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Northern Community Assembly

You Say, You Choose

Wharncliffe Side children stepping out in safety

Children are now stepping out in safety to cross a busy road outside their school with the help of our Assembly.

Pupils from Wharncliffe Side Primary School lobbied local Councillors for help in getting across Main Road, which has a 40mph speed limit. We've funded a new puffin crossing, which has now been built.

Four junior road safety officers from the school were the first to try out the new crossing when it was officially opened in November 2010. Stocksbridge and Upper Don Ward Councillor Martin Brelsford said: "Main Road can be difficult to cross, particularly at busy times of the day, so I'm delighted that the children will be able to cross safely.

I can't think of a better example of how Community Assemblies can make a difference. We've been able to use £125,000 of our resources to address a local issue and everyone in the village will benefit from this."



Wharncliffe Side crossing opens

We'll also be funding road safety schemes outside Ecclesfield School, Loxley Primary and on Stephen Lane in Grenoside.

Meet Tom - our Activity

When we go to galas and festivals people are always telling us that they would like more activities happening in the area. This is why we have decided to pay for the Northern area to have an extra Activity Sheffield Worker. His name is Tom Hughes and he organises all kinds of activities for all kinds of people across our area.

Tom doesn't just work with children and young people. One of Tom's regular groups is an Agewell group in High Green. They meet every Monday and Tom runs a variety of activities including table tennis and indoor tennis with them.

Ladies from the group said to us "We come along regularly now that Tom is here. He is brilliant with us and the group is much better now we have lots of activities going on."

Tom told us "The focus of my work is to get the community physically active, from developing fundamental skills

such as agility, balance and coordination in school age participants through to improving physical activity levels amongst the older generations.

I organise tournaments, sports activities at festivals and the Sport in the Community programme. I also work with lots of the primary schools and secondary schools across the area."

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If you would like to get more active see table to find out about the nearest session to you >>



Tom with the Agewell Group

Sheffield Worker



Active adult sessions

Monday

1.30am - 3.30pm **Agewell Session** Miner's Welfare, Angram Bank, High Green. Cost: £2 to Agewell Group

Tuesday

11.30am - 12.30pm **Come Dance with Me**, Paces Sports Campus, High Green. Cost: First Session Free, £1 thereafter.

Wednesday

10.30am - 11.30am **Keep fit aerobics**, Grenoside Methodist Church, Grenoside. Cost: £2

Thursday

11.15am - 12.15pm **multi activity session**, Chapeltown Community Centre, Burncross Road, Chapeltown (Activities include Badminton, Indoor Tennis, and Table Tennis) Cost: £1

7pm - 7.45pm **Badminton**, Ecclesfield Secondary School Gymnasium, Ecclesfield. Cost £1

Friday

11am - 1pm **Keep fit/aerobics (11-12pm) multi activity (12-1pm)** Paces Sports Campus, High Green. Cost: £1.50 includes both sessions

Young person sessions

Tuesday (starting 11 January)

5pm - 6pm **Sport in the Community**, Ecclesfield Secondary School Sports Hall, Ecclesfield, (Ages 9 - 12) Cost: free

Wednesday

6 - 9pm **Club 230 Youth Club**, Chapeltown Training Centre, Chapeltown

Friday

6.15 - 7.45pm **Friday 5's Football**, Ecclesfield Secondary School Sports Hall, Ecclesfield. Cost: free

7 - 8pm **Girls fun multi activity session**, Ecclesfield Secondary School Gymnasium, Ecclesfield. Cost: free

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Top award for local police officer

One of our area's local police officers has come runner-up in the UK Community Police Officer of the Year Awards. PC Peter Booth, who covers Ecclesfield, Chapeltown and High Green, was presented with a medal and plaque by Home Secretary Theresa May at a ceremony in London.



'PC Booth at the UK Community Police Officer of the Year Awards'

A South Yorkshire Police spokesman said: "PC Booth is a community treasure rated by a force that this year named him community constable of the year and gave him the Chief Constable's Award for best overall employee."

Councillor Alan Hooper, The Chair of the Northern Community Assembly said "In recognition of this national award, we decided to honour PC Booth at our most recent public meeting. As well as his work with the Police Service we were aware of the great work that PC Booth and his wife Pat Booth do for the local area. We therefore decided to honour Pat too."

Pete and Pat were both instrumental in setting up the Pitstop project. The Pitstop project works with local young people who are at risk from being excluded from school.

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Chair of the Northern Assembly

Winter in northern Sheffield photography competition

We've been inspired by the beauty of north Sheffield in the winter to run a photography competition. We would love to see your photos of northern Sheffield in the winter.

To enter our competition please send your photo along with your contact details to:

communityassemblynorthern@sheffield.gov.uk

or by post to:

**Photography competition,
Northern Community Assembly,
230 Lane End,
Chapeltown,
Sheffield S35 2UZ.**

The best entries will then be shown in the next edition of this newsletter. All entries need to be received by 29 April 2011.

