

# Burngreave Messenger



**Voice of the Burngreave Community**

Including: Pitsmoor, Ellesmere, Carwood, Firhill, Fir Vale, Pye Bank, Shirecliffe and Woodside

## Naseh – A life worth living

**Naseh Ghafor's lips were unstitched on 20 August, 43 days after he sewed them together and refused food in protest at the failure of his application for asylum. Near to death, he is now accepting small quantities of liquid and it is hoped he will recover from his ordeal.**

Naseh is a 20 year old Iraqi Kurd who saw his father killed in front of him. His mother and two sisters disappeared, presumed dead. He fled to the UK and arrived in Burngreave along with many other Iraqi Kurds two years ago. He was so convinced that deportation back to Iraq will mean death for him that he was prepared to face death by starvation rather than return to a country where he has no family left.

Although Home Secretary and Brightside MP David Blunkett has assured Naseh that he will not be deported until Iraq is considered to be safe, Naseh and many other Kurdish

asylum seekers fear that Iraq will never be safe for Kurds. A speaker from the Kurdish Community Centre explained to a packed meeting of over 100 people in Verdon Street Community Centre that Iraqi Kurds live homeless and in fear after 4,000 of their villages had been destroyed, or given to non-Kurdish supporters of Saddam Hussein's regime. Such people now occupy the farm which belonged to Naseh's father. The organisation Human Rights Watch has warned of tension between returning Kurds and Arab settlers which 'could soon explode into violence.' Other speakers expressed their disgust at David Blunkett's refusal to accept that deportation to Iraq means death to Naseh and many of Sheffield's 2,000 Iraqi Kurds.

The Home Office will provide bed and board to people in Naseh's position, as long as they agree to be deported. Naseh refuses to sign his own deportation order.

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For more jobs go to the Messenger website.

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For more courses check out the Burngreave Learner which should be coming through your door this month!



Copies are also available in community centres, or from Burngreave Community Learning Campaign at Forum House on 279 4960.

**Another fun packed summer! 10 & 11**

## Burngreave Community Radio 96.1FM

**"Uniting the Community"**

R'n'B, Soul, Urban, Dance, Reggae, Hip Hop, Africa Beat, World Music, local bands, community news and more...

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**August 14th -  
September 10th**

## Calling all Burngreave artists!

**Get the skills you need to progress your career as an artist for free!**

The Creative Burngreave programme includes training sessions in time management skills, network and marketing, project development, free police checks, evaluation techniques, communication and presentation skills, working in a school arts setting, confidence building... AND MORE!

### Dates for your diary

#### Training:

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20th December

#### What artists have said about previous programmes:

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*...Great! Gave me the skills to find work in schools...*

*...Mentoring gave me the chance to meet a more experienced artist in my field  
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For more information please telephone Lungani Sibanda on 221 1891

#### Creative Burngreave

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## COMMUNITY HEALTH NUTRITION COURSE

**A COURSE FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT HEALTHY EATING**



### Balance of good health

- Interested in healthy eating and cooking?
- Would you like to learn more about healthy eating?
- How can we eat healthily and cheaply?
- How can I share what I know about food in my culture?

The course is free and run by community dietitians and local workers. If you complete the course you can get Open College Network credits, Levels 1 or 2, which are widely recognised by a range of employers.

**THE COURSE WILL START  
FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2004  
9.30AM-12.30PM FOR 8 WEEKS**

**VENUE: HINDU SAMAJ AND COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
21 BUCKENHAM STREET S4 7JQ**

To find out more information about the course, call the community dietitians on 271 6421, Saduf Khan on 0786 677 9819 or Chetna Patel on 271 6978. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment. Phone 271 6421 before 3rd September 2004, for an application form.



## Burngreave Women's Group and the Furnival once again present to the women of Burngreave

*A 12 week healthy cook and eat course with a combination of aromatherapy, reflexology and massage.*

*Starting Thursday 2nd September 2004  
Time 6.30 prompt at the Furnival,  
199 Verdon Street, Sheffield S3.*

*A crèche is provided for children up to 5 years old. Please book early for a place.*

*Each session will last 90 minutes covering basic food safety, hygiene, healthy diets, food labeling, nutrition, weight control, diabetes, hypertension/stroke, coronary heart disease, massage, reflexology - and also cooking a 3 course meal.*

*The group is open to all women.  
Feel free to express yourself.*

*For more information and to book your place call:  
Nolian on 279 7770, or  
Helen on: 272 7497*



## Introduction to Community Development and Health (ICDH) Training course September 2004

The course is fun, active and builds on your existing knowledge and experience. You will be encouraged to use your existing skills and to develop new skills. By completing the course you can gain up to 6 credits with the Open College Network.

The course is free and childcare is provided

**The course will commence on:  
Tuesday 7th September 2004  
for 14 sessions with a break for school holidays**

**Want to find out more about the course from past learners?**

**Then come along to the...  
ICDH Open Day**

**Forum House, 35 Spital Hill  
12.00-2.30pm  
31st August**

The Open Day will also celebrate the launch of the promotional video created by the last ICDH course participants.

A buffet lunch is provided  
Children will be welcome

If you have any further questions, please ring Roger Wilde: 0114 223 2100

This course is funded by BNDfC.

North Sheffield **NHS**  
Primary Care Trust



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David Blunkett alleged that people supporting Naseh were encouraging asylum seekers who have applications turned down to think they can get round the process through self-harm. This has outraged people like Jean Wood, from Carwood, who has spent many hours at Naseh's bedside. "I didn't know about asylum seekers until recently," Jean told the Verdon Street meeting on 15 August. "I will move heaven and earth to help you all," she added before tears ended her speech.



Naseh's decision to start taking liquids was greeted with relief when it was announced to a demonstration called to support him on 21 August. This followed a series of protests which started on 7 August when supporters blocked Burngreave Road for an hour. On Tuesday 17 August supporters again blocked rush hour traffic on Spital Hill, and on Saturday about 200 people marched from Ellesmere Green through Sheffield town centre to a rally outside the Town Hall.

Leading the protest, Sue Taylor of Sheffield Committee to Defend Asylum Seekers said she thought Naseh's decision to end his hunger strike was due to his realisation of how many people cared about him. She stressed that the campaign is just beginning to prevent the deportation of Naseh and others who face death if they return to Iraq.

by Stuart Crosthwaite and Andrew Green

## Mrs Jean Hayden

**It is with very deep regret that we have to announce the death of Jean Hayden who was the Chair of Firshill Tenants' and Residents' Association for many years. Jean died in May following a hard-fought battle against cancer. We know that everyone who knew her will wish to join us in sending condolences to her family.**

Jean was involved in Firshill TARA from its very start and she never stopped working for the good of the estate and the people living here – even her illness did not stop her attending meetings which were important to our community or making sure that we were properly represented. She will be greatly missed and not easily replaced – hopefully we will be able to carry on the good work she began to ensure that Firshill keeps its reputation as one of the best estates in Sheffield.

The Association has arranged for a bench, dedicated to Jean's memory, to be placed at Roe Wood Residential Home where she was a frequent visitor when her mother was a resident there.

