year at Firs Hill Community Primary School, Orphanage Road on **Saturdays between 9:45 and 11:45.**

Registration date: 2nd October
Requirements: Parents to bring in SATs results or end of term reports for us to copy.

Classes start on Saturday 9th October

Contact:
Sharif 07932 911 509 or Mohamed 07947 767 446

Cinderella... with a difference

Story & photos: Lisa Swift

Pye Bank School's end of term play was a performance to remember. Their cutting edge production was a truly entertaining blend of fairy tale, science fiction, drama and reality TV.

Just five weeks in the making, the play had a cast of 30 children from Year 6 and dancers from Year 3, with characters including Prince Charming, a pantomime cow, Cinderella and her ugly sisters, Doctor Who, Darth Vader and Yoda, all set in the Big 'Mother' reality TV studio. The highlight of the show was the dramatic appearance of a full size Dalek, which had apparently been hiding out in the school for some time.

Children showed not only their talent for acting and performance but a keen sense of comic timing.



Drama teacher Mr Marsden could not praise them enough, he told the children after they'd all taken a final bow:

"In just five weeks, you've achieved an amazing production. You can be very proud of yourselves. I'm certainly proud of you all."



Owler Brook's world fayre

Story & photos: Lisa Swift

Owler Brook Nursery Infant School created an amazing celebration of culture for pupils and families in July.

With food, costumes, games and languages from around the world, children could travel the globe without leaving their own school. Children dressed up in clothes from other countries, tasted different foods, enjoyed Bollywood and country dancing and learned to count in other languages.

In the afternoon, ice cream, face painting, hook-a-duck, a bouncy castle and a penalty shoot-out were just a few of the delights on offer. Children designed their own stalls and parents prepared traditional food for the whole community to enjoy.

Head Teacher Sue Bridges explained what the day had been all about, *"Our school is fortunate to serve a community that is rich in cultural diversity. We wanted to create a really special day where the children could share their traditions, costumes, food, language and knowledge."*



New nursery at Whiteways

Story & photo:
Sarah Cooper

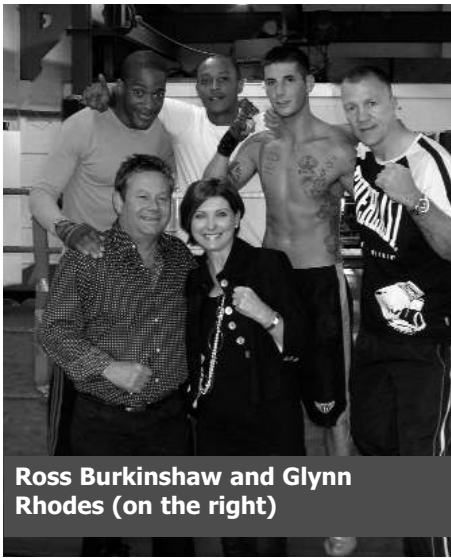
It was grey outside when Whiteways School opened its brand new nursery on 13th September but inside it was bright and cheery, with children busily exploring colourful things.

Opened in response to rising birth rates, both Whiteways and Owler Brook now take children from nursery age to Year 6. The new nursery has space for 52 children.

Parents I spoke to were delighted with the brand new equipment and building: "Absolutely gorgeous," said Gracie's mum when I asked what she thought of it. Nazia, mother of Fahd, commented, "My daughter's at school here but I was having to take my son to Sure Start. It's so much easier now there's a nursery here."

There are still spaces at the nursery – please call Whiteways School on 0114 242 3169.





Ross Burkinshaw and Glynn Rhodes (on the right)

Boxing Centre saved

Story & photos: Amer Khan

The Sheffield Boxing Centre, businessman Mark McGrail and serving soldier Ross Burkinshaw have taken over the boxing club on Earsham Street and given it a new lease of life.

The former Burngreave Amateur Boxing Club had been struggling so Ross, Mark and Glynn Rhodes stepped forward to save this valuable venue for local boxers.

New development for young people

Story: Jake Gamban

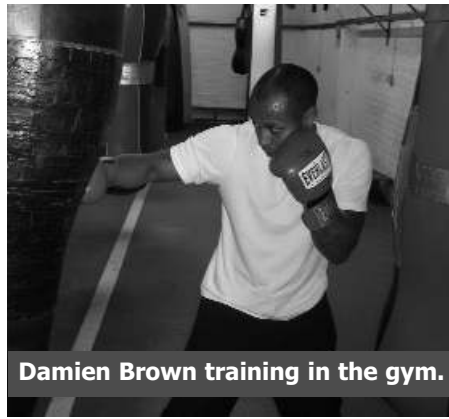
Burngreave Youth Development Centre was set up in January on Spital Hill and is aiming to provide activities for young people between the age of 8 and 18.

The newly-formed centre has made huge progress since its inception and provides young people with a safe environment away from the danger of the streets. Ahmed Abtidon, the manager of the development centre, said,

"The important thing is to get youngsters off the streets and give them something to do."

The centre has already gained equipment that enables young people to play table football, pool and watch TV. Ahmed went on to say,

"We are now working on an internet policy that will hopefully enable us to acquire several computers with internet



Damien Brown training in the gym.

