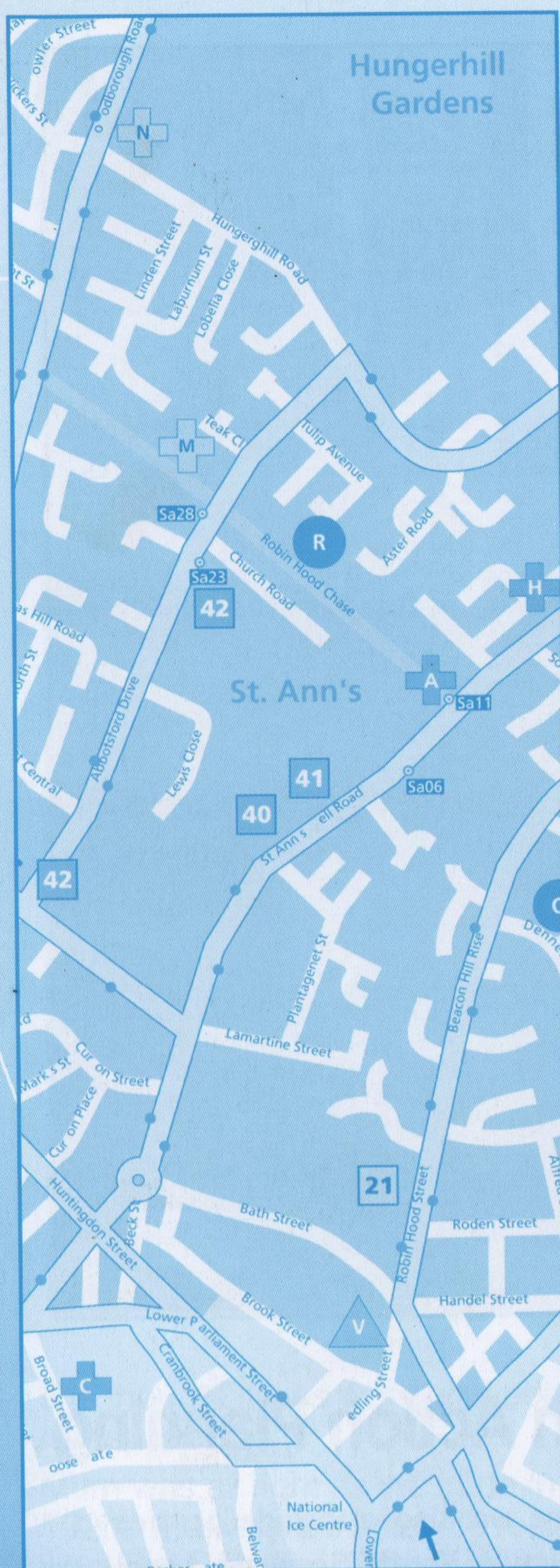


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*A newspaper for this side of Nottingham
written by the people who live and work here.*



Consultation Programme

Monday Feb 2nd
Tenants & Residents event
Open Event 7pm-8.30pm
@ Victoria Leisure Centre

Thursday 29th January
Health Event 11-3pm
@ Chase Neighbourhood Centre
Come along & see our stall

Week Beginning Feb 9th
During this week people will be out and about consulting with young people in the area

Information will be given out through schools and where possible information stalls at school events

Monday Feb 23rd
We plan to have events at various community centres during this week

Monday Feb 16th
We will be attending events for families this week in order to get feedback on the plan.
Including events at:
Oliver Hind 17th Feb 1-3pm
Old School Hall
20th Feb 10-12noon

We will be attending both local markets in order to ask questions and get opinions on the draft plan from local people
Sneinton Market (Monday 1st March)
Chase Market (Tuesday 2nd March)

There will be displays and information at the local libraries & Community Centres and larger stores in the area. Watch press for details!

Other ways you can contribute to Local Area Action Plan:

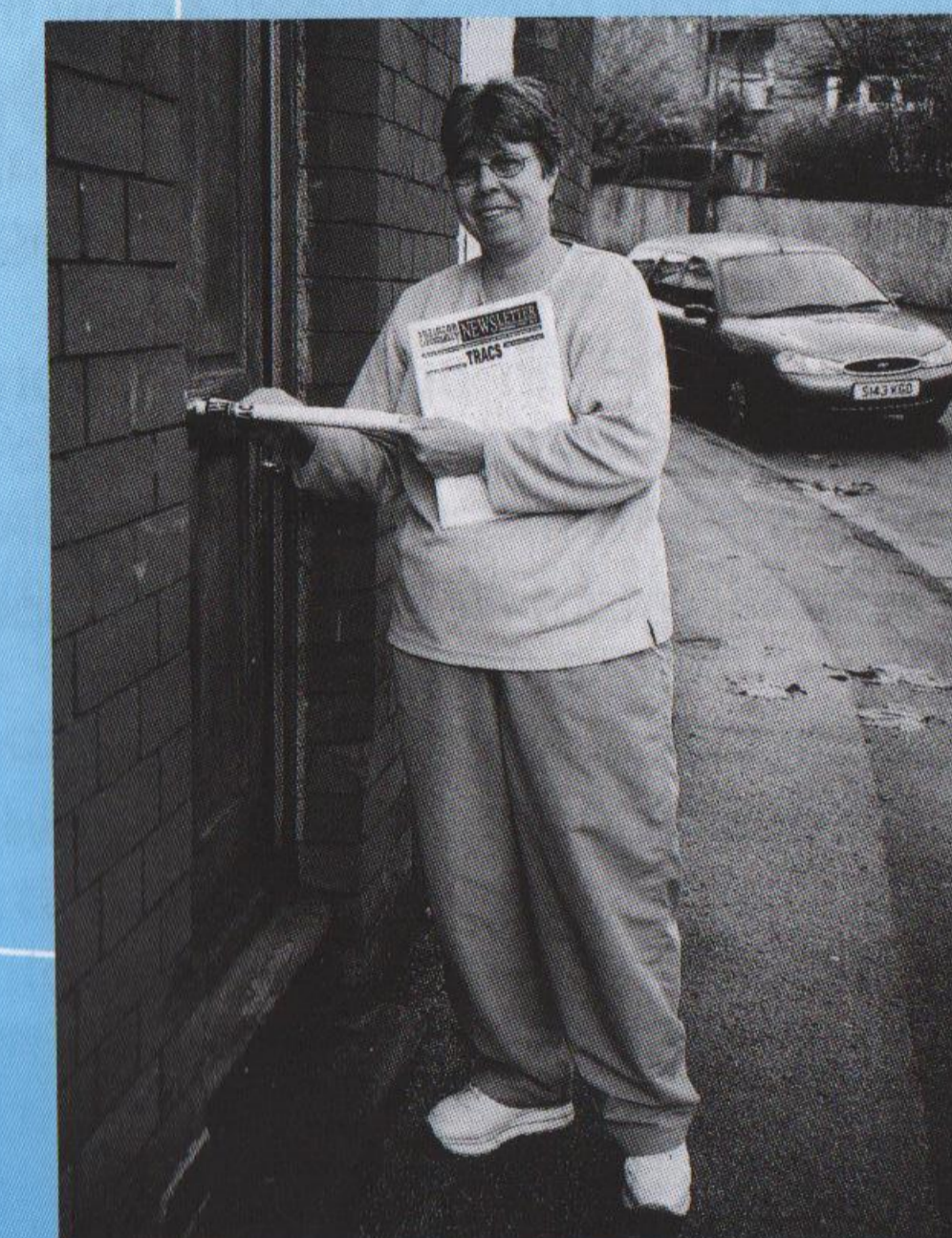
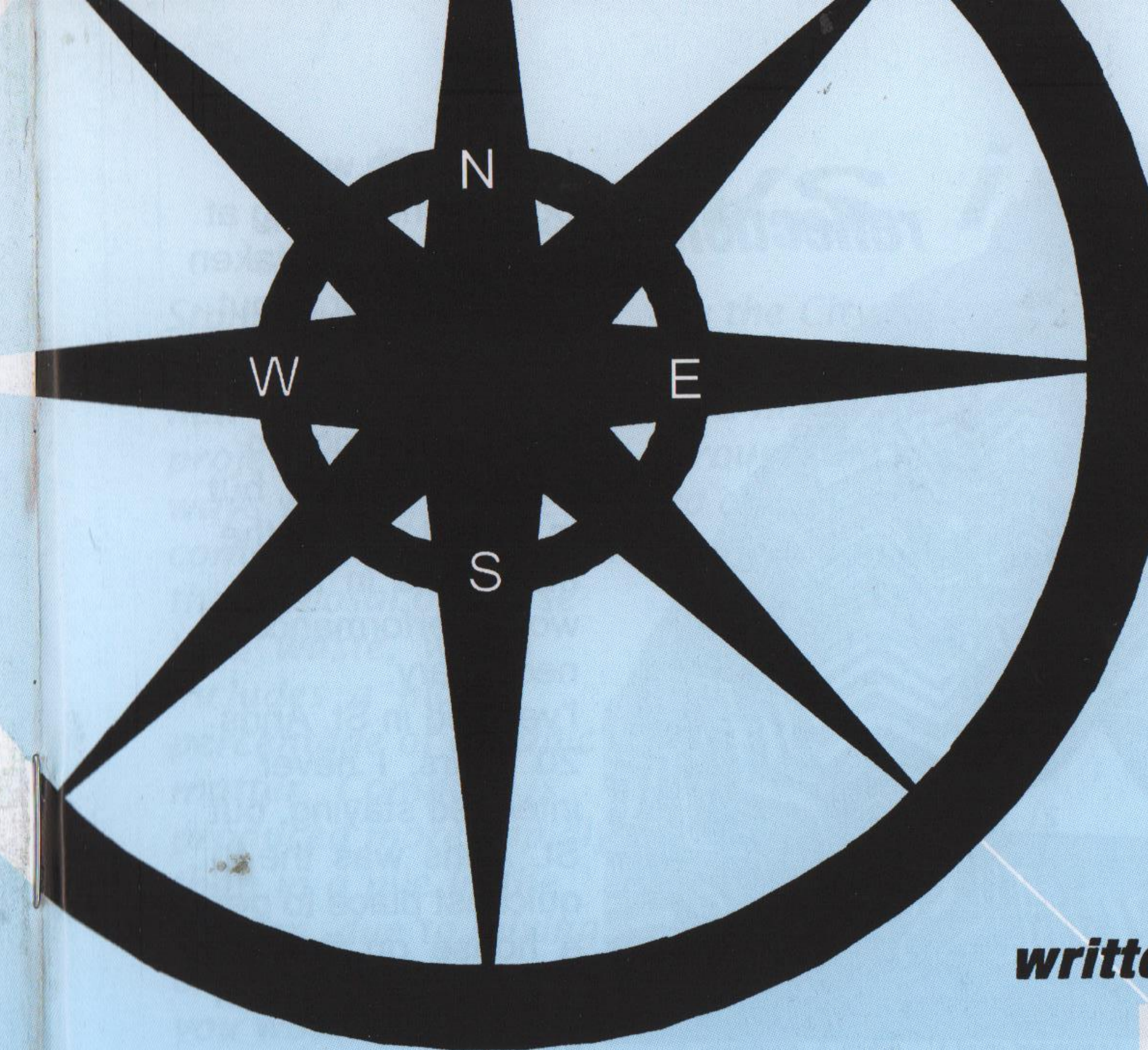
By logging onto www.renewaltrust.org.uk - Discussion Forum where there will be a copy of the action plan and you will also be able to post comments and issues