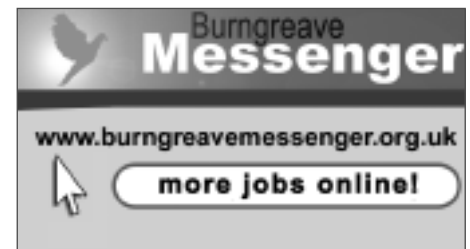
by Firshill TARA



## The Editorial

The story of Naseh Ghafor has distressed many in Burngreave. As fears for his life grew, friends staged a spontaneous road block and his plight took centre stage in our community. Burngreave is somewhere all have been welcomed and real pride is taken in our diversity. Ever since the booming of the steel mills on Carlisle Street people have come here seeking work, fleeing persecution or seeking refuge. Our many hostels and support organisations are a safety net to people from all over the city and the world. The result is a community where it is never safe to make assumptions and where world events directly affect our neighbours.

Horror has greeted the news that our Government, elected with an 'ethical foreign policy', is insisting that such a damaged young man must return to Iraq, but we are relieved that the compassion and support of local people seems to have convinced Naseh it is worth living.



The Burngreave Messenger is a community newspaper, funded by New Deal, with editorial independence. We aim to increase and encourage communication in Burngreave. Each edition is put together by an editorial team who write articles not otherwise credited. This month's team: Farzana Ahmed, Kate Atkinson, Annie Blindell, Clare Burnell, Mark Lankshear, Jamie Marriott, Carl Rose, Rob Smith, Lisa Swift and Paul Taylor.

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# Carwood makes progress

**After months of speculation and disruption to the lives of Carwood residents progress has finally been made. To their relief Carwood Mini Market reopened on 1st August and will provide the estate with easy access to everyday essentials.**

I went to find out what life had been like living without shopping amenities on the estate. Local resident Gary Cooper explained that it was terrible having to walk up that hill for just a loaf of bread. He had one word to sum up the progress of the new shop: "fantastic". Elaine Costello, landlady of the Hallcar Tavern, said the shop was dearly needed and is a great convenience for the community here. "It's about time someone was running it, properly as well."

I spoke to new proprietor, Mr Rafiq, who has lived in Burngreave all his life. He brings his family business



*ASTRA's Jean Wood and BCAF's Steve Cook welcome new shop owner Mr Rafiq.*

experience and a real hope of stability for the shop. "We would like to see the shop becoming a focal point again, alongside the community centre, helping regenerate this area," said Mr Rafiq, adding that as a member of ASTRA he was actively participating in the progress being made around Carwood.

Jean Wood, chair of ASTRA said, "It has been at least three months since we had any shopping facilities. Mr Rafiq has our full support and we wish him all the best of success in the future."



Chair of BCAF Steve Cooke mentioned the help and support they have from the Area Panel, New Deal and BCAT.

"The shop opening under this new management will become a turning point in the future of Carwood."

The shop is now opened daily by assistant manager Robert Dixon who said the new shop was here to stay.

by Rob Smith

## "Two pints and an IT course, please..."

**Over the past seven months Burngreave Community Learning Campaign (BCLC) have been running computer courses aimed at adults. "These beginners courses have been running from Firs Hill School and the Hallcar Tavern," explained Tony Tingle, of the LEA Adult and Community Learning Unit.**

Students of the courses had gathered in the Hallcar Tavern to celebrate their achievements and to receive awards, including Open College Network Accreditation.

There was a buffet laid on by the Hallcar Tavern's landlady Elaine Costello who herself began a course in January. She explained that allowing the use of the public house encouraged many others to get involved.

**"Many people would rather sit here than in a classroom. The course itself is easy and relaxed, allowing you to choose whatever aspects of modern day computer knowledge you want to know."**

Mr Desmond Hasting explained he went on the course because all his children and grandchildren use computers. "I wanted to learn because this helps me relate to my children. I studied at Firs Hill and think it's a brilliant idea. I've learnt a great deal, young man."



*Student Milton Graham receives award from BCLC Learning Assistant Brendan Adams.*

Barmaid Katy Costello admitted that before joining she knew very little about computers.

**"I began by doing word processing, now I want to learn more and the fact it's held in the pub makes it more relaxed and accessible for those who may not go elsewhere."**

Robert Wilson, tutor of ICT (Information Communication Technology) said:

**"All the people attending have been eager to learn. The hardest thing to do as an adult is walk through the doors and most people here today have built up confidence and ability**

**to use computers. Many of the learners have even moved on in careers since attending."**

I could hear from the people receiving awards that the saying 'it's never too late to learn' rings true.

In September there will be further adult courses being held at Firs Hill School and the Hallcar Tavern Carwood. For further information on courses in Burngreave contact the Burngreave Community Learning Campaign on 279 4960 or check out the Burngreave Learner which lists all the courses in the area.

by Rob Smith

# Miners strike remembered

**It's 20 years since the year-long Miners' Strike began. It started as a battle to save pits and miners' jobs; it soon became all-out war between the Conservative Thatcher government and the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM). The strike changed lives and politics in Britain.**

I went to talk to John Wesley, now landlord of The Rock pub and an ex-miner. We sat in the bottom room surrounded by his china plates, pictures and tokens commemorating the strike.

"It gets people talking about it – it brings it back to the fore," he explained and welcomed more customers adding their own memorabilia. Pride of place goes to a plate from Manton Colliery, near Worksop. "I worked at Manton and there were 187 of us, out of 700, on strike for a year. We had a tough time." With 100,000 miners on strike, a minority, particularly in Nottinghamshire, continued to work, helped into the pits by a massive police presence.

**"The police were shocking. They used to just walk past and spit at us. There were 3,000 police at one point in Manton village, and a lot of them were army in police uniforms."**

"I went out picketing all the time to Notts... twice a day



Could the strike have won? "We didn't get enough support from the labour movement. Well not the movement, but Kinnock (Labour Party leader in 1984). They said they supported us, but..." Instead, John travelled around the country raising money for the strike, explaining the miners were fighting for all trade unionists, not just their own jobs.

In March 1985 the miners went back to work. "You had to swallow it," remembers John. But he's unrepentant about their cause: "A lot of people still say we were wrong. Well I say, there's no pits now – look what it's done. A lot of industry has collapsed now because of it... if the miners had won we'd have a lot more power now. People see that now."

**by Stuart Crosthwaite**

## Translating road safety

**After residents raised concerns in the August issue about road safety on Ellesmere Road, I spoke to driving instructor Abdul Majeed Najib on the topic.**

"The government are doing quite well promoting road safety," Abdul told me, "but they do a lot in national papers and don't do that much in local areas. It's driving instructors like me that need to make people aware."

Abdul also pointed out that a lot of road safety information tends to be in English, which is often not the main language of the many nationalities living in Burngreave. "I speak lots of different languages so I often translate for my students. Driving theory does come in different languages, but often my students still need me to guide them through it." Abdul called for more leaflets and road safety information to be aimed at a wider spectrum of people, recognising the multicultural nature of our community.

Although, as Abdul points out: "A good thing about the area is



that is has speedbumps." Ellesmere Road residents reminded us in our last issue that not all areas do and besides, they are not always enough. "There are lots of schools in Burngreave, and lots of traffic. Drivers need to be more aware of what's going on around them, especially where children are playing." Abdul added.