Ross Burkinshaw, a serving soldier with The Rifles, said, "I've got big hopes for this gym, this is an area that really needs a gym." Although Burkinshaw has a lot on his plate with a British bantamweight title eliminator ahead of him, he wants to dedicate a lot of his time to the gym. He went on to say, "we are not just about boxing; we do general fitness, circuit training and women-only sessions."

Ricky Hatton MBE, former world champion, has visited the gym and given a big thumbs-up to the work and enthusiasm Ross has injected into the club. He said, "It's a great gym that provides an opportunity for people in the local area to come down and get fit."

The gym is located on 40 Earsham Street. For opening times and one-to-one sessions, contact Ross on 07590 434 902.

access. We also have live premier league football."

These additions have all been made possible due to funding from both the City Council and the Police, who both share an aim with Ahmed to unite young people in Burngreave and surrounding areas. The youth centre manager added,

"Recently Burngreave has been a very difficult place for young people to live: there have been shootings and stabbings. My aim is to bring young people from different cultures together."

The centre's next main event will be on the 25th September at 2.30pm.

"It's about raising awareness amongst young people and parents. There will be three presentations, one on the topic of gun and knife crime. The young people will have a chance to discuss the issues raised."

The centre also runs two football teams that play at Ellesmere.

"We're hoping to take the teams to cities such as Birmingham and Manchester and play other ethnic minority teams. I think

End of an era for the Kashmir

Spital Hill's first Asian restaurant, the Kashmir Curry Centre, has closed after 36 years.

Many residents were shocked to find the shutters down in August with the sign, "Closed until further notice". Owner Bsharath Hussain explained that it had been losing money for some time:

"I am very sad to close the restaurant. I've worked there since I was 14 when my father started the business. The costs of running it have just gone up and up. Everyone's under pressure at the moment."

The Kashmir has had many loyal customers since it opened in 1976; some have visited for over 30 years. Now, the building is to be rented out soon for a new restaurant, serving Arabic and Asian food.

"I have made lots of friends over the years and I'd like to thank everyone for their support," said Bsharath.

If you have any memories of the Kashmir you would like to share, contact the Messenger on 242 0564 or mail@burngreavemessenger.org



it is good for youngsters to see other cities and meet different people and hopefully we will forge links with them."

The Development Centre, which has child protection policies in place, is open from 11am – 10pm daily and is situated at 68A Spital Hill, next to the Plaza up an open stairway. It is free to enter and refreshments are available from a snack bar at low prices. So, if you're bored and want somewhere to chill out with friends, then why not give it a try?

If you would like to find out more, contact Ahmed on 07950 519 801

Parkwood Landfill raises a stink

Story & photo: Lisa Swift

Residents are again complaining about smells coming from Parkwood landfill site, and now one resident is calling for an ASBO on Viridor.

Local resident Keith Donston explained that the problem has got worse in the last month; "I've lived on Shirecliffe for 30 years. This tip has been a real problem in the past, and the smell has returned in the last few weeks."

Keith, who works for Shirecliffe Forum, has started a petition and is hoping action can be taken against Viridor's for their Anti Social Behaviour. He's certainly not he only one bothered by the smell. Residents nearby are regularly complaining to the Environment Agency, and residents as far as Firshill can smell the tip. A resident of Standish Gardens told the Messenger:

"I bought this house new and the developer told us the landfill would be a golf course. I've been complaining about the smell for nine years."

The resident explained how she fills a carrier bag every day with litter that has



blown off the site and in the last month witnessed a whirlwind on the site that carried bin bags and litter high into the air and off across the city.

Viridor told the Messenger,

"Due to the final restoration taking place close to the Standish Estate, there may be short periods whilst we relocate our management systems, which in turn can affect the odour control on the site. Similarly, litter fencing has also been relocated as part of the restoration. During such periods we continue to take every effort to minimise the potential impact of the site on the Standish Estate and surrounding environment."

(Full response is on our website.)

To find out more about Keith's campaign contact him on 232 6201 or 244 6651.

Bus cuts strand Shirecliffe

Shirecliffe residents expressed their anger at recent bus changes at a meeting in August at Shirecliffe Community Centre.

Changes to the 33 and 7 have left the south of Shirecliffe, near Penrith Road, with a much reduced service. The replacement 72 only runs once an hour, finishes just after 6pm and doesn't run on

a Sunday. First Buses have introduced the high-frequency 73, competing directly with Stagecoach's 83, but both services miss the estate.

In the meeting, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive offered to consider running a subsidised evening service but, as it had no evidence of demand, a survey of residents will be carried out in October. If any service is offered, it would not start before January.

For more information, ask Keith Donstan at Shirecliffe Forum on 244 6651.

John Brunie (Bruno)

Died 28th July, buried 6th August

The mother and family would like to thank each and everyone for their kind thoughts and floral tributes during their sad loss, also John Heath for the funeral arrangements and Father Albert of St Catherine's Church for the memorial service.

We were very glad that he had so many friends that remembered him to give him a great send-off, even his school teacher Mrs Bower.

Once again we all thank you, Love Lynda and family



Burngreave responds to flood appeal

People in Burngreave have been active in responding to the urgent appeal for aid to be sent to the victims of Pakistan's floods.

Churches, schools, shops, community groups and individuals are collecting and sending donations, many through the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), a coalition of well-established charities (including Oxfam, Christian Aid, Islamic Relief, the Red Cross, Save the Children and others).