Log on to Nottinghamcity.gov.uk and then go to Area 6 to view document. You can send comments to the Area Coordinator on line.

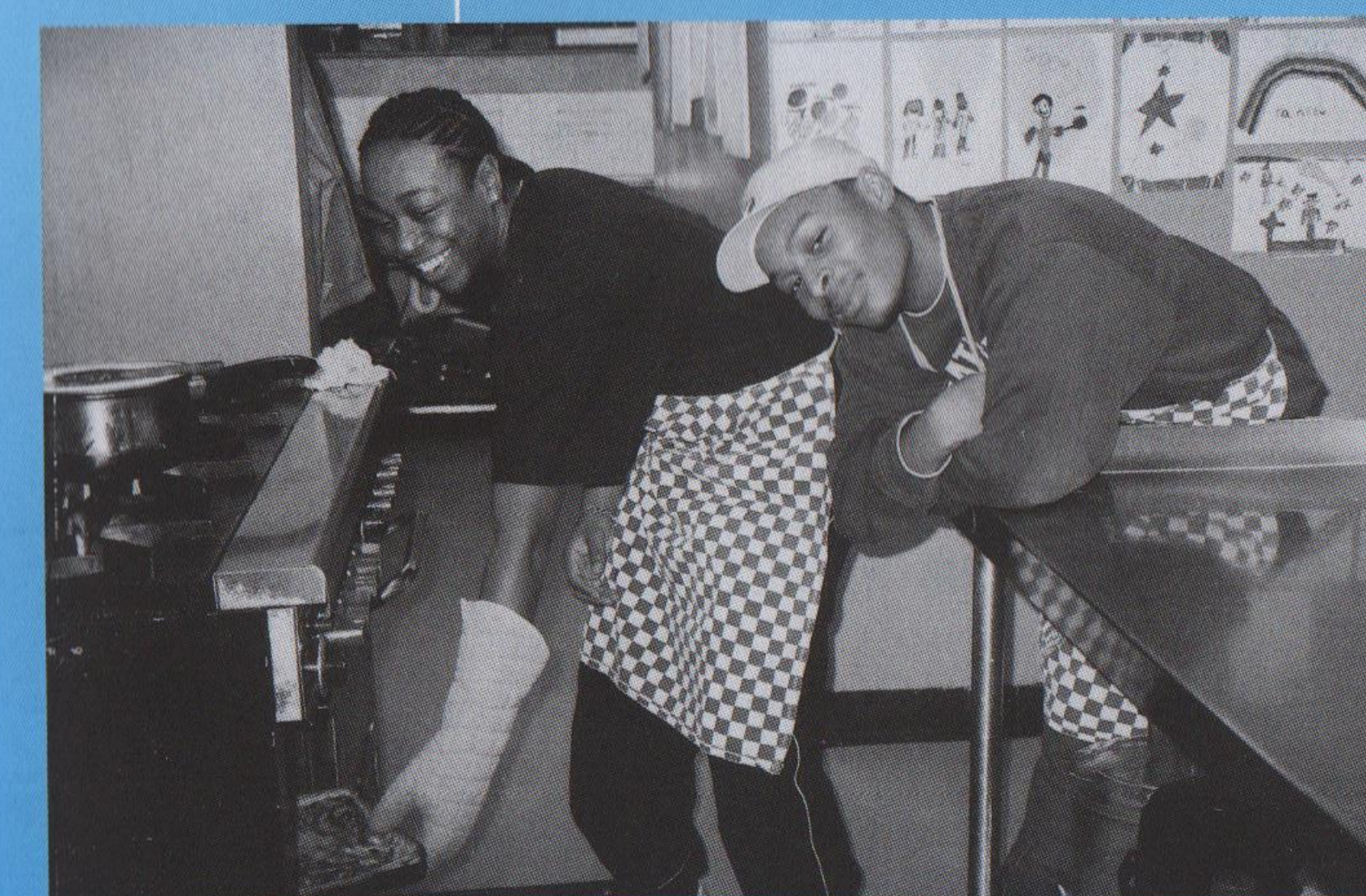
E Mail enquiries at renewaltrust.org.uk or chantelle.harness@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

If you are aware of Community Events coming up during January-March 2004 that we could attend to inform and consult people or you wish us to come and talk to your local group - contact us at