**"The key to being a good driver is good observation and planning. They have to anticipate the actions of pedestrians and other drivers, instead of waiting until the last minute."**

It's not only drivers who need more road safety advice though. Children also need to be more aware. As Abdul told me: "A lot of kids don't use the road crossings properly." So perhaps it's time for an update to the old 'Stop, Look and Listen' motto to make kids pay attention again.

Abdul works under the company name of AMN School of Motoring and can be contacted on 0779 902 3873.

**by Kate Atkinson**



Sheffield Property Shop

## Helping you find a home

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**(0114) 272 5363**

or by calling into Burngreave Housing Office, Spital Hill. tel: (0114) 203 9349

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## BLSA Translation and Interpretation Course 2004-5

**Burngreave Language Support Agency will be running a training course for all residents who want to become translators and interpreters.**

**The course starts in September and will run for 33 weeks. The classes are on weekends (Saturdays) with approx. 3 hours classroom time per week.**

**Places are limited so if you would like the opportunity to earn money and help people and professionals to communicate accurately, please don't delay.**

**Contact the BLSA team on 272 2833 or 272 8008, Or visit us at 12 Burngreave Road or email [info@blsa.org.uk](mailto:info@blsa.org.uk)**

Burngreave New Deal for Communities is a 10 year £52m regeneration programme established to tackle the issues of deprivation in the Burngreave area. As we begin year 4 of our 10 year vision to regenerate Burngreave, a vibrant multi-cultural community situated close to Sheffield city centre, we need to recruit key individuals who have energy, ideas, and who enjoy a challenge and can operate in a complex environment whilst working effectively as part of a team.



### Community Engagement Manager 3 year post £25,770-29,861

Burngreave's vibrant, multicultural community is one of its greatest strengths, but making sure that everyone gets involved with this exciting regeneration programme is a real challenge. If you feel that you have the skills to help us with this, we would love to see you. We are looking for someone with:

- Proven skills in engaging hard to reach communities
- A track record of working with minority ethnic communities
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- The ability to listen and debate
- Experience of writing and delivering a community engagement strategy

and much more.

Closing date for applications: 13 September 2004  
Interview/Assessment: 30 September 2004

### PA to Partnership Board £17,409-21,033

Providing an effective and efficient PA service to our Partnership Board members, you will need to have:

- Good clear communication skills
- The ability to work in a multicultural/multi lingual area
- The ability to negotiate with senior members, co-ordinate events and arrange meetings using your own initiative
- Extensive IT skills
- Experience of minute taking in an open forum meeting style
- Previous experience of working in a PA role
- The flexibility and commitment to attend meetings in the evenings and weekends

and much more.

Closing date for applications: 13 September 2004  
Interview/Assessment: 29 September 2004

**Applications from residents of the Burngreave New Deal for Communities area are particularly welcome for all our posts. For further information and an application pack please contact BNDfC on 0114 279 6932.**

# Ignored no more

**Following our article 'Woods Campaigner Tired of Being Ignored' in the August issue, about Peter Mappin's struggles with the Council over the state of Little Roe Woods, the Council have finally cleared the dumped material and erected a barrier to keep fly-tippers out.**

Peter Mappin told us he was pleased the Council had finally taken notice of his concerns was happy with the results. Nick Sellwood, Woodlands Manager sent us the following response.

Little Roe Woods is managed by the Trees and Woodlands Team, part of the Council's Parks Woodlands and Countryside Service. Prior to 2000, none of the main entrances were secure and there was frequent dumping of cars and fly-tipping. In 2000 all the access points were secured with gates and pedestrian squeezes. We have worked with local people and schools to raise awareness of the site, promote its positive use and discourage anti-social behaviour.

A large amount of fly-tipping has been removed over the last few years and we endeavour to remove material as soon as possible. During 2004 six instructions were issued to Street Force, and our cleansing team to remove dumped material. All the material shown in the article has been removed.

However a track alongside Little Roe Wood has continued to be used for dumping. It belongs to Sheffield Homes, adjoins land held by Social Services and acts as an access for Sheaf Training. We have been working in partnership with these bodies and the Firshill TARA to resolve the issue since early Spring.



*"I am pleased to say the access track is being secured with a gate, pedestrian squeeze and fencing, and work should be completed by early August."* – Nick Sellwood

The main pond has been de-silted twice in the last five years, but has now refilled. We are working with the Burngreave Ranger and Greenwatch Project Teams to help restore it in a way that will reduce the build up. This work is planned for autumn when wildlife is less active.

We very much appreciate people reporting problems or concerns. Contact the Parks Woodlands and Countryside Service on 250 0500. Incidents of fly-tipping can be reported to Street Force on 273 4567.

## Sports news... Sports news

### Under 14s Girls football!



The Burngreave Sports Project in association with Pitsmoor Adventure Playground is working to create Burngreave's very first girls' football team, Pitsmoor Girls. Trained by an FA-qualified female coach, they will compete in the new Sheffield and Hallamshire Girls' League starting in September. We have some girls already training, but we know there are many more talented players who we need to make our team a success. Training is at Firs Hill Sports and Arts Facility (behind Firs Hill School) every Saturday, 1.30–2.30pm. Team trials will be on Saturday 4th September – we look forward to seeing you there!

For more information contact Katy Burnett on 0790 993 6381.

### Basketball sessions



Your new community coach Ben Hamilton is about to set up a new session for any budding basketball players in Burngreave. The session will run on Wednesdays, 4.30–5.30pm, Verdon Recreation Centre and is for 14–18 year old boys. Ben will be on hand to provide coaching and match practice and we hope to develop a team to compete in the central venue league that runs from the English Institute of Sport.

For more information contact Ben Hamilton on 0781 068 5523.

### Congratulations to Burnwood cricket team



Big congratulations to Burnwood cricket team, supported by the Burngreave Sports Project, who reached the semi-finals of the Barnsley and District Under 11s Cricket League Cup narrowly losing to Houghton Main in early August. Their first season has been a great success and a full review will appear in next month's *Messenger*, so watch this space!

### Burngreave Saints JFC 2004–05 season

Affiliated to the Sheffield and District Junior Sunday League. Home matches played at Petre Street playing field at 11am.

Date	Under 7s	Under 8s	@
5th	Bramley	Norton Lees	Away
12th	Middlewood Rovers	Brunsmear	Away
26th	Eckington	Wisewood	Away

For more information contact:

Under 7s: Patrick Edwards on 0774 783 1856.

Under 8s: Brian Hilton on 0794 044 1074.

### Bowlers wanted

Abbeyfield Bowlers still await the refurbishment of their green in Abbeyfield Park but in the meantime alternative accommodation has been found. The men's team are playing at Concord over the winter and are looking for more players. The facilities are also available to the women's team, they too need new players. The teams need to register by November to play in next season's league. To get involved or for more information contact Mr Tew on 246 7291.