Just one example of many is the enterprising group of Burngreave residents who did a charity walk from Meadowhall to Doncaster and back on Sunday 12th September. They were supported by local people on the way. Sajid Rasul, who organised - and completed - the 30 mile charity walk said,

"20 people took part in the charity walk from all walks of life. Indeed it was tiring and many of us were physically and mentally exhausted at the end but people maintained a good spirit and helped and motivated each other all the way to the end."

"Once we get the final figure, we intend to make it public with the formal receipt from the DEC. I am pretty sure we will achieve our £1000 target."

Staff at Fir Vale School are also undertaking a 10k sponsored walk from Endcliffe Park to Forge Dam on Sunday 26th September.

Donations to the DEC can be made through their website: www.dec.org.uk or alternatively by phoning 0370 60 60 900. Banks and post offices can also make donations paid over the counter.

Greenfingers' Verdant Pastures

Story & photos: Caroline Harris

Nestled in the heart of Grimesthorpe, you will find an abundance of fruit and vegetables. Thanks to the hard work of Greenfingers members and staff, we had an excellent open day on September 9th.

On this glorious sunny day, it was a chance to show people how gardening can help relax the mind through physical activities. On show were home-grown organic fruit and vegetables, home-made pickles and hand-made cards.

The original idea of a GP at Pitsmoor Surgery, this project has been benefiting our community since 1999. People with mental health difficulties from differing backgrounds can work together to gain confidence and to enhance their own lives.

Currently, a Women's Group is developing a medicinal herb garden.



There is also a successful singing group who performed at last year's open day.

After tours of the allotments and before everyone settled down to the barbeque, Diane (the manager of the project) gave a short speech of welcome and to explain the current aims of the project.

The highlight of the day was the chicken barbeque from Mehmet the Chef: this had to be the best tasted in Burngreave for many a year!



Over seventy people attended. Thanks to those people who worked hard to make the event a pleasurable and educational experience.

You can access this service by referral from your GP. For more information, call 0114 274 3651 or 07932 927 153, or look on the Messenger website.

Green Pennant for Devon Gardens

Story: Gaynor Carr

Our little green oasis, Devon Gardens on Abbeyfield Road, has won a coveted Green Pennant award. It has now been recognised as a historic park by Sheffield City Council.



The award, which puts Devon Gardens in an elite group of parks in Sheffield, requires them to be welcoming and well-maintained, with support and involvement from the local community.

Chair of the Friends of Devon Gardens group, John Chapman, said, "We are delighted to have won this fantastic award. Our thanks go to the Parks staff for their commitment and enthusiasm and also to all members of the Friends group for their input and dedication."

The Friends group celebrated at their annual Party in the Park on 1st August, attended by neighbours sharing food, children's activities and games from Activity Sheffield.

If you'd like to find out more, call John Chapman on 07860 101 907 or Phil Jakob on 07796 977 856. You can also find out more on our web pages on the Messenger website.

Allotment demands

Story: Rohan Francis

A number of local allotment tenants have been threatened with eviction after receiving stern warning letters from the Council, criticising the condition of their plots.

In an effort to feed the growing demand for allotments across the city, the Council has issued large numbers of warnings to existing tenants, in the hope they will give up their plots to people on the waiting lists.

Tenants were told they had just 28 days to make "significant improvements" to their plots or face eviction.

After summer inspections were carried out, tenants we spoke to at Grimesthorpe allotments have still not heard a thing from the Council. Their website says the outcome of the inspections will be posted on the internet later in the year.

The Council have also announced a plan to develop 'community food growing' across the city including a proposal to convert unused land in Page Hall into allotments. The exact location has yet to be confirmed but it is hoped that local groups and individuals could eventually use the renovated land for community food production and gardening projects.

If you are concerned about a letter you have received, contact the Messenger on 242 0564.

Blooming Brilliant!

Story: Jake Gamban

Carwood resident Ronald Roe has been announced the winner of the 'Best Wild and Sustainable Garden' in the "Sheffield Gnomes Gardening Competition".

Ron, of Carwood Way, told the Messenger he felt "over the moon". The 48-year-old has dedicated hours to his beloved garden and, after several years of hard work and gradual progress, Ron has formed something of a visual masterpiece. He said,

"It shows that my hard work has paid off and it's all been worthwhile. A woman came to inspect the garden and was amazed by what she saw. To be honest, I think I managed to win her over with the strawberries!"

"I received a letter inviting me to a garden party at the Botanical Gardens. I couldn't believe it! Even then, I was expecting to come 2nd or 3rd. When I was told I had won first prize, I was buzzing!"

This brilliant accolade is a product of Ron's commendable efforts in the garden but his achievement is also a positive for the Burngreave community. Ron, a Carwood TARA member, took pride in his success, which he believes changes people's outlook on the area.

"The area has got such a bad name tag so it's great to have some positive news. Anyone from outside the community wouldn't believe that a garden like this is in Burngreave. I'm really proud."

And it seems Ron's award-winning garden is already beginning to inspire other residents,



Award winner Ronald Roe, with Lilly McCall from Sheffield Homes Board.

"Kids have stood and looked at my garden, saying that they wish their dads would do the same."

And local people aren't the only admirers, Ron says,

"I see foxes, which sometimes drink from the pond, frogs, and I've spotted kestrels too. You wouldn't believe the wildlife that comes in. That's partly why I wanted to create this garden."

