

# Burngreave Messenger

## Organisational background

The Burngreave Messenger is an independent community newspaper, delivered free, six times per year, to over 9000 households in the Burngreave area of Sheffield. The Messenger was first printed in 1999. It is a not-for-profit limited company and a registered charity whose trustees are residents of the Burngreave area.

Decisions about the content of the Messenger are made collectively by volunteers in the editorial team and website editorial team. Volunteers are involved in writing, photography, design, editing, decision-making, website management and proof reading.

The purpose of the Burngreave Messenger is to build the capacity of Burngreave residents through the production of the Messenger newspaper and website.

We aim to:

- Increase awareness of services and opportunities available to residents
- Increase residents' involvement in local groups and community activities
- Increase confidence and self-esteem in the community by celebrating positive activities and residents achievements
- Increase capacity of residents to identify and address problems in their community by supporting communication with service providers and local decision-making bodies
- Increase involvement of residents from groups who might find it difficult to be involved in the community, in the production of the newspaper
- Support residents to build their skills and confidence through training and volunteer experience
- Increase understanding between different sections of the community