# Pride in new plaza



*Business partners Nigel Ramsey and Chris Gordon.*

**Based at 64 to 68a Spital Hill, the Spital Hill Plaza & Function Room project has already attracted interest from a large section of our community's small enterprises. A florist, fish market, clothing sales, barber and beauty salon, blending with a charity shop while above that sits a large function room. These things are already earmarked for Burngreave's first shopping plaza.**

"Today the finishing touches are being made to complete a seven-year dream," explained Mr Nigel Ramsey, owner of Spiritual Wines and a man I began to see not only as an entrepreneur but possible future community champion. Nigel has been developing the enterprise with business partner Chris Gordon, but the hands-on work has been a real team effort. Nigel wanted to thank the many people who've helped make this project happen, "especially my family, a special thanks to our personal electrician Eva, who wired the whole building, and all the members of our community who worked work hard free of charge."

## Restoration Charity Shop

Meeting some of those taking up units inside the plaza I was greeted warmly by Pastor Joy Muzumala, a member of Restoration Family Ministries. Their shop will bid to raise funds for those less privileged in this community and around the world.

"Our organisation originated in Africa and has many churches in the poor districts of South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe," explained Joy, appealing to those more fortunate, with clothes, toys or other items to donate, to contact the shop on 243 9981.

***"I believe this joint African and Caribbean retail plaza is a brilliant idea that must benefit a community changing for the better. I hope all our people will take responsibility and pride in this new enterprise and its leadership."***

## The Dance School

Ballet, tap and dance will take place up stairs in the function room for both male and females of all ages and abilities. Dance teacher, Laura Windle, used to dance and teach at Margaret Harding's Dance School that was once situated above Keith Laycock's.

***"Limbering up will be the main classes, teaching everyone to concentrate on stretching. This will be in preparation for moving onto other classes or just want to tone up their body."***



Other classes will include street dancing, traditional tap and freestyle. Pupils will be encouraged to take part in training, competitions and shows. To enrol children or to be involved in dance teaching or performance speak to Laura on 0776 694 2150.

## Black Dragons Martial Arts

The Black Dragons martial arts group was established back in the 1980s by Denton Wilson and Tony Sinclair. "The Black Dragons are a force to be reckoned with," laughed Tony. "As you know this entails working with local youths and we are looking to re-establish self defence, keep fit and self discipline. We will be training upstairs in the Plaza function rooms twice a week and this is open to everybody." Tony also added how nice it is to see local black people putting positive things back into the community.

## Mombassa Fisheries



Zuleo Matthias and Saidi Msigiti are happy to be back in the heart of our community. "We have been in Castle Market and Park Hill," explained Saidi. "People from Burngreave have followed and supported us where ever we've been," added Zuleo. "Now we are back Burngreave we will continue to be fish specialists."

Mombassa imports fresh frozen fish from tropical islands and others from oceans and seas all over the world.

"We will also be a Halal butchery selling chicken, fresh meat and goat, fruit and vegetables, plantain, yam, sweet potato and okra," adds Saidi, "and we are doing a free delivery service taking phone orders, gutting fish, cleaning meat and de-scaling all fish purchases."

For further information call 275 4408.



## The Blue Mountain Café Bar

Café bar and patisserie blending an aroma of coffees from all over the world. Joint proprietor Steven Mongoose Naylor (right) explains the plans they have. "We intend to provide an up-market style café bar Rob, serving espressos, lattes, mochas as well as tropical, herb and different specialist teas, sandwiches, cream cakes, biscuits and ice cream.

*The Blue Mountain*, situated at the main entrance, will have fair-weather designer outdoor seating."



## Hair R' Us

Adrian Melhado (right) is already an established black barber in the area. Here since 2001, he has been working out of Andrea's shop on Spital Hill. "I have over twelve years hair managing experience behind me," he adds with confidence. "I cater for all African and Caribbean hair styles from plaits, perms, corn rows and all style of cuts." He believes that finally moving into his own affordable premises in the plaza, will not only benefit his customers but also himself. "I'd like to say enough respect Rob, to Nigel and Chris for their hard work on an idea that will do a lot for people and the community."



**Spital Hill Plaza & Function Room opens in September, signalling for many the beginning of a new era for our community and a lot more. For information on unit spaces, retail outlets or function room events and bookings, contact Nigel Ramsey on 278 7668.**



by Rob Smith

## Community News

### 'Not just for the Irish!'

CARA offers a free and confidential information, advice and support service primarily for the Irish community but also for anyone who can benefit from our services. Jackie Berry is our new Senior Advice Case Worker and offers information and advice on Welfare Rights, Pensions, Debt and Housing. Daniel Donovan is our Social Inclusion Officer and works with people who have mental health problems and/or problems to do with drugs and alcohol. Eileen Burn is the Irish Survivors Outreach Officer who supports people who were abused as children in institutions in the Republic of Ireland.

Anyone interested in our services can get in touch with us on 221 0481.

### Kashmir Education Trust

The Kashmir Education Trust have been developing a programme of cultural education and enhancement for many years. Following the launch of their Reach High project in July they are now starting to plan educational visits around England and even an overland expedition to Kashmir for second- and third-generation Muslims in our area. They would like anyone who is interested in volunteering or helping them plan for these trips to join the planning group. Contact Mohammed Younis at the Kashmir Education Trust on 272 8811 or 272 6366.

### Yemeni Women's Group

Burngreave Yemeni Women's Group have changed their name to El-Nisah which means Arabic Women. We0 aims to identify the needs and obstacles Arabic women face in the community by providing culturally appropriate services. We also aim to empower Arabic women and encourage them to be part of the community and get their voices to be heard. Our main activities include the childcare project, recreational activities for women and their children and taster courses for young people.

For more information about the El-Nisah Group contact Waela Sheibi on 256 0933.

### Verdon Street Agewell Group

Verdon Street Senior Citizens and Agewell Group went to a birthday party at Crabtree Grange, organised for Gwen Ferguson of Firshill Crescent. Also celebrating their birthdays were Hilda Phoenix of Jamaica Street, Delia Chadwick of Kilton Hill and Nellie Maybury of Spital Lane. Over fifty friends attended the party – they enjoyed an afternoon singing and dancing. Thanks to Crabtree Grange warden Gayna.





## Burngreave Cup

The football season is back with us and not least in Burngreave. Nine teams battled it out over two weekends at the prestigious Sheffield United Hallam FM Academy, The African Dream Team, Boyz In the Reggae, Kurdish Town United, Sheffield

Browlers, Red United, Spectrum Stars, Samba Milan, Nacro All Stars, and the Sickness Crew all taking part in the Burngreave Cup 2004.

Last year's victors the African Dream Team were this year put into the shade by the stylish Samba Milan, who beat them in the final 1-0. Sheffield Browlers and Nacro Allstars also rating highly in the leagues.

All the matches were played with enthusiasm and aggression, match officials kept games under control and the physio ensured safety throughout the tournament.

Hopefully we will be able to realise a Burngreave team in the near future consisting of players from these exiting young teams.

by David Ainscough



## Children's Festival of Sport

The Lord Mayor opened the Children's Festival of Sport on Saturday, 21st August. Presented by the Burngreave New Deal, BCAT, and Firhill Tenants and residents association the day brought together members of the community young and old, and everyone was catered for.

The event was in support of the world firefighter games, the fire brigade contributing with many activities including the crowd impressing chip pan fire display.