It's not just Ron's successful journey that motivates him to delve into the garden. He said,

"It's the calming factor that I enjoy about gardening. It takes you to a different world and keeps your mind active. It's worthwhile in the end when you can sit back and enjoy it!"

So if you're looking for inspiration in Burngreave, whether a keen gardener or not, look no further than Mr Ronald Roe, who is a living example that hard work will eventually bring you the success you deserve!

Home cooking at New Roots

Story: New Roots group

Photo: Cecelia Vincent



Hommony pie, halloumi flatbread wraps, courgette and raisin cupcakes, carrot, orange, feta and olive salads: with new co-ordinator and cook, Ange Drozdowski, in the New Roots kitchen, you can be sure of a tasty meal at each visit.

Ange prides herself on using locally-sourced, fresh, fairly-traded and, if possible, organic ingredients in every recipe.

No change on Friday, however, as Taha's ever-admired falafel wraps are still a favourite with the customers, new and old.

To book the cafe for a private meal evening or other enquiry, contact Ange on 0114 270 0972.

Cemetery damage

Residents and visitors were concerned to find a number of graves damaged near the Scott Road entrance in September.

It's not known how the damage occurred, but Bereavement Services have been informed and have undertaken to tidy up the damaged plots.

Bereavement Services have advised that anyone finding a recently damaged grave should contact them on 239 6068, also to inform the Police on 220 2020.



Apple Day

Story: Saleema Imam

It's apple harvest time again. To coincide with national Apple Day, the Friends of Burngreave Cemetery are holding their Apple Fest on Sunday, 17th October, 11am - 3pm.

There'll be local apples to taste and information about them, apple juicing, pot-luck soup and apple-linked refreshments, in addition to the various displays in the chapel. Children can take part in a fair-trade game, carve pumpkins and help to fix bird boxes. All welcome.



Burngreave Firefighter Blazes to Glory

Story: Amer Khan

The Messenger catches up with local hero and firefighter, Delroy Galloway. Del won Silver in the World Firefighter Games in August in Korea in the natural body building competition.

From boxing to bodybuilding

Delroy got into bodybuilding at the age of 35 after a 12 year career as an amateur boxer, "After I finished boxing I put a bit of weight on - OK, a lot of weight. I went from 11 stone to over 15 and I needed to do something."

Del started training and visiting bodybuilding competitions. At the British Finals in Coventry, he asked a stall holder about how to get into competitions. He pointed straight to Lloyd Stewart, of Lloydies Gym. "It was a real journey, literally, I went all the way to Coventry to find Lloyd and he only lives down the road and his gym is only five minutes from my house."

Delroy's competition stats are impressive:

- NPA Yorkshire Championships 2006 1st Place
- NPA British Finals 2006 1st Place
- NPA Mike Williams Classic 2007 1st Place
- NPA British Finals 2007 1st Place
- NPA Mike Williams Classic 2008 2nd Place
- NPA British Finals 2008 1st Place
- UIBBN World Finals 2008 4th Place
- World Firefighter Games 2008 1st Under 80kg (Gold Medal) 1st Over 40s (Gold Medal)
- World Firefighter Games 2010 2nd
- Under 80kg (Silver Medal)

Strict regime

Delroy gets lots of support from his wife Kathryn, who prepares all his food, for the strict regime of eating and training. Del said, "Age is nothing but a number. I'm more disciplined now that I'm older, and you need that, you need to be structured and consistent to keep to the training regime." He regularly trains at Lloydies Gym, off Carlisle Street, undertaking cardio sessions at 5.30am.

Never give up

When Del's not winning body building competitions he is a watch manager at Aston Park Fire Station, Red Watch, where he is the officer in charge of the fire engine. Del explained that getting into the fire service was a difficult task and took several attempts before making it at the age of 27. He said,

"I don't give up. I'm obsessive. When I want something, I go for it. Firefighting is the best job in the world. It is a very rewarding career."

Global competitor

Del's already thinking about competing in the World Police & Firefighter Games 2011 in New York and the World Firefighter Games in Sydney 2012, and hoping to take a team with him. "Korea this year was fantastic, there were 10,000 firefighter competitors. It's a great opportunity and I'd like to set up a group and to encourage other firefighters to take part in these fantastic family-friendly events."

Smoke alarms save lives

The fire service is not just reactive but proactive in preventing fires in the first instance. Delroy went on to say, "We fit free smoke alarms – to me, not having a smoke alarm is like leaving your front door open, a practice you just don't do. Fitting smoke alarms saves lives. Push the button not your luck."

Free smoke alarms

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Earl Marshall builds support

Story: Mick Ashman

The football season has got underway for local Pitsmoor and Burngreave based football club, Earl Marshall Juniors.

Expectations are high, especially with the club expanding to five teams. The newly established Under 8s team, comprising year 3 players from local schools, couldn't wait to put on their new kit as they got ready to face Ecclesall Rangers for their first game of the season.

The new Under 14s team, previously known as Burngreave Saints, now also play in the familiar yellow and blue strip of Earl Marshall Juniors, with their kit provided by the Burngreave Building Company. Gary Adshead, the company's Head of Business development said, "We wanted to support a local football team, and some of our staff had connections with Earl Marshall Football Club so we are pleased to support them with their kit and extra football resources". Gary and his colleagues will be pleased to hear that the Under 14s have made an excellent



start and are currently 4th in Division A.