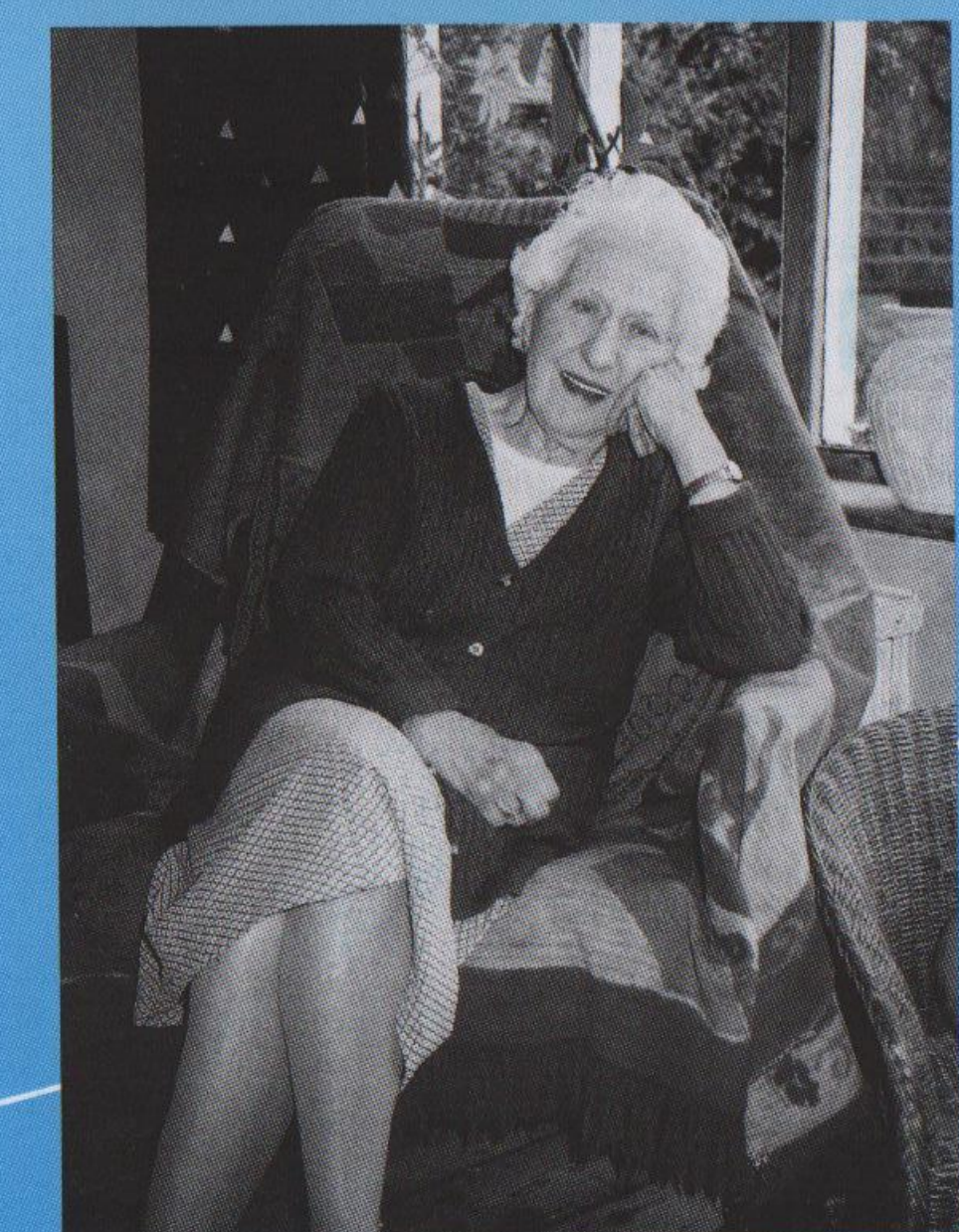
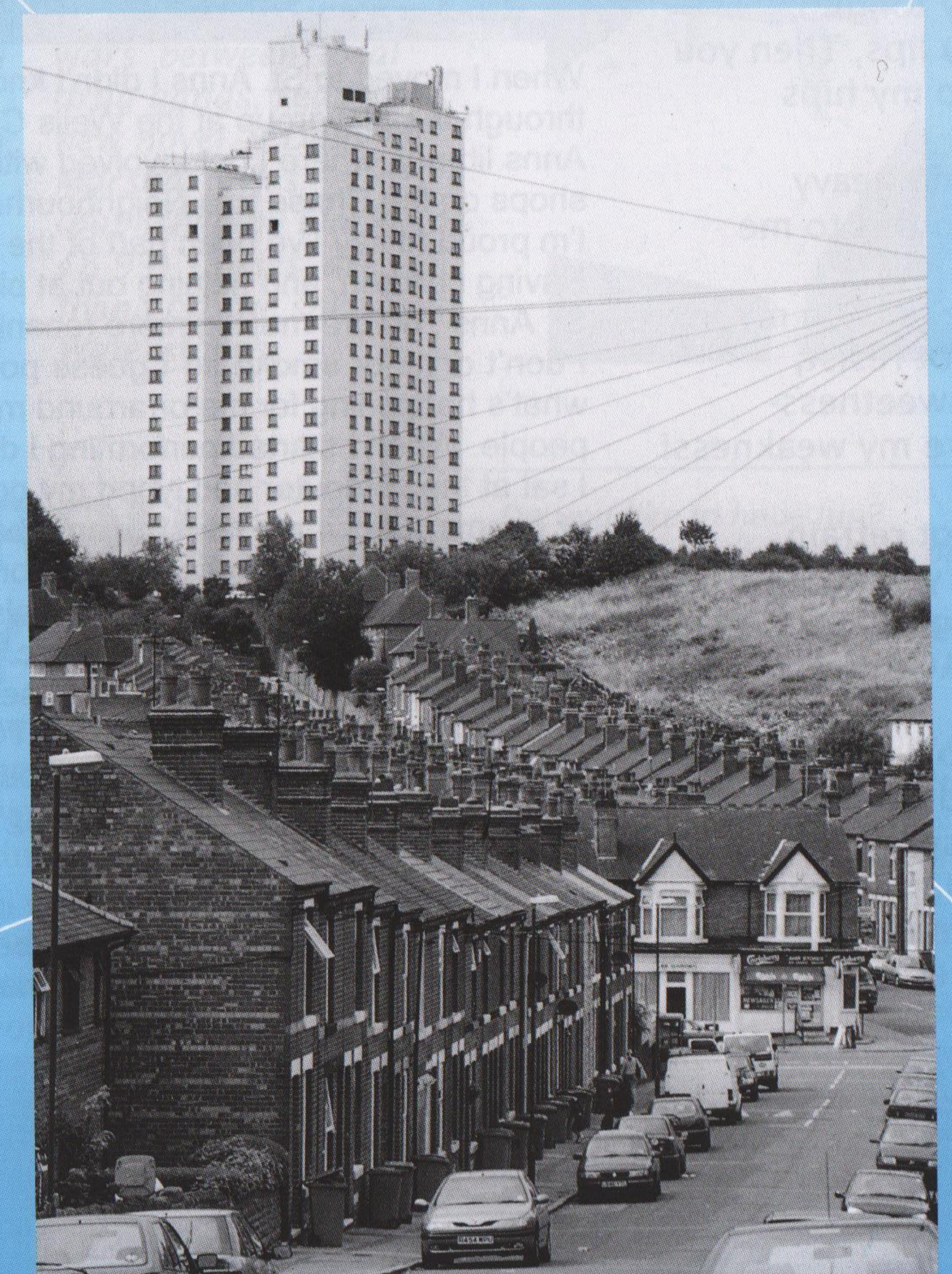
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THE POWER OF WORDS