Amongst the many sporting activities was former world boxing champion Paul 'Silky' Jones and the 'Skippercise', with one of the many interactive games for the children. Including craft and jumble stalls and a display by the Firhill History Society, this really was a great day out for everyone. The New Deal information vehicle once again provided the music and was the stage for the prize presentations.

by David Ainscough





# Osgathorpe Jam – One Love 2004

The One Love Jam made a welcome second annual appearance on the afternoon of Sunday 25th July in Osgathorpe Park. Despite the non arrival of the prearranged sunshine, local people turned out for food, music, stalls and festival fun.

This year's One Love Festival was again created and promoted by Aisha Special K assisted by the young members of Burngreave Problem Busters.



## Adventure pitches camp

Pitsmoor kids had great fun on their summer camp despite downpours and thunder storms. Pitsmoor Adventure Playground's annual outdoor expedition was supported by Awards for All and New Deal's small grants fund.

Don't miss the Playground's end of summer party on Saturday 4th September, there'll be music, food, competitions, prizes, a bouncy castle and more. Contact the playground on 203 9394 for more info.



## SureStart picnic

SureStart's teddy bear's picnic had the under five's smiling in Abbeyfield Park on 19th August.





# Jobs, jobs, jobs...

## Local Jobs For Local People

*Do you want to help the Burngreave area to be cleaner and greener? Thanks to the agreement between Burngreave New Deal for Communities and Sheffield City Council you can help this happen.*

**2 Jobs Available Now**

### **Burngreave Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team Operatives** **£287.59 per week**

Duties include:

- General horticulture and grounds maintenance
- Cleaning duties of streets and other sites
- Removal of fly tipping
- Operate appropriate powered hand tools

**Closing Date: 10 September 2004**

Informal enquiries:

Pete Townsend (0114) 231 2422

Application forms and further details are available from:  
Human Resources Section, Olive Grove Depot  
on (0114) 273 5232



## **Burngreave Support Network Community Advocacy Project**

**Three Year fixed-term project**

Burngreave New Deal for Communities are funding this new and innovative generic advocacy project. We intend to appoint four paid advocates who will be working in the community from a range of outreach bases. Applicants must have an awareness of the needs of ethnic minority communities and an ability to build good working relationships.

### **Community Advocate for the Somali Community**

17.5 hours £19815 per annum pro rata

Must be fluent in Somali

### **Community Advocate for the Asian Community**

17.5 hours £19815 per annum pro rata

Must be fluent in Urdu/Punjabi

### **Community Advocate for the Yemeni Community**

17.5 hours £19815 per annum pro rata

Must be fluent in Arabic

### **Community Advocate for the African Caribbean Community**

17.5 hours £19815 per annum pro rata

For informal enquiries please contact Norah Brown (Project Co-ordinator)

And/or for application form (no CVs accepted) apply to:

**Burngreave Support Network: Community Advocacy Project**  
Floor 3, SADACCA, 48 Wicker, Sheffield S3 8JB  
Tel: (0114) 275 0262

Closing date for applications:

**20 September 2004**

Interviews week commencing:

**27 September 2004**

*This project is managed by  
Pitsmoor Citizens Advice Bureau*



## **Verdon Recreation Centre – Development Officer**

**Grade/Salary: £19,713 (Fixed salary – SCP 26) – Pro rata**

**Post ref: DEL 200 LTP**

**Directorate: Development, Environment & Leisure**

**Location: Verdon Recreation Centre, Verdon Street**

**Hours: 18.5 Hours – Temporary 3 year contract to March 2007**

Verdon Recreation Centre is a long established facility in the heart of Burngreave. It is currently used for a wide variety of activities and is a key resource to the local community. External funding has successfully been secured through BNDfC to contribute towards refurbishment of the centre, together with development of its role to provide a quality training venue and a facility for sport and physical activities in the community. This project is partly funded through Burngreave New Deal for Communities and is line managed by Activity Sheffield.

The Development Officer will be responsible for the project management of the centre's refurbishment, development of sports training/coaching courses, line management of the Administration Officer, developing a new strategic direction for the centre's activities, making the centre part of a network of complementing local facilities and facilitating the return of the centre to community management.

Candidates will therefore need suitable project management experience, experience of managing a community facility and excellent communication and organisational skills.

**For an application form contact: Leisure Personnel, tel: 273 5975**

**Informal Enquires contact: Marie Croker, Activity Sheffield Area Manager**  
tel: 0114 273 5063 or 0114 249 1626

**Closing Date: 16 September 2004 • Interview Date: 29 September 2004**

*Please note that this post provides substantial access to children. All successful applicants criminal conviction record with the police will be checked.*

**Sheffield  
City Council**



# Education Jobs in Burngreave

Sheffield Local Education Authority is working in partnership with local schools and Burngreave New Deal on projects:

- to raise the educational achievement of young people from the area
- to encourage parents to become involved with the schools to support their children and to gain qualifications for themselves

There are a number of jobs arising from these projects. We welcome applications from under-represented groups and from those people who live in the Burngreave New Deal for Community area.



**For further details and an application form please apply to:**

**Sheffield Local Education Authority**

**Human Resources, Bannerdale Centre, 125 Carterknowle Road, Sheffield S7 2EX**

**Tel: 0114 273 6385**

**Closing date for applications: 23 September 2004**

**Interviews week commencing: 27 September 2004**

## Community Education Co-ordinator

**1 post** - could be two 0.5 job-share posts  
(Fixed contract until the end of August 2007)

**Salary: SUG 8, fixed on spinal column point 37 - £27,372**

**Location: Firth Park Community College - 0.5  
Parkwood Secondary School - 0.5**

**Hours: 37 hours, 52 weeks per year**

The purpose of this post is to assist the headteachers and governors to develop learning activities for adults and young people from the Burngreave New Deal for Communities area using the facilities of the schools. The post will be managed by the Headteachers.

This is an opportunity for a committed and enthusiastic individual who wants to be part of the transformation of Burngreave to increase the numbers of people involved in learning within the area. You will work in schools to organise programmes of study for parents and other family members using the facilities in that school. You will link with other initiatives in the area such as the Burngreave Community Learning Campaign and other adult learning providers.

For informal enquires contact:

Mo Laycock - Firth Park Community College - 257 6238  
Paul Howard - Parkwood High School - 231 0221/2

## Education Inclusion Officer

**1 post** (Fixed contract until the end of August 2006)

**Salary: SUG 6 point 29 - £21,867**

**Location: Bannerdale Centre, 125 Carterknowle Road.**

**Hours: 37 hours, 52 weeks per year**

The successful applicant will work closely with schools attended by Burngreave pupils to develop preventative strategies for vulnerable pupils at risk of exclusion, and to work with those pupils. The work will be directly related to the local and national priorities of social inclusion and raising attainment. It will involve working with statutory and voluntary organisations to ensure appropriate provision is provided; conducting home visits and providing support for

schools and families during the transition from primary to secondary schools.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and highly motivated individual who is committed to working in the area of social inclusion and has experience of working with disadvantaged communities.