If you would like more information on Earl Marshall Juniors – a football club that is proud to reflect the diversity of our local community – then please contact Mick Ashman on 07843 731 430. The club is always keen to meet new unregistered players and there are still places available in the Under 8s team.



Celebrating culture and community

Story & photos: Vivien Urwodhi.

The 30th August Bank Holiday saw SADACCA's International Community Cultural Day, following the one held last year in June.

The event brought together communities from all over Sheffield to celebrate the holiday with children, parents and the varied cultures that live in the area.

Lord Mayor Councillor Alan Law and SADACCA manager, Ricky Bennett

greeted everyone and thanked them for attending and helping to make it happen.

The entertainment began with three Zimbabwean musicians who combined congas and other African instruments with singing, dancing and traditional dress. The group also offered African crafts for sale.

Next, SADACCA's women's singers came to the stage. They stepped rhythmically towards the front, feet tapping, hands clapping, singing Caribbean songs to delight the audience and express their passion for song.

Janet Woods took the final slot before lunch. With a powerful vocal style, she

left the audience astounded at her performance.

After a complimentary meal, Mr Bennett announced the children's talent show. Judges watched as young people delivered performances of break dancing, Amy Winehouse covers and even a trumpet solo. After their performances, the children were given feedback from the judges before a winner was announced and prizes, including presents, cash and vouchers, were awarded.

In the end, the event proved an even better success than last year, with more people attending and enjoying themselves.



Culture, dance and beauty

Story & photos: Taibah Khan

Miss African/Caribbean Sheffield beauty pageant was co-ordinated by Nurra Hooper as a fundraiser for the Ghanaian Literacy Group. It took place in the Firth Park Methodist Church. Members of the local African community attended the event, and also the Lord Mayor and Mayoress.

The eight female contestants for Miss Africa/Caribbean Sheffield

modelled traditional, summer and evening wear. They also spoke a little about where in Africa they were from, as well as doing a dance performance. The Lord Mayor agreed with contestants who were representing Ghana that, '...Yes it was the best African football team (in the world cup)'. The boys also modelled traditional African clothing and suits.

The Ghanaian Literacy Group started in November 2008. Nurra thanked everyone who helped her along the way and she highlighted the significance of parents teaching their children about Ghanaian culture and language. For more information about the group contact Nurra on 07904 686 444, 0114 246 5624 or at nuhoo25@yahoo.com.



Progressing in childcare

Story: Sarah Cooper | Photos: Watoto

Many parents will have heard of Watoto on Catherine Road, which grew from a crèche of local parents into the successful pre-school it is today. I went to meet Manager Sharon Brown and Deputy Lillian Linton to hear their own stories.

Sharon became involved 14 years ago, when it was first started by parents at the Black Women's Resource Centre. Very unsure of what she wanted and lacking in self-confidence, she was asked to volunteer at the crèche. She says,

"I started doing short courses, with the support of women in the group. I did find that a very strong vehicle to help me go forward. Then I did my NVQ level 3 and 4, and then a degree in Childhood Studies. The support I got from the centre was invaluable."

Lillian also overcame low self-confidence to work her way from crèche volunteer to deputy manager.

"I had very little confidence at school. I hadn't considered going into management: I had to start from scratch."

Lillian started with a short course in child-care, then BTEC level 3 and NVQ level 4. Her success, she feels, was down to her



determination to keep pushing herself to the next level. Like Sharon, she says the Black Women's Resource Centre played a vital role in building her confidence, through "positive people who made me feel good about myself".

Both women have studied whilst working and caring for their children. What's motivated them?

"It's the children that pushed me," Sharon told me, "They do need a positive start, I'll do my best to make sure they reach their full potential." Lillian agreed - after bad experiences of her own at school, she's determined to make a positive impact on this generation.

For both women, the journey is far from over. Lillian wants to see an already good Ofsted report get even better and Sharon has more study planned. And for Watoto, there are plans for a sensory room and an outreach crèche service. It's a great story, but one that Sharon insists other people can experience too: "I want people to know the support is out there".

For more information about Watoto call 275 1817

Young Apprentice at Sheffield Archives

Story & photos: Cheryl Bailey, Senior Archivist

Earlier this year, local resident Lena Abdo-Samed started an apprenticeship at Sheffield Archives and Local Studies Library. She applied to join the Library and Archive service via the Council's Apprenticeship Scheme which organises training programmes and work-based placements for young people aged 16 to 24 across the city.

So far, Lena has had the chance to work in an environment where she can handle original historical documents and learn new workplace skills leading to a level 2 National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) in Business and Administration. Lena said: 'Before working at Sheffield Archives I didn't know what an archive was. I've learnt what an archive is and about the work they do to make documents and historical records available.'

Much of Lena's work has been focused on preserving and digitising documents relating to Sheffield's famous steel company, Firth Brown. She has scanned hundreds of photographs and is in the process of digitising the company's magazine The Bombshell, which dates from the 1920s, ready



for upload onto the internet. Lena has also been shadowing staff in different parts of the group, including the Conservation Unit where medieval and modern documents are repaired, to gain a full range of work experience in a busy customer service environment ready to take to her next job interview.