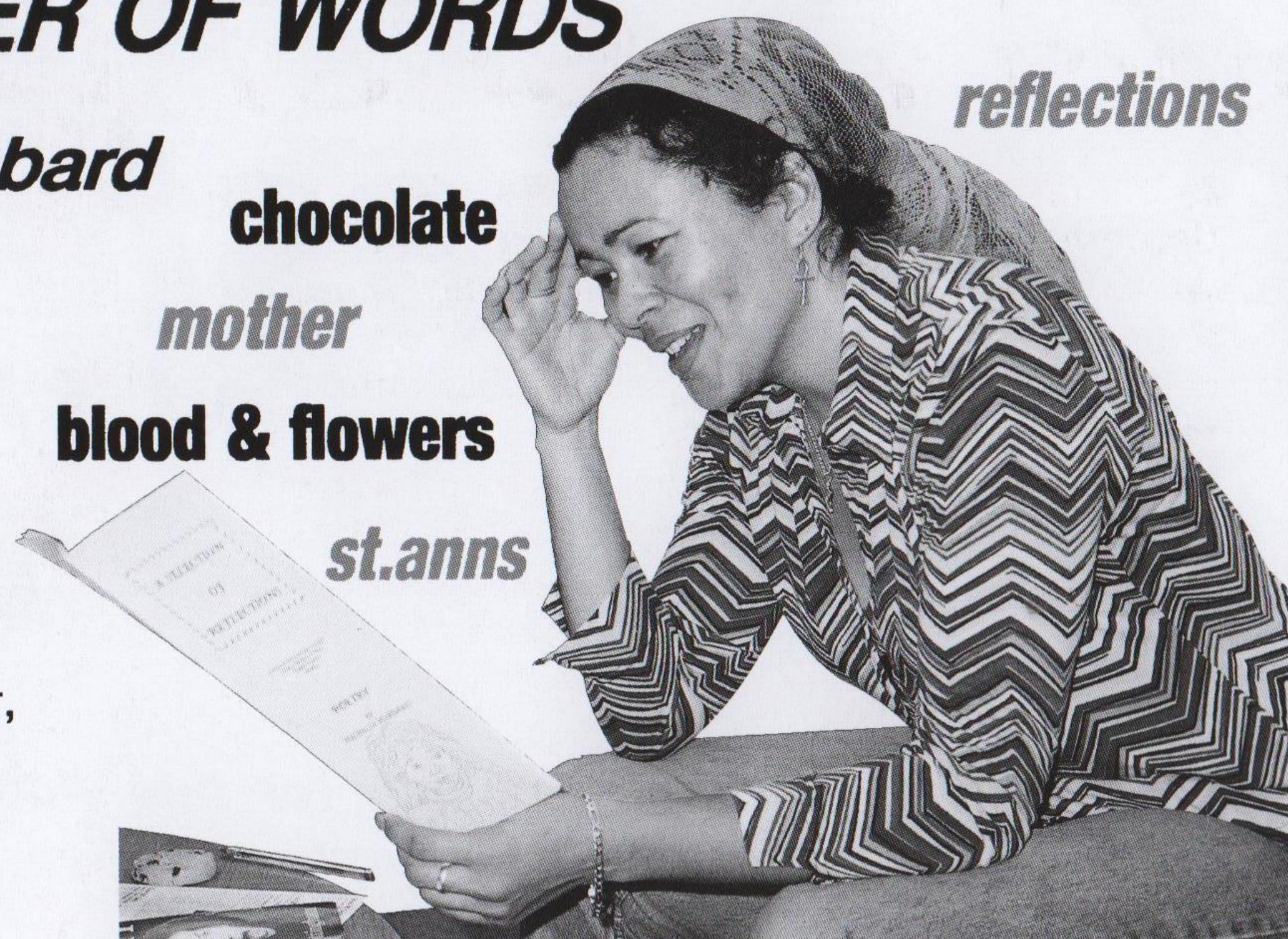
Michelle Hubbard

chocolate

mother

blood & flowers

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reflections

I have been writing poetry since being at school, but only taken it seriously for about the last 10 years. Performing poetry isn't something I'm comfortable with, but in order to share the messages in my work, performance is necessary. I've lived in St. Anns 20 years. I never intended staying, but St. Anns was the quickest place to get a house on the waiting list... and I'm still here!

When I moved to St. Anns I didn't know anyone. I got involved with the local community through the playgroup at the Wells C. C. I was taking my son to. It then moved to St. Anns library, where I got involved with the other volunteers in turning a flat above the shops on the Chase to a Neighbourhood/Advice centre! I'm proud to say I've been part of the community of St. Anns for 20 years. Having children, and helping out at playgroups, I became Play Development Worker for St. Anns, before moving more recently into Community Health work. I don't drink or smoke so I guess poetry is my vice! My poems are about recording what's happening for me or around me – like a diary account – not necessarily for other people. When I started performing I didn't have anything in print to read my stuff from, so I sat at the computer and typed my poems out... I'm now putting together my third book of poems. Sadly, my latest poems have been a reflection of gun crime – I feel very strongly about it. But I do write humorous stuff too. I tend to pick up pen and paper most days and write. Poetry mostly appeals to older people, so I'm doing stuff young people can relate to – rap without the music. I perform at the Maze, and have set up BLACK DROP an open mic performance evening, first Monday of month at STONE bar, Thurland Street, City Centre, to highlight, promote and launch African Caribbean and Asian performers/writers. My proudest achievement this year was winning 2nd place at Nottingham Poetry Society open mic competition. The advantage of performing poetry is that you don't have to be able to spell – nobody's marking it! It gives you a chance to be yourself. It doesn't matter if you don't write like Shakespeare... find your own channel!

THIS
LUSTFUL AFFAIR

I lust after you:
Chocolate.
Cake.
And biscuits.

And each time I swear,
I'm ending this affair!

But, I need you
On my tongue,
On my lips, Then you
sink to my hips

Hanging heavy
You do this to me

You're first on my list
I cannot resist,
Your sweetness-
You are my weakness!

I cannot refrain,
I want you again
And again,
AND AGAIN!

And so, I remain
Locked in this affair
Because,
When I need you,
Any time, any place...
You are there!

RARE INDEED!

Having just read the seventh edition of the local news and views, I found it really interesting and would like to make a small contribution for the next one. Reading about Mary Michalak and her own early memories reminded me in many ways of my own childhood: the corner shops, the ways that the older generation would willingly reprimand other people's children, knowing that those children's parents would not have minded, since as a community we pulled together. Sadly this is no longer acceptable: morals, standards, integrity are now things of the past. Whilst I applaud a more relaxed attitude with children, making learning fun, I do believe that children need to have strong discipline, a line that they know they cannot cross. Today the line seems to be made of elastic! And today's parents set no particular set of rules, it just depends on the mood they are in.

Which seems reflected in the amount of abuse, foul language and indifference to people's property that happens. I moved into Sneinton in 1989 having just divorced. I thought it would give me time to sort things out, but I became so used to and happy with the area that I am still here today! There really is a sense of community, at least where I live – grandparents, mothers, daughters more or less on the same street, rare in this day and age. But also the neighbourly touch, watching out for each other, demonstrated on the many occasions I might forget to lock my car, leave my keys in the front door and endless other things. Always some-one would knock on my door and tell me if I had done something forgetful. Rare indeed! So thanks for writing about this interesting area. It has a wealth of history and famous and infamous people to boast about, and for an inner city area not such a bad reputation.

Gill Sandy

News in Brief

Stonebridge City Farm has now launched its new composting project, researching ways of large scale composting to deal with the disposal of household waste, which includes a high percentage of organic matter. Compost is produced more rapidly than in a pile in the garden, due to mixing, oxygen and worms. If you would like to visit the City Farm and see a wormery in action, contact Guy on 0115 950 5113.