For informal enquires contact:

Ralph Richards - 250 6886

## Bilingual Teaching Assistants

**6 posts** (Fixed contracts until the end of August 2007)

**Salary: Scp 14: £13,953 - pro-rata**

**Location: Byron Wood Primary School - 2 posts  
Firs Hill Primary School - 2 posts  
Pye Bank Primary School - 2 posts**

**Hours: 37 hours, 39 weeks per year**

Bilingual teaching assistants required to support pupils within the foundation stage (age 3-5 years) who have English is an additional language. Successful candidates must have good speaking and listening skills and have good literacy and numeracy knowledge. Successful applicants will work part of a team that develops the curriculum, monitors and evaluates the welfare and progress of children and assesses bilingual pupils' needs and achievement. Governors of these multi-ethnic schools would also welcome applications from Arabic/Punjabi/Urdu/Somali speakers. The posts will be managed by the Headteachers.

For informal enquires contact:

Tony Carter - Byron Wood School - 272 3624

Dina Martin - Firs Hill Primary School - 242 0109

Rita Storr - Pye Bank CE Primary School - 276 0472

## Part-time Primary Language teachers

Part-time primary language teachers will be required to work in Byron Wood, Pye Bank, Firs Hill and St Catherine's Primary Schools to teach Arabic, Somali, or Spanish. Further information will be available in the Sheffield Star on 9th September.

# Education News

## LEA agreement

Children from Burngreave under achieve at school compared to other parts of Sheffield. Through the Advancing Together Agreement, BNDfC and the Sheffield Education Authority have agreed some key projects to help raise achievement levels. This will see additional resources being put in to assist learning in schools and to enable parents to become more involved in supporting their children and help raise standards.

Most of these nine projects will come to fruition next term:

- Bilingual teaching assistants
- Reducing exclusions
- Community language learning in schools
- Celebration of success
- Firvale Business Enterprise Centre
- Community education co-ordinators
- Half term holiday clubs
- Breakfast and after school club
- Firs Hill community facilities

If you've got children at school make sure you get involved – look out for developments in the schools or contact Jon Cowley, BNDfC Education Theme Manager, on 292 2908.

## New posts

Some of these projects mean more jobs for the area:

- Six Bilingual Teaching Assistants with two full-time posts each at Byron Wood Primary School, Firs Hill Primary School and Pye Bank Primary School are required.
- An Education Inclusion Officer is needed to work closely with primary and secondary schools attended by Burngreave pupils to develop preventative strategies for vulnerable students at risk of exclusion.
- There is also a vacancy for a Community Education Co-ordinator at Parkwood and Firth Park.

Please see job adverts on page 13 of the *Messenger* for more details.

# A New Deal for Burngreave

## Redevelopments given

**Hundreds of Burngreave residents took time out at the recent Abbeyfield Festival to look at the design options for the redevelopment of Sorby House, Vestry Hall and the public realm.**

A lot of really positive feedback was received from local people which will allow detailed designs to be made on the options that proved to be the most popular.

Further consultation with local people will take place once these detailed designs have been developed.

The preferred options were:

### Sorby House

Option one which includes transforming the external view of the building and significantly upgrading the interior to incorporate a range of new services while maintaining the existing building structure.



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## A vehicle to be proud of!

Burngreave residents can look forward to seeing the BNDfC Community Information Vehicle out and about in the area as the official handover of the bus has taken place.

With excitement about the arrival of the bus growing and bookings already made, members of the BNDfC Community Engagement Team happily accepted the keys from Vipex – the company who made it.

The multi-purpose vehicle will be used as a display vehicle for BNDfC community events and for use by the local community and voluntary groups at little or no cost. It will attend events such as festivals or crime and health information days and be used for outreach work with young people. It also comes fully equipped with a stage area.



(L to R) Ali Abdi, Community Development Worker for BNDfC, receives the keys for the information bus from Chris Townsend, Production Manager for Vipex.



# A New Deal for Burngreave

## the green light

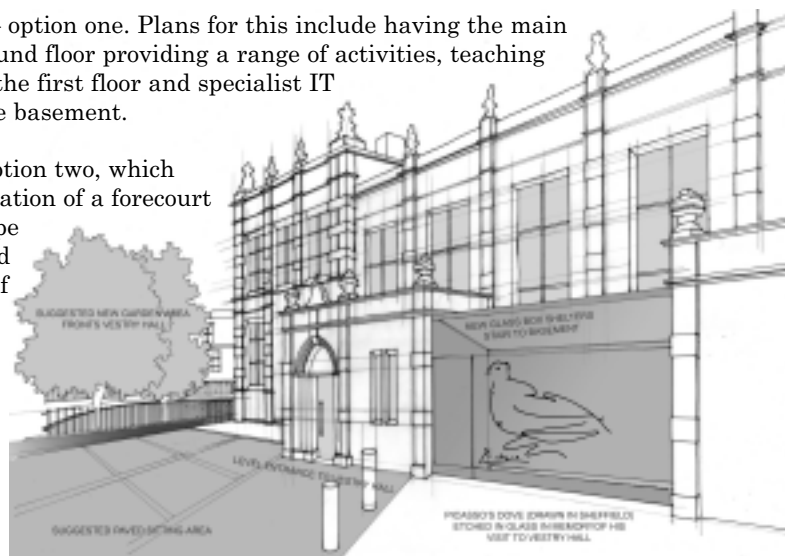
### Public Realm

The preferred option includes the closure of the slip road in front of Vestry Hall, major improvements to the road and paved areas on and around Spital Hill and the redesign of Ellsmere Green which will include the removal/relocation of the public toilets.

### Vestry Hall

Internal area – option one. Plans for this include having the main hall on the ground floor providing a range of activities, teaching classrooms on the first floor and specialist IT provision in the basement.

Externally – option two, which will see the creation of a forecourt on Grimsthorpe Road South and the extension of the grounds to provide a garden for the Vestry Hall.



## All aboard!



*Burngreave residents join representatives from BNDfC, Sheffield City Council and Objective 1 to launch the new Burngreave bus service.*

A special launch event at the BNDfC Information Shop on Spital Hill marked the start of Burngreave's newest bus routes.

The two new services, B1/B2 and D1, improving transport in and around Burngreave as well as linking Burngreave to Meadowhall, the Sheffield Airport Business Park and the new manufacturing park in Waverley, are now up and running.

The Burngreave bus projects are being run by Sheffield Community Transport. South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive has designed the service and provided funding along with BNDfC, Objective 1 and Sheffield City Council.

For more information on these bus services, including fares and times, please contact Sheffield Community Transport on 276 6148.



## Education News

### Adult learning

The Burngreave Community Language Campaign (BCLC) has just appointed a second round of 18 Community Learning Assistants. BCLC works with education, employment and training organisations in the area to raise the level of adult qualifications held by people in Burngreave and increase their ability to find and remain in employment. This involves a unique twin track approach:

- BCLC employs 18 local people every two years from Burngreave to be learning assistants and improve their skills, achieve level 2/3 qualifications and prepare them for higher education or employment.
- Through outreach workers and learning assistants, the campaign signposts, recruits and supports learners at entry level 2 until they qualify and subsequently find employment.

If you want to get involved in adult education and training please contact the Burngreave Community Learning Campaign at Forum House, 35 Spital Hill or phone 279 4960.

For further information on any BNDfC education project please contact Jon Cowley on 292 2908.