Read more about the Firth Brown project which Lena is working on at: <http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/libraries/archives-and-local-studies/sheffields-heartbeat-steel>

For more information about apprenticeships with Sheffield City Council contact Terry Clements on 276 1151.

Playground funding cut



Dear Messenger,

In July 2009 the PITS group organised a clean-up day at Denholme Park and reported all the dangers in the children's play area. There is play equipment that is not fixed securely to the ground, damaged equipment and the floor covering has lifted and become very unsafe. There were local residents, children, volunteers and Sheffield City Council representatives and councillors at the park in July 2009. They all agreed that Denholme Park was in a bad state of repair and that this was reported to the parks department.

The PITS group were contacted by SCC in April 2010 to discuss the improvements to the park. The repairs were going ahead and in addition they were going to be putting in some new equipment for teenagers to use just outside the gated area (zip slide and adventure equipment). All this was going ahead until the Government change. We then heard through the grapevine that a lot of projects were getting cancelled due to funding cuts.

The PITS group are very disappointed and feel let down after all their hard work. Firstly we feel that the council parks department should have spoken to us directly to let us know exactly what was happening, as they have talked to the young people in the area and told them that this was happening for them (another reason for the young people to distrust the authorities). Our final point being that the park is still in a bad condition and parts of it are still very dangerous. The play area still needs doing and the repairs should be a priority regardless of funding cuts. This should have been dealt with a long time ago.

We would like someone to explain their ethics on this matter, are the cuts more important than our children's safety?

Anwar Suliman, on behalf of the PITS group (Parents Intervention Takes a Stand)

New outdoor play for Firvale

Story: Sonia Thomas-Coleman

On Saturday 24th July Firvale Pre-School proudly unveiled their new outdoor play area. The official opening was attended by special guests including the Rt Hon David Blunkett MP, local Councillor Ibrar Hussain and Councillor Jackie Drayton.

Firvale Pre-School is a community-based childcare provision serving the local area that offers high quality childcare and education for young children in a multicultural environment. Firvale Pre-School had the support from the local authority to fund the development of this much needed outdoor play area which now provides an exciting, adventurous, safe, play and learning facility for the children. Parents, children and local residents came to the event and enjoyed activities including,

Safe to Cross

Story: Liz Smith | Photo: Richard Hanson



Plans for the new crossing at St Catherine's School were threatened in July after funding was withdrawn. The school, local residents and Councillors campaigned to have the funding reinstated and in August they were successful.

As part of the expansion of St. Catherine's on Firshill Crescent, one planning condition was for highways improvements to be carried out in anticipation of the increase in traffic. The funding was granted in June 2009 and work was due to take place during the summer holidays 2010.

The school and local residents have been working to address traffic problems near the school, with a number of schemes: route markings for the walking bus provided by the TARA, staff from the school running the walking bus, and Sheffield Academy letting school staff and parents use their car park to avoid congestion at school. Staff and parents have also signed up to a Travel Plan Manifesto.

When the School was informed the funding had been withdrawn, they went to the Town Hall on 28th July to present a petition of 494 signatures from members of the local community who were all concerned and highly frustrated. Isaac, a pupil at St. Catherine's, read the Travel Plan Manifesto to the Councillors.

The school has now received confirmation that the crossing outside the school and parking restrictions will be completed during the October half term. This is a very successful outcome for the school and for our community and we are very grateful to all those who supported the campaign and signed the petition to make Firshill Crescent a safer place for residents and visitors!



henna hand art, cake stalls, face painting and most importantly... Asian food. Plus the weather stayed fine! What more could they wish for?

For more information about Firvale Pre-School call 303 0176.



Back to schooldays

Story: Marion Graham (Firshill History Group)

It's that "back to school" time of year again and this made me think of our group's memories of schooldays. Maybe our recollections will stir a few memories for older readers and give younger ones an idea of what it was like at school for us.

Our oldest member, Annie Neal, recalled starting at Pye Bank School when she was five in 1917! She did not like school because the teachers were very strict and, because she was a bit of a fidget and quite giddy, she was often in trouble: usually a few strokes of the cane. The only part she liked was the weekly swimming lesson at Chatham Street Baths where she quickly became the best swimmer in the class. School holidays would mean an occasional picnic in Roe Wood when she and friends would take a bottle of water and some bread and jam. Nobody ever went away on holiday to stay.

When Anne Murdoch's mother took her into the classroom of St Jude's in the city centre on her first day, the teacher was sitting on a very high chair at a high desk and seemed to tower over her. There was a large open fire burning at the front of the room with a row of milk bottles in front of it – to take the chill off!

Several members who attended Ellesmere Road School remembered the annual May Day celebrations - dancing round the maypole with different coloured ribbons and then the crowning of the May Queen. Most pupils went on to Burngreave Senior School where they remember the headmistress, Miss Yates, who ruled the school, if not with an iron rod, then at least with a very well-used strong cane!

At the time of the Sheffield Blitz in the war, Burngreave School was hit by a bomb one night and part of the school was demolished. However, all pupils still had to attend and classes carried on in the parts which had escaped damage.