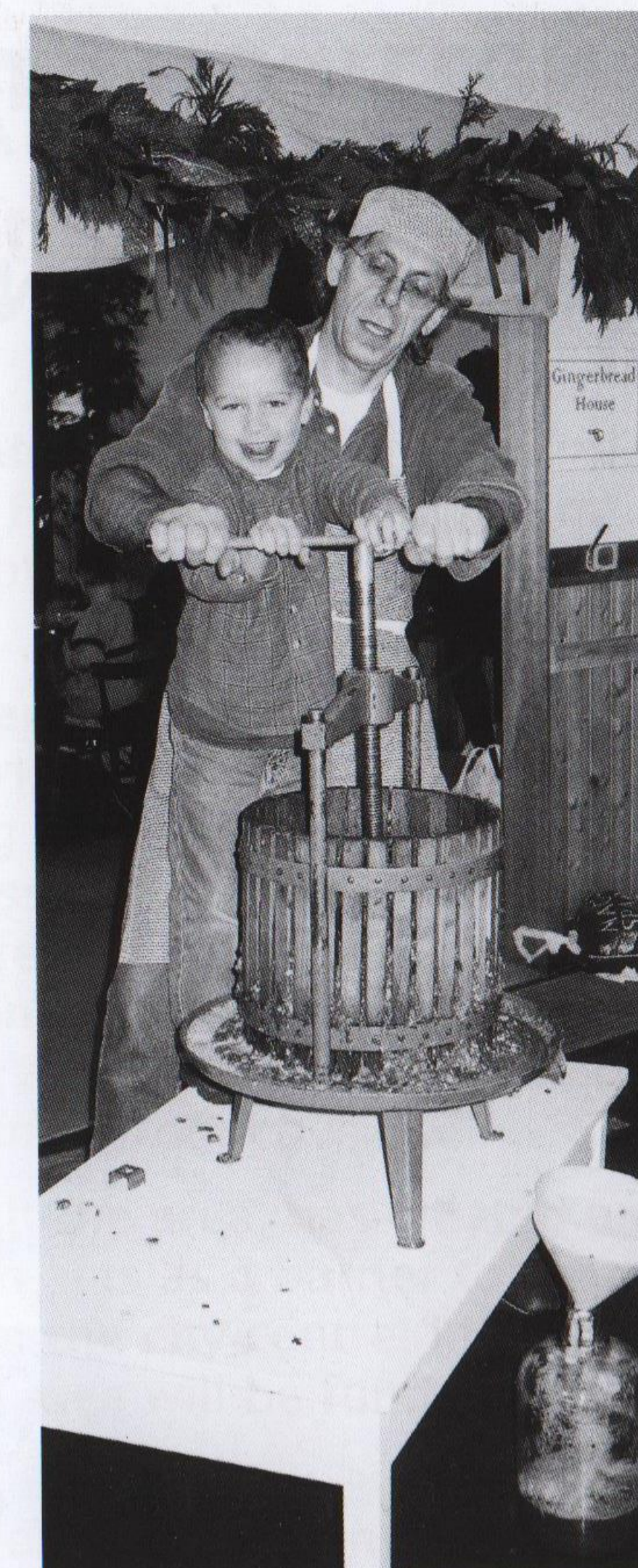
Concern is growing at the management of St. Stephen's churchyard

by the City Council. In December, a tractor and heavy lorry drove around the churchyard to collect leaves after rain, leaving tyre tracks and spreading mud across paths.

Former Chase Café chef Dave Mason is back in the area – now preparing his famous lunches at the Sycamore Millennium Centre Café. The menu lists coq au vin and roasted Mediterranean vegetables, while drinks include Virgin Mary, a Bloody Mary cocktail without the alcohol.

Behind BANCA Community Centre on Sneinton Dale is Iona School, based on the ideas of Rudolph Steiner. In December, it held its Advent Market, where you could learn to make wreaths, candles or sugar mice. A spicy smell emanated from freshly crushed mulled apple juice.

For an insight into turf wars between local drug gangs, read the new novel '3 Days' by Marsha Myles (published by Blackie at £6.99) Copies are flying off the shelves at Waterstones.



GOOD NEWS FROM GREENWAY

Greenway Community Centre is delighted to hear that after much hard work we have been awarded a 3 year grant from The Community Fund totaling £170,885 !! This will give us staff and enable us to continue helping people from Sneinton gain skills and support them in achieving their goals.

We are all looking forward to 2004 bringing new staff and lots of new activities for Sneinton! For example; a new youth club for 10-12yr olds on Tuesdays and a 'drop-in' session for 13-17yr olds on Wednesday nights. Also lots of different adult learning courses, activities and Fun Days! We offer information & support to anyone & in a friendly and relaxed way. All free of cost to people from Sneinton & St. Anns!! We are owned & managed by local volunteers, if you want to find out more about becoming involved contact Hannah on 910 3667.

Do you like to have fun?
Do you enjoy playing games or sports?
Do you like arts and crafts activities?
Are you a parent or carer of children?
Well if the answer is "YES" to any of these questions then we need you!
We are looking for adults to volunteer, plan and take part in providing playschemes for children aged 5 years to 12 years in your area.
For more information please contact:
Stephanie Williams (Area Play Development Worker)
on 0115 941 8623.
You do not need experience of working with children and may find out skills and talents you have forgotten.

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NOTTINGHAM EASTSIDE MASTERPLAN



EASTSIDE REGENERATION

(Or Westside Story if you're looking from Sneinton and St Anns)

The Regeneration of Eastside forms part of an ambitious and evolving strategy for the Nottingham conurbation as a whole. An ambitious masterplan was prepared for the Eastside By Nottingham Regeneration Ltd in 2002 - these plans are now being considered for adoption by the City Council Planners.

Whilst parts of Eastside are seen as fringe to the City Centre it is well placed, close to the vibrant Lace Market and Shopping areas with good access to the major highway network. There are major development opportunities throughout Eastside that can capitalise on capturing some of the vitality and overspill economic activity from a buoyant city centre including the success of City Living. The Ice Arena and BioCity (Former Boots and Knoll Laboratories) are examples of recent initiatives that will fuel this prospect of renewal and act as catalysts for change and investment into the area. Eastside also has the legacy of benefits from the City Challenge initiative, a decade ago, which cleared the old Boots site, renovated the Low Level Station and kept the Sneinton Market in a productive use.

The fragmentation of the area however, by the main roads that cut through the area, has created an environment that is perceived as unattractive, under performing and which acts as a barrier to east-west movement, separating the communities of St Anns and Sneinton from the city centre. Improving linkages for pedestrian, cyclists and public transport into and through the area will be fundamental to the reconnection of these areas.

Over the next decade the Eastside Plan envisages that the following major developments will be brought forward.

New City Living Developments - The Eastside has the capacity to accommodate 1600 new homes in high density developments. New residential conversions have already been completed in the former Telephone Exchange at Sneinton Market, the Cranbrook St Tower and the former Bancroft Building on Robin Hood St. Planning permission has also been secured for 400 new units on Huntingdon St (at the former Sytner and World of Leather Sites.) It is envisaged that the residential mix in the Eastside will be affordable for students and key workers who want to live near the City Centre but can't afford Lace Market prices.

Sneinton Market - the former fruit and vegetable market site and the open day market are at the Heart of the Eastside. The market area therefore represents a fantastic opportunity to create a comprehensive improvement to better link physical and commercial linkages between the City Centre and surrounding communities.

Bus Depot -Relocation of the bus garages to more appropriate modern sites will free up one of the largest re-development opportunities the City has ever seen. The depot site could be developed for a mixture of uses and its re-development represents a great opportunity to re-create linkages through from Sneinton to the Ice Arena.

Island Site and Manvers St Goods Yard - following on from the Challenge Initiative the opportunity now presents itself for Nottingham to develop out a Quality Business Quarter around the Island Site. The area is dominated by public sector uses that include Emda, BBC and NHS Direct. The NRL Masterplan concluded that this edge of centre scheme was dislocated and under performing as a commercial quarter. The area does not take advantage of existing transport provision, eg proximity to the Midland Station, and is poorly served by bus routes. It also turns its back onto the nearby canal that is a key asset as realized at Castle Wharf and Capital One. In developing the Island area an innovative approach will be needed to incorporate the old Warehouses on Great Northern Close - one of which is listed.