### Theme Meetings

Everyone is welcome at the following theme meetings:

#### Employment & Enterprise:

1 September, Ellesmere Children's Centre, 1.30–3.30pm

**Health:** 6 September, St Peter's, 5.30–7.30pm

**Housing:** 9 September, BCAT meeting room, 6–8pm

**Over-arching:** 14 September, The Furnival, Verdon Street, 6–8pm

**Education:** 15 September, St Peter's Church Hall, Lyons Street, 6–8pm

**Crime:** 21 September, Pitsmoor Methodist Church, 6–8pm

**Environment:** 30 September, Pitsmoor Methodist Church, 6–8pm



**contact: 276 9134**

# Burngreave Area Panel

## Helping to Clean Up Burngreave

The Burngreave Area Panel is working with Street Force to help make sure our streets are kept clean and tidy. We regularly walk around the area with officers to point out problems and help come up with solutions. Here are just a few of the things that happened as a result of our last walkabout in June:

- An intensive clean up of the Fir Vale Road/Goddard Hall Road area on 28th June, unblocking drains and sweeping up silt, litter and tree debris from roads and pavements. (Thanks to every one who helped out by moving their cars!)
- New litterbins ordered for outside Firs Hill School and by the bus stop on Barnsley Road/Osgathorpe Road.

- Fly tipping removed from various sites around the area.
- Street cleaning schedules changed to make sure problem areas are cleaned and checked more regularly.
- A general clean up of silt that had collected in gutters and around traffic islands across the whole area

If there are any areas you would like us to look at on our next walkabout please let us know by contacting your area action team at the address below. Alternatively you can report problems direct to Street Force by calling 273 4567.

## Money, Money, Money...

Our fourth round of Community Chest grants is now available. We accept applications from groups within Burngreave and Fir Vale for up to £200.00. Over the past three years we have given out grants to over thirty local groups to fund things as varied as play equipment, training, arts projects, youth activities, environmental improvements, support for small groups and celebrations that promote this area. The list is endless so if you have an idea and want to find out if your group is eligible or for an application pack call us on 276 9134. The deadline for this round is Friday, 1st October 2004 at 5.00pm. Payments will be made in mid October.



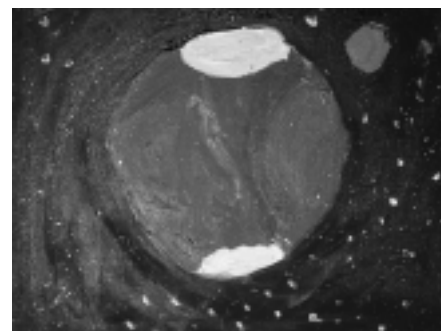
*Support to the Burngreave Junior Cricket Team*



*A bench for the Burngreave Domestic Abuse Project*



*Funding for SEKNA Women's Day*



*Art materials for Ellesmere Out of School Club*

## Councillor's Surgery Dates

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



- There are no surgeries during August.
- 9th September 10.30–11.30am at the Furnival, Verdon Street
- 11th September from 11.00am to 12.00 noon at Burngreave Library, Spital Hill and 12.15pm to 1.00pm at Firhill Tenants' and Residents' Association, 11a Firhill Glade

- 14th September from 5.30 to 6.00 p.m. at Wensley, Tenants' and Residents' Association, 5 Wensley Croft
- 16th September from 12.30 to 1.30pm at Earl Marshal Youth Centre, Heathcote Street
- 24th September from 2.30 to 3.30pm at Carwood Cornerstone, Grimesthorpe Road/Carwood Road
- 30th September from 6.00 to 7.00pm at Shirecliffe Community Centre opposite Busk Meadow Park

## Next Area Panel Meeting Dates

The date for your next Area Panel meeting is:

- Thursday 30th September, 6.30 to 8.30pm at a venue to be confirmed

Don't forget you can contact the Area Panel and Burngreave Area Action Team at: 12–14 Burngreave Road, Sheffield, S3 9DD

Tel/Fax: 276 9134 Email: [kieron.williams@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:kieron.williams@sheffield.gov.uk)

# Young visions of Burngreave

**Young people have always been a top priority for the community. Finding ways for them to be heard and influence what goes on has never been easy but when imaginative ideas are tried the results can be insightful and inspiring.**

This page highlights two recent opportunities for young people to express themselves. We think the results are insightful and inspiring and hopefully time will prove them to be influential as well.

**The Burngreave After School Study Support Project have recently run a writing competition and here we bring you extracts from the winning entries. The project aims to raise the achievement of Yemeni pupils and is funded by Burngreave New Deal for Communities through the Yemeni Community Association. The project restarts on 6th September for Y10 and Y11. For more information, contact Diane Haimeed on 256 0933.**

## Creating a community vision

As I look from my bedroom window all I can see is joy riders, deals, drugs and many more. I have seen cars crashing into each other making sounds like Bang! Crash! and Ring Ring! But as the years have gone by the council has begun to build speed bumps, consequently there are fewer crashes.

Also, of the things that I can see now have improved, especially in the last 3-4 years is less violence and that is a good thing. In future, this place will continue to improve because kids, children and even adults can go out and smell the fresh air.

My family is part of this community and they think that violence existed at the start, but as the years went past they all started to get out. The neighbours were scared at the start, but now they are all right. They've started to get to know us and to get together with us, now we visit each other at any time of day.

What I would like to see in the future is to have more facilities, for younger children and even adults, football, tennis, cricket etc. There should be more clubs for younger children so they can organise trips.

**Mohammed Kaid, 15 years**

## My Community Pitsmoor

As I walk around my community I can't help to stop and think about the state it is in. The streets covered with litter like a junk yard. The houses are old looking and are about to collapse. The roads cracked up giving cars a bumpy ride.

What you hear in my community are horrifying sounds of gunshots, sometimes even the shouting of people in trouble. The joy riders riding fast and furiously up and down the streets, contributing to civilian fear to go out of their houses. I would rather listen to the sound of the wind blowing and the birds singing. The sound of children playing, not breaking the law.

The vision that is witnessed by the children just encourages them to forget about their education and attempt an illegal struggle to become the gangster of the block. The drug dealing creates an idea that the only way to make money is to go out and sell drugs.

Some adults are also creating a negative scene by not getting into work and smoking on the streets next to the children and showing them the wrong path through life. They should be out there working, not showing children bad acts, they are at the stage where they start to make life decisions and that is interfered by what they see the older ones do.

Ways the government could make my community a better place is by making sure children are attending school; build youth clubs to give children something to put them off criminal acts; the big drug dealers to be stopped so the teenagers don't get that easy choice. Finally police it a bit more to make the criminals be more fearful.

**Hussain Husain, 15 years**

**Young people also had the opportunity to post comments on the Sheffield Futures graffiti board at the recent Abbeyfield Multicultural Festival. Here are just a few of their ideas.**



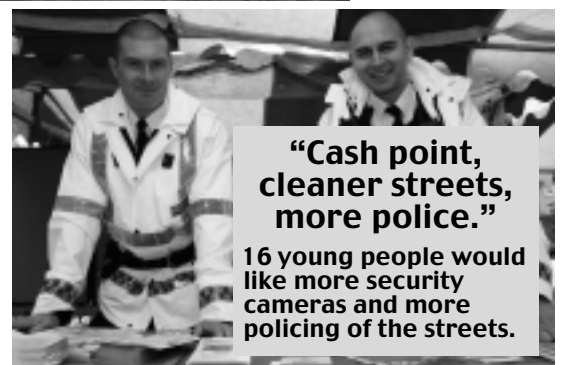
**"Spital Hill done up good and fast."**

21 young people would like more green, open space with flowers and cleaner streets/less graffiti.