Lewis Boam attended All Saint's School where, again, discipline was very strict and the cane often used. Lewis's wife, Janet, the youngest member of our group, attended Newhall School in Attercliffe and recalls her first day was fine until her mother left to go home. Janet screamed the place down! She has vivid memories of asking to go to the toilet and then dashing out of the playground with her teacher hot on her heels. She settled in though and later went on to Hartley Brook School which she took to straight away because it had grass surrounding it – something which was completely different from Newhall. She has fond memories of her time at Hartley Brook.

If present-day schoolchildren get as much out of education as we did, despite our lack of all today's technology, they will be fine in the future.

The full text of this article appears on the Messenger website at www.burngreavemessenger.org

Firshill battles planning mess

Story & photo: Lisa Swift

Work has begun on the expansion of Sheaf Training in Roe Woods, despite anger from local residents about the use of the path through the woods for construction traffic.

The project will take at least 12 months to complete and will mean heavy vehicles using Firshill Crescent, Firshill Rise and the path alongside Roe Woods for access.

Residents of Firshill and streets near Roe Woods have been meeting with Sheffield City Council after discovering the planning application to expand Sheaf Training was granted without their knowledge.

"We only found out about it in June, and it was granted in December last year. Only a few residents on Norwood Drive were told, even though the trucks will



come through Firshill and the woods," one resident explained.

Residents complained that they should have been told about the plan that will involve yet more disruption for the estate, following several major works in the last year including the school expansion, demolition of the 500 block and Decent Homes improvements.

The architect and project manager admitted that he should have included plans for access in the planning application, although planning officers claimed they had done nothing wrong in failing to include details about how heavy vehicles would access the site.

Now that work has begun, Kier, who are building the extension, will be meeting regularly with Firshill Tenants and Residents Association to deal with any issues.

If you have any problems because of the construction work, you can contact Martin Godfrey at Kier on 273 5219. If issues are not resolved contact Firshill TARA on 256 0337.

Residents are determined to make sure nothing like this happens again. The committee from Firshill TARA said, "The track through the woods has always been a path for people to walk on, and we want it returned to a path, not a road. We also want to make sure that if any future application affects the estate, the Council's planning department must let us know before they give permission."

Parking restrictions are also now in force on the west side (left coming up) of Firshill Rise from its junction with Firshill Crescent to the small car-park opposite the Day Centre. The Parking Restriction Order is valid for up to 18 months from 6 September 2010.

The Battle of Britain 70 years on

Story: John Mellor

In 1940, Britain faced a ruthless, determined and well-equipped enemy. Many older Burngreave residents still vividly remember the deprivations and uncertainties they faced over the next 5 years.

In recent editions, the Burngreave Messenger has printed first-hand accounts of veterans of the Normandy landings in June 1944. We haven't been able to track down any surviving Spitfire pilots from the Battle of Britain living locally (but if any of our readers know of one, please let us know).

However, we were able to meet someone whose father was conscripted into the RAF in 1940. Speaking in his Burngreave home Richard told me:

"My father was working as a book-keeper for a textile firm in Huddersfield. He was 32. Although he never flew a Spitfire, he provided vital ground support to those who did. His skills and training in managing accounts were put to good



use in a series of RAF bases during the war. (His squadron is pictured above)

"My mother took me to Cornwall, where I started my education in a small village school. I was 7 years old by the time I had any real chance to get to know my father. Thankfully he returned home safely after the war, unlike the fathers of several of my contemporaries at school. He spoke very little about his experiences but some of his friendships from the RAF lasted the rest of his life."

Richard told me he later became curious to learn more about that time - in particular about when Britain came very

close to defeat: the evacuation of Dunkirk and the Battle of Britain. 800 German aircraft massively outnumbered the RAF but, unexpectedly, Hitler diverted the Luftwaffe from attacking airfields to bombing London and the few hundred RAF fighter pilots took their toll of the enemy bombers. When the Battle of Britain was won, Churchill addressed the nation with his now immortal words: "Never in the field of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few".

This is an edited version of the article which appears in full on www.burngreavemessenger.org

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One of the roads with the highest number of casualties in South Yorkshire goes through the Burngreave area. The road from Burngreave Road to Owler Lane has had no less than 92 people injured on it over the last 3 years.

Virtually all of these road crashes have the behaviour of a road user as a main factor in the cause of a crash. The South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership, which includes Sheffield City Council's Road Safety Team, is conducting a



range of improvements to the road and is doing lots of work in schools and with young drivers to make people safer.

Through the Council's *Learn Safe Drive Safe* programme, driving instructors are trained to coach learner drivers in issues relating to: speed; peer pressure; drink; drugs; tiredness; mobile phones and other distractions.

In early October, the Safer Roads Partnership will also be launching a new publicity campaign to remind people to wear their seat belt and to not use a mobile phone whilst driving. Look out for the *Save Yourself* message on buses and posters and don't forget to wear a seat belt and not to use your phone whilst driving!

Tell your story

We want everyone to be more aware of the dangers on the road. Have you had a road accident?

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Congolese Celebration

Story & photo: Vivien Urwodhi

The Congolese Summer Festival took place at Petre Street Green Space on Sunday 25th of July.

The festival celebrated 50 years of Congolese independence and marks the moment when prime minister Patrice Lumumba took on the Belgian colonial rulers to seek the nation's freedom in 1960. Sheffield's Congolese community were still eager to remember the day.

The event began to the sounds of Congolese music, which drifted out on to Petre Street and up the valley, announcing the start of celebrations and drawing people from further afield.