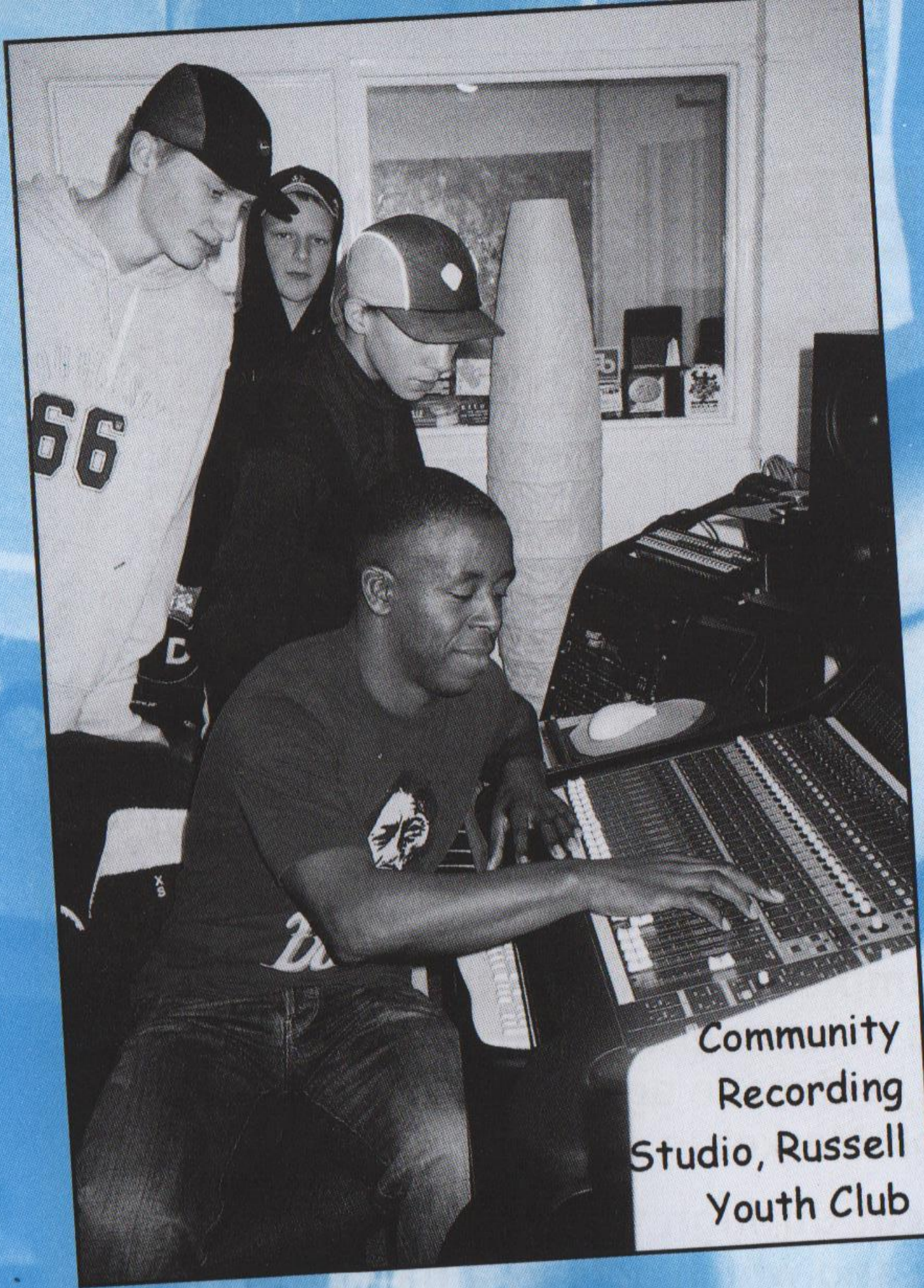
If you would like to understand the Plans for the Eastside please come to the

City Council's Open Consultation event at the Victoria Leisure Centre
on Saturday 20th March 11am - 1pm.

You can also keep updated on progress on the Eastside through the websites for the City Council - www.plan4nottingham.com or www.nottinghamregeneration.ltd.uk

Dave Hughes
Nottingham Regeneration Ltd.

Urban Ascension



Community
Recording
Studio, Russell
Youth Club

WHA GWAAN?

I have lived in St Anns for several years now and I consider myself to be a proactive member of the community. I believe that if I want aspects of my community to change, that change has to begin with me. I hear people around the area complain about its state and the youths and their behaviour. Many stereotype and assume the worst of the young people in St Anns. I was not prepared to accept that young people in our community were up to no good. I took it upon myself and volunteered my services to seek out facilities and projects that cater specifically for young