Community Snow Wardens



After Pat and PC Peter Booth had received their certificates, the business part of the Northern Community Assembly Public Meeting began. At this meeting, the Northern Community Assembly agreed some changes to the Community Plan and agreed the Northern Community Assembly budget.

At the meeting we also had an update from the Parks Department about new play facilities for the Loxley area.

Streetforce also came to the meeting to explain their new Community Snow Warden Scheme. Streetforce are looking for people to volunteer to become Community Snow Wardens. These are volunteers who help clear side roads and pavements of snow in

their local area. Already more than fifty people have come forward to say they'd be happy to do this but there are very few from the Northern area so far.

If you're interested in becoming a Snow Warden please contact Streetforce on (0114) 273 4567 or email streetforce@sheffield.gov.uk. Streetforce will then contact you to explain what the role involves. It will mean attending a health and safety briefing session along with other volunteers.

Our next public meeting is on Wednesday 16 March at Grenoside Primary School, Norfolk Hill, Grenoside at 6.30pm.

Sheffield City Council offering FREE home insulation

Sheffield City Council is offering free loft and cavity wall insulation for all homeowners and private tenants on a ward by ward basis, as well as, fast tracking those people who need it most across Sheffield.

Since the scheme started in April 2009, over 22,600 households across Sheffield have already signed up. Eaga Insulation, the only contractor chosen to work on this scheme, has so far installed 4,500 cavity walls and 11,600 loft insulation measures. Subject to funding, the aim is to cover the whole of the city, ward by ward, street by street over the next few years.

The scheme is currently available in the **East Ecclesfield Ward, which covers**

Chapelton, Ecclesfield and the Colley area. Don't miss out on this opportunity to make your home warmer and save money on your fuel bills.



**– NOW AVAILABLE IN –
East Ecclesfield Ward, which covers Chapelton,
Ecclesfield and the Colley area**

You can contact the Free Insulation Team by email: insulation@sheffield.gov.uk, by phone: 0800 915 9096 or by post: SHAW Team, PO Box 1918, Sheffield, S1 2XX.

High hopes for local democracy

We've been giving out funding in the latest round of 'You Choose' events, where community members vote on how they would like to see money spent in their area.

One of the beneficiaries is an innovative drama group for six to 16 year-olds in High Green, 'High Hopes'. They have been awarded £500 to help run the drama club.

Rachel Pickin from High Hopes, said "Getting this funding is a massive thing for these kids. The drama classes give them something fun and constructive to do and this money has given us the security to keep going for the year."

"The You Choose system is fantastic. It's allowed us to get funding much more quickly than we could have otherwise and it's great that the people now have control over what's going on in their community."

West Ecclesfield Councillor Kathleen Chadwick said "It's great to see grass roots community organisations like High Hopes benefitting from You Choose funding. It shows how the community here values the great work they do with young people.

You Choose is all about real local democracy, and I'm happy that these local children will benefit, as well as many other local groups and organisations doing fantastic work in communities."

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Rachel Pickin
High Hopes drama group



High Hopes at the You Choose Event

Supporting rural Sheffield

Over the last year the Council has consulted with people who live and work in rural areas, to produce Sheffield's first Rural strategy.

The strategy aims to help make sure that rural communities have similar levels of opportunities as other Sheffield residents.



Alan at Farmers Market

Some of priorities in the strategy include:

- supporting rural businesses
- promoting the rural area for tourism whilst protecting the unique landscape
- increasing the supply of affordable housing
- improving access to activities for children and young people.

An action plan has been produced to accompany the strategy. It includes actions such as working with the Peak District National Park Authority to support Bradfield Farmers Market, which helps to support our local rural economy.

The first two Bradfield Farmers Markets have already happened. Eddie Andrew of Our Cow Molly Ice Cream, said: "Bradfield Farmers Market has been a huge success, and shows that there is definitely a demand out there for good quality food and produce made in Sheffield."

The next Bradfield Farmers Market will be on Saturday 19 February at Bradfield Village Hall, 10am to 4pm.

A day in the life of Darren Ward

Darren Ward is the Community Development Worker for the High Green area. His work is funded by the Northern Community Assembly, the NHS, Ecclesfield Parish Council and Adult Learning. Darren supports community groups and activities happening in the High Green area.

What time do you start work?

That depends, some days I am meeting the community at evening meetings so I start late, other days I am working in the office and then I start earlier.

What do you most look forward to at work?

It's great to be able to meet a new group who have a new idea. The enthusiasm that new groups have is infectious and it's great to be able to help them develop their ideas.

What's the biggest challenge you face each day?

Balancing my time. There's so much happening in High Green. There are so many projects and so many groups it can be difficult to give enough time to them all.

What makes you smile?

Going along to community organised events that I have supported. Local people can get a lot out of events which is great to see. The recent High Hopes 1940's event was really great.

What are your hopes for the future?

I really hope that those people I've helped get active in their community look back and say 'I'm glad I did that.'



Darren at High Hopes 1940's Event

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