First to begin the live entertainment was a Congolese musician, who sang about love, envy and sadness. The melody of his music lifted his moving words up into the warm summer air.

Next, Congolese rap group 'The DRC Soldier' entered the stage to perform tracks from their new album. They rapped about the conflict that was going on in the east of the country and how blood was being shed. Armed with some amazing rapping, the band urged listeners to think about the suffering going on at the other side of the world.

The festival was not short of other entertainment, including summer food and children's football, and the festival's finale saw a procession of Congolese women who dazzled the front row with a show of traditional and modern costumes and outfits.

Charitable Sportsman



Story & photo: Grace Kamsika

On Sunday 1st August, The Sportsman Pub hosted a charity event to raise money for Action Duchenne, which raises awareness for people who suffer from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

A raffle, cake sales, face painting and donations made £600 for the charity. The event was enjoyable, with plenty of laughs, a variety of bands and solo singers as well as a special performance from the landlord and landlady of the pub.

Special thanks to the volunteers and Joan & Nigel for running the event and raising money for Action Duchenne.



Caribbean Sports Club Fun Day

Story & photo: Angela Barrows

There was football, fun, food and music at the Caribbean Sports Club Fun Day on Sunday 15th August. The club has strong links with Burngreave, with many team players from the area.

The Fun Day aimed to raise awareness of the Sports Club, encourage more of the community to visit, motivate young and old to try some form of exercise and to raise money for the Sports Club.

There were 11-a-side football matches played by the Caribbean Football Team, a

veterans' game and an exclusive England vs Jamaica finale. Following the footsteps of the World Cup England squad, Sheffield's England Team continued the defeated theme!

Meanwhile, the children and young people were entertained by street dance workshops, sprint races, hula-hooping, sack racing, bouncy castle and face painting which they thoroughly enjoyed. The atmosphere was relaxed and enjoyable, helped by a sound system, fantastic food, including jerk chicken cooked the traditional Caribbean way.

With over 500 visitors to the event, many of whom had never visited the sports ground before, everyone had a great time. Planning for next year's Fun Day will begin early 2011.

Community Assembly meeting in July

Over 50 members of the community attended the last Community Assembly public business meeting at Shiregreen Community Centre in July.

Alison Rayner, the Community Assembly Manager reported that funds were available over the summer - £40,000 for community group projects that help to reduce the impact of climate change and £20,000 for activities for young people aged 8-13years.

The Community Involvement Plan was also discussed and generated a lively discussion. Councillors then went on to agree how the remaining discretionary budget is to be spent:

£3000 was allocated for match funding for insurance costs to enable users at the Old Library to continue to use equipment after CNF have ceased trading

£19,500 was allocated for a team of trainees to blitz environmental problems in Burngreave starting with the Carwood estate

Up to £20,000 was allocated to contribute to the completion of the Burngreave Recreation Ground refurbishment.

Full details of all the decisions at the meeting will be available on the website in October.

The next North East Community Assembly Public Business Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 20th October from 6-8pm – Shirecliffe Community Centre**, 349 Shirecliffe Road, S5 8JX.

SLOW DOWN!

Road Safety is an important part of the Assembly's Community Plan. Several speed warning signs have been



purchased with sad and smiley faces to try and slow down motorists on some of our more dangerous roads. They have been used recently on Herries Road and Barnsley Road. The most common cause of deaths of young people (5-24 years) is from road traffic accidents.

New Hanging Baskets for Shirecliffe Road

Shirecliffe Road has new hanging baskets on the lampposts outside the community centre and along the edge of Busk Park.

These have been funded by the Community Assembly to make 'streets that the community can be proud of'.

This is one of the priorities in the Community Plan.

Sporting Summer

Activity Sheffield has had a full programme of activities and sports for young people over the area, supported by funding from the North East Community Assembly.



Bring Out Your Rubbish Days

The North East Community Assembly would like to thank everyone who contacted us with requests for Bring Out Your Rubbish Days in their local area. We now have a comprehensive list of requests and will allocate areas to be cleared when more funding is available.

Contact us

For more information about the Northeast Community Assembly ring 203 7562 or email communityassemblynortheast@sheffield.gov.uk

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Councillor Surgery Dates

9 October: Ibrar Hussain,
11am–12pm Burngreave Library,
12.15pm–1pm Firshill TARA

19 October: Jackie Drayton,
11am–12pm Shirecliffe Community Centre,
12.15pm–1pm Norwood and Bishopholme TARA

21 October: Talib Hussain, 2pm –3pm
Pakistan Advice Centre

23 October: Jackie Drayton,
11am–12pm Burngreave Library

13 November: Talib Hussain,
11am–12pm Burngreave Library,
12.15pm–1pm Firshill TARA

16 November: Ibrar Hussain,
11am–12pm Shirecliffe Community Centre,
12.15pm–1pm Norwood and Bishopholme TARA

18 November: Jackie Drayton,
2pm –3pm Pakistan Advice Centre

27 November: Ibrar Hussain,
11am–12pm Burngreave Library



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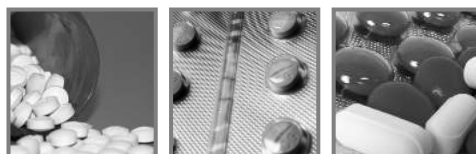
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