people. I had made trips to different youth provisions with young people from the neighbourhood, who met up with other young people who had surpassed labels and assumptions. They are defining themselves; not by their wider community. Read their stories and get an insight into the real lives of young people and the positive work that they do. Bless!

Nicola Beckford



STREET STITCHING

Is fashion for girls?

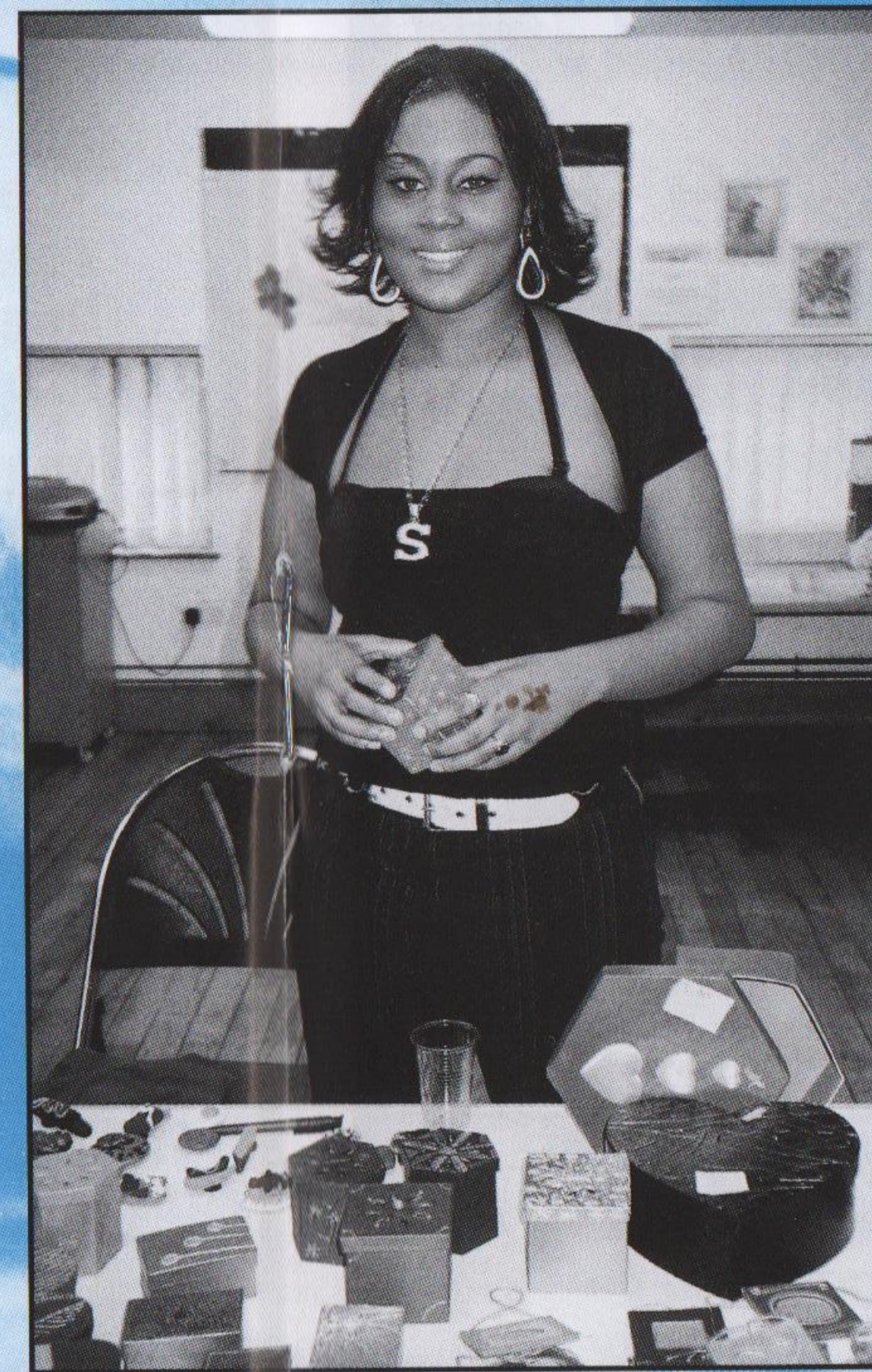
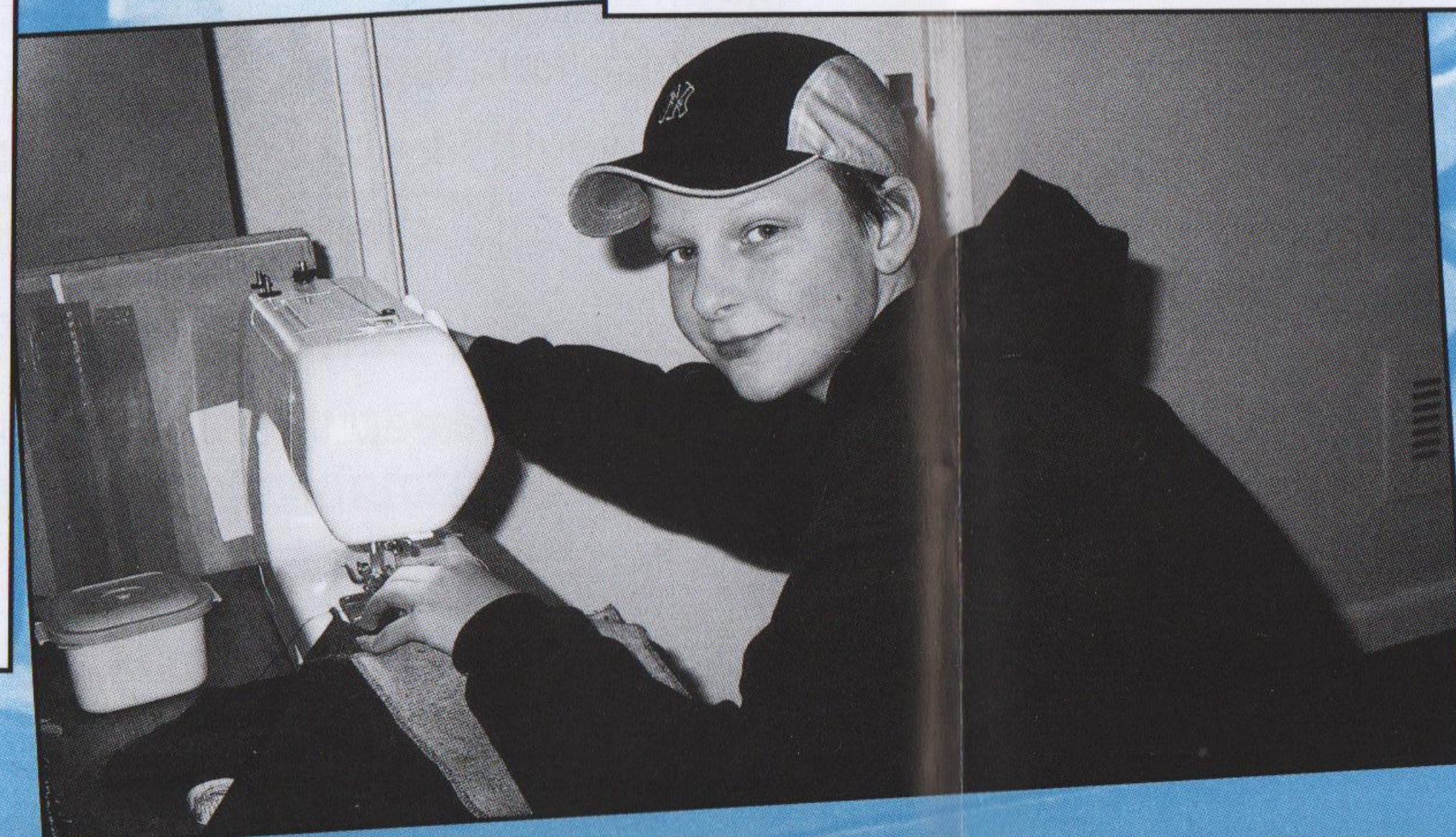
"No it ain't" states Wayne Williams 13, who has been studying fashion for the past year at the youth Inclusion Project. "Fashion is for everybody, anybody can do it, I wanted to do a session that I can have a product at the end of it. I wanted to make a tracksuit, so I am." Since starting fashion Wayne has made a T-shirt, a pair of shorts. "I've picked out my own material and I've got my initials that will go on it. It's gonna look dan! Now that I can sew I can go into town and look at clothes and see clothes that I like and tell my tutor Lennox the style that I want to make".