**"I would like more festival."**

36 young people would like more youth clubs/trips/activities, fun, music and dance.



**"Cash point, cleaner streets, more police."**

16 young people would like more security cameras and more policing of the streets.





Dear *Messenger*,

It was with horror, disgust and incredulity that I read the article 'Council plan transformation' in the August issue. When will the planning authorities learn that 'demolition and new build' is not the answer to the regeneration of an area?

Sheffield's whole planning history seems to consist of knocking down the last mistake and building a new mistake. Replacing rows of terrace housing with modern ill built and designed housing will only destroy what little is left of the local history and feel for this area. With more foresight renovation should be the way forward, thereby keeping and encouraging the history of the shops and houses. You only have to look at the supposed luxury apartments along the River Don to see how quickly they become shabby and non-descript.

Yes, I definitely agree that work needs to be done to provide quality low cost housing for people, but people don't want to live in a giant featureless council estate.

People are always telling me wonderful stories of how Pitsmoor and Burngreave used to look so please don't let the City destroy any more. Forget about restoration of the Manor Castle, how about restoration of our city.

Secondly, I can't believe that Paul from the Kashmir had to learn about the demolition of his restaurant from the pages of the *Messenger*. His business is one of Spital Hill's main attractions, feeding not just local people but folk from across the city and beyond. Please treat him and other traders with a little bit of respect.

Yours, Gaby Spinks

Dear *Messenger*,

Viridor Waste Management, owners and operators of Parkwood Landfill Site, issued a press release which was printed in the *Sheffield Star*, which says that from 16th July this year hazardous waste will no longer be accepted at Parkwood. Viridor, it says, 'respects the wishes of the local community.' The Parkwood Landfill Action Group are aware that due to the new European directive on landfill sites, hazardous waste can no longer be accepted at Parkwood.

However, we are also aware that the many thousands of tons of hazardous waste accepted at the site over the last 18 years or so, still has the potential to harm human health and the environment. Particularly as huge amounts of hazardous waste known as "soda slag" is currently being dug up and moved from one area to another, in order for engineering work to take place

Staff working on this project are wearing white cover-all protective clothing which has to be destroyed at the end of the day, so surely this hazardous waste which can no longer be accepted at Parkwood, should not be moved around.

We have expressed grave concerns to both the environment Agency and to Dr Jeremy Wight, who is currently conducting a Health Impact Assessment on the possible health effects of the site on local residents.

Members of this group have also expressed concern that our City Council appear to give a very low priority to the Landfill and the problems it imposes on local residents. The Liaison Group, which was established by councilor Jan Wilson in September 2003, has had three very important meetings cancelled since April 2004. Two were due to councilors having other meetings to attend, the last one with only 2 or 3 hours notice.

This is just not good enough!

Yours faithfully

Jean Armstrong (Mrs)

Chair – Parkwood Landfill Action Group

Dear *Messenger*

Isn't it strange, where a restaurant like the Kashmir isn't given permission for a new sign because of what? It 'detracts from the special architectural and historic interest of the Spital Hill Works.' Give us a break. They didn't think that about the special architectural and historic interests of VESTRY HALL did they? They left that baby to rot while they had some meeting about some statue and got fired at by the press. A few million will be needed to get that one off the ground, hey? They wouldn't have done jack if the £50 million wasn't here. They would have left Burngreave to rot for years.

They don't give a damn about 'detract from the special architectural and historic interest of the Spital Hill Works' but setting through a government idea for a pat on the back for a 'well done job' and a great promotion to another level. Same way when some shirt and tie job did the same mess for the Centre for Popular Music in the City Centre which became what? A rip off and waste of money!

How ridiculous and hypocritical can you get when you don't even allow an entrepreneur, a business man, who employs workers in that area, invests in the community, pays business tax, and whatever comes with setting up a business, to not even allow him to put up a new sign. New Deal for Communities? Are you sure? Or is it, New Deal under arrest, "You got ideas – fill in a form, but we got our own ideas, and they come first."

I hope this rings a resounding message that Business Forums better not be some superficial mirror but a forum for entrepreneurs to have power to lobby the government or you become nothing but puppets, and we're getting sick and tired of puppets. Fight them Hussain all the way! And get involved in the Sheffield Business Forum at the Chamber of Commerce.

Adam Taha

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## A guided walk around Burngreave Cemetery

Visit:

Squirrel Run, Woodland Walk,  
Wadsley Jack, Siberia

Hear about the people and  
families that are buried in this  
beautiful wooded valley in the  
heart of Burngreave

Explained by Albert Jackson

12th September  
1.30pm – 3.30pm

Tarmac paths, disabled toilet

## An invitation to find out more about the work of the Burngreave Green Environment Programme.



**Thursday 23rd September**  
**4.30–6.30pm**  
**Abbeyfield House**

Come and meet the people involved in the project and tour some of the parks and green spaces where we are working.

We will be visiting our priority sites for this year – Abbeyfield Park, Osgathorpe Park and Catherine Street – where we will be able to show you plans of the improvements we intend to carry out. We will also look at some of the site works already carried out at Grimesthorpe Allotments, Burngreave Cemetery, Denholme Close and Harlestone Street Playing fields.

Meet at Abbeyfield House at 4.30pm. Transport provided.

Please let us know you're coming...

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burngreave photographic group present...

# first sight

an exhibition of images by burngreave based photographers

Photographers are not noted for working together. It's a solitary business like many art forms, but this month Burngreave photographers are collectively putting on an exhibition of their work in Burngreave Cemetery Chapel.

'First Sight' is the first exhibition of the Burngreave Photographic Group which formed in July this year. The group is made up of Burngreave residents ranging from experienced freelance photographers to artists using cameras to people who just like to take pictures. The show promises to be diverse and surprising.

It is hoped 'First Sight' will be the first of many activities for the Group, perhaps including further exhibitions, trips or workshops. If you would like to join come along to the exhibition and leave your contact details or come to a meeting on Tuesday 21st September at Abbeyfield Park House 6.30pm to help plan something for the future. Everyone welcome.

Opening night is Friday 3rd September 7-9pm,  
and the exhibition will continue on  
4th, 5th, 11th and 12th September  
There will be live music on Sunday  
12th September 12pm-2pm.



For more information contact Lisa on 296 6347 or [swiftlisa@burngreave.net](mailto:swiftlisa@burngreave.net)

**Wensley Street Green  
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Stalls selling homegrown fruit & vegetables, bouncy castle, live stage entertainment, football workshops, face painters, food and craft stalls.

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For more information, or to book a stall, contact Panni Poh Yoke Loh on 244 0353.

Green City Action, Abbeyfield Park House, Abbeyfield Road, Sheffield S4 7AT.



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