Lennox Miller is Wayne's fashion tutor and he says that Wayne has made such good progress and goes onto say that Wayne does not realise how much maths he is doing which goes into making clothes and Wayne is learning this math which is hidden within putting his garment together.

When asked if he would consider doing fashion as a career, his reply was "least I can sit down on the job". Wayne was also asked if there were any down sides to fashion; He stated "You need a lot of patience and you have to be careful of the foot pedal on the sewing machines because if you push down too hard the machine goes mad and sews too quickly".

Wayne, we look forward to seeing your designs and creations real soon!

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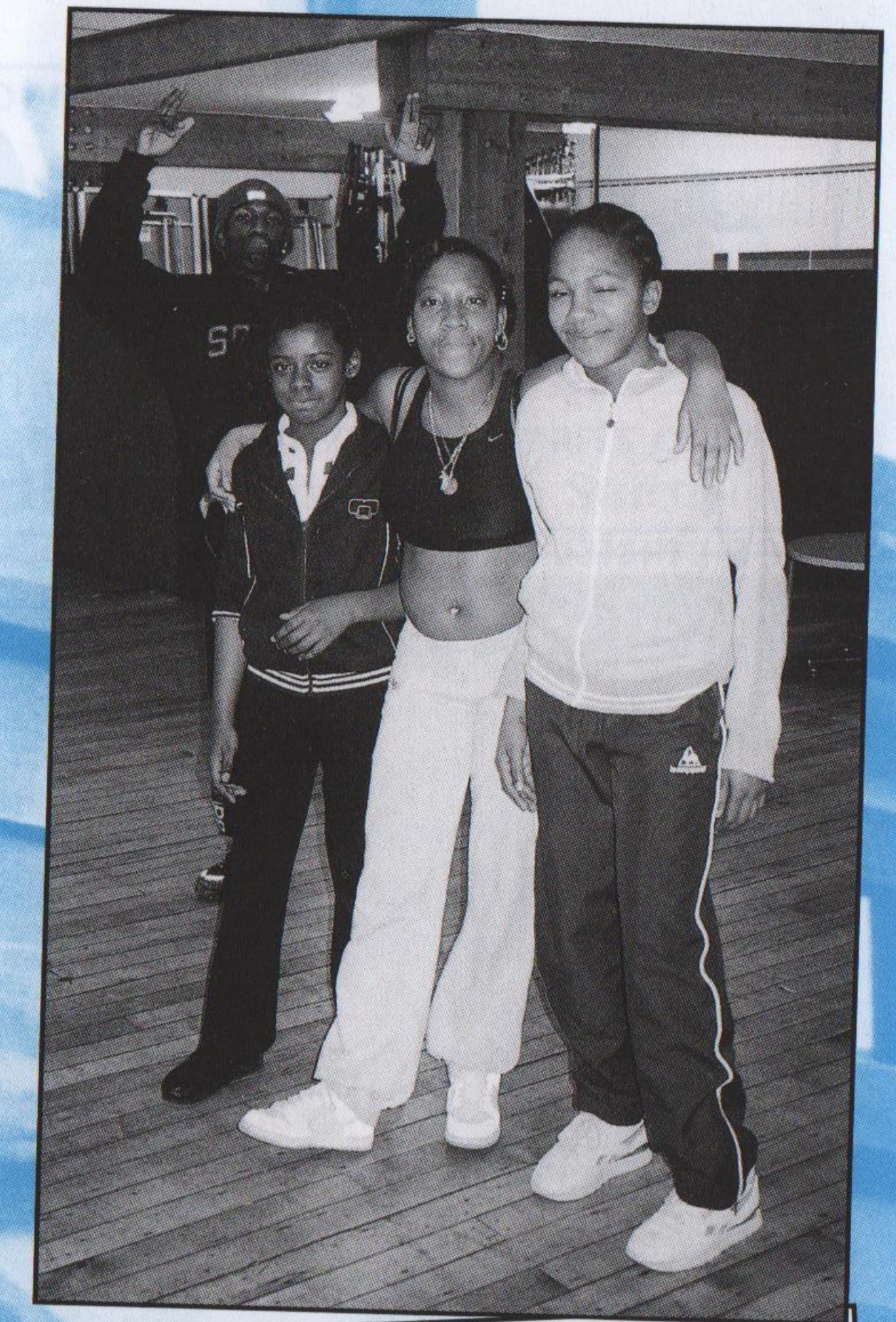
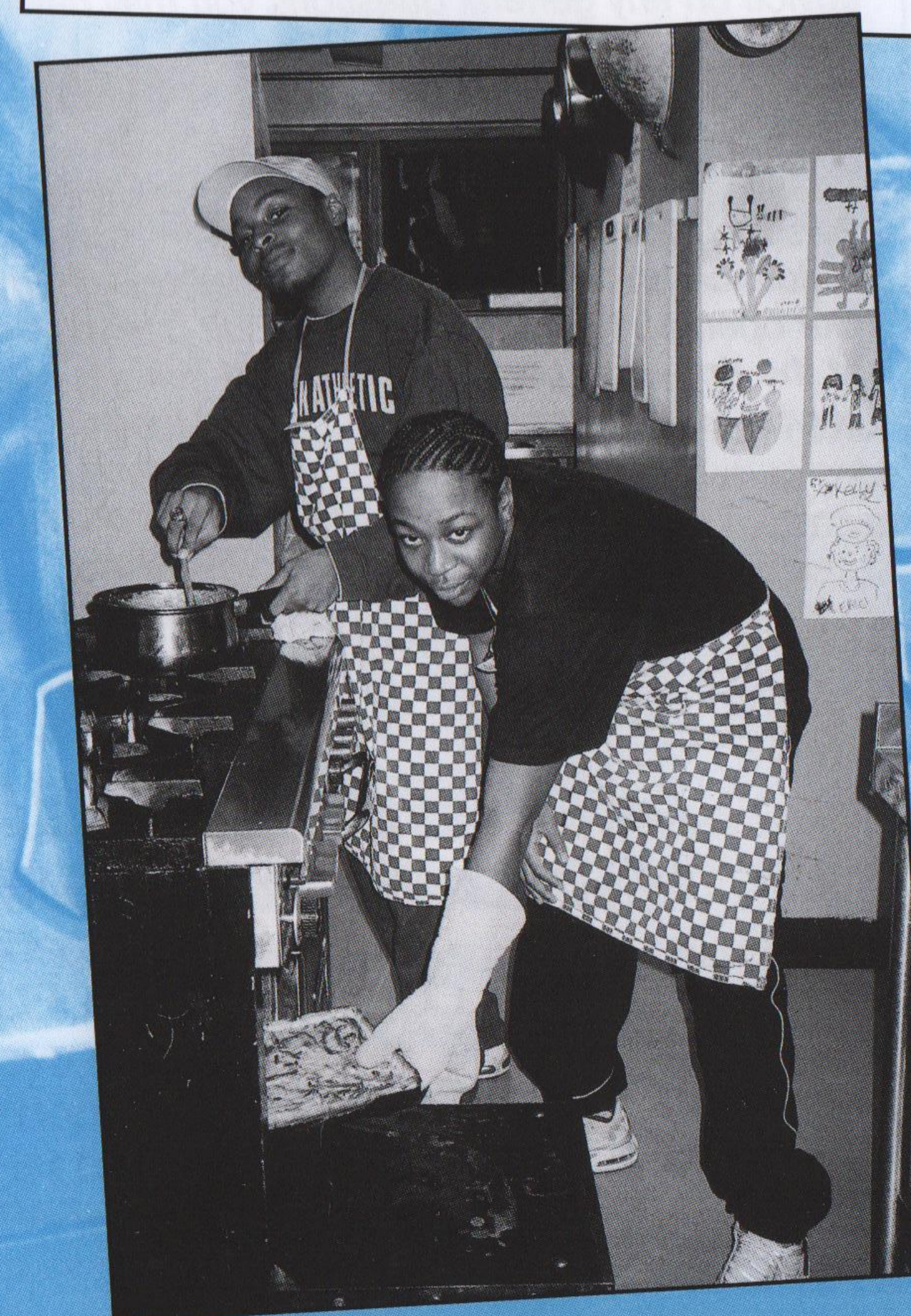
"Seeing the things I've made, and people buying them gave me a sense of achievement" says media student Sharnell Kinlock 18. "I learned a lot from having a stall selling my boxes. I was interacting with different people and showing them that people shouldn't be stereotyping young people because we all don't fit the stereotype of youths in the area". Sharnell is currently studying a full time media course at New College Nottingham and is hoping to go on and study Forensic Science once she has finished her course. Sharnell held a stall at a local community centre selling decorative boxes and jewellery that she had made with friends. She goes on to say, "It felt good because I'm a creative person and the course that I attend calls for me to pay attention to detail. I created things that people could give to friends and family as presents".

GRUB'S UP

"I can cook chicken, but I'm not sure about red meat" say Lynnval and Joel, who are mentors taking part in the cooking programme by supporting the young people and engaging them in the basics of food preparation and food hygiene. "We think that it's a good idea to learn how to cook, it makes you independent and you don't have to depend on others to feed you." Both Lynnval and Joel learned how to cook by watching and helping their parents and relatives preparing delicious West Indian dishes. Joel loves cooking however, there are the odd food stuffs that he has yet to master: "I can cook rice, but cooking peas I'm not sure about, because if you don't cook them properly they're deadly".

When asked what are the best aspects of doing the cooking sessions, Joel and Lynnval replied; "Helping other young people discover new ways of cooking and using the equipment properly and knowing that the young people have created a meal from scratch and on a budget that has got to feed all the staff and young people that evening that is a challenge!" The worst part of the sessions is 'cleaning up' everyone wants to eat but don't want to wash their pots!

The mentors both agree that the cooking classes show the young people that you can cook on a budget and still eat healthy instead of the food that you get from the chip shop. So if you want to be proactive in the kitchen come down and have a go! Telephone 958 5191.



LIVIN FOR DANCE

Hi, my name is Roxzine Currithers I'm 17 I am a performer/choreographer and I also work as a mentor at the Youth Inclusion Project. I also teach dance and movement at the Sycamore Centre. I am attending a full time performing arts course at Clarendon College, I have spent many years dancing and entering competitions from which I have won many trophies. I am glad that I am a mentor at a young age because I can help my younger pupils as I am not much older than they are and have experienced similar problems and I can offer support and advice.

I love teaching and it feels brilliant when witnessing my students executing my dance routines and doing it to the best of their abilities and with confidence. With all the dancing experience that I have and with the training I am getting from college I feel that it's time to give back to my community, and my way is through dance. My ambition is to open up my own dance studio and teach my own dance technique. I don't have any problems living in St Anns. I have all my family and friends here and I don't focus on the negatives here

So if you are aged between 13-19 and want to learn the latest dances and meet new people and have fun, come down to the Chase on Mondays. for a dance class 5.00pm till 8.00. You won't be disappointed. Check you later!



Chase Chat

News from the Shed on the Chase



I wanted to learn to read and write. People said 'Why don't you try the Chase?'

I came about a year ago now. I've done pretty well - I read a lot better and my writing's getting better. I can get round my way on the computer - they're all very helpful in the computer room. I come here to an English class too. It's brilliant! Now when I go shopping I can pick up things and read them. I'm really chuffed.

One day I want to work with disabled children - I need to read and write properly to take the test I really need for it. I've already passed some exams - I've got 5 certificates so far!

Angela Leivers



The ICT room offers a variety of activities of which you the public can benefit by way of education and building self confidence. These activities are designed to accommodate various age groups, disabilities (physical or otherwise), gender or ethnic group, so no matter where you are from, what age group you're in or your educational background, we have programs which are designed specifically to suit your needs.

These include a beginners level of introduction to the world of computing, in which we offer a recognized certificate on completion of this course, this certificate is called NICAS (National Inter-Action Certificate Award Scheme). This can be used to obtain jobs as well as being an encouragement to go on to more advanced computer learning. An overview of NICAS is included for further explanation of the course and certificate.

The other qualification offered here is the ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence) this is a more advanced certificate and as such covers more topics. This can be used on a wider scale as this certificate is recognized in any European country.

As well as offering recognized certificates we also offer help and advice on any general questions you may have such as:

CVs
Web-Page Design
Leaflets / business cards / posters
Typing
Personal Computer problems

Guidance on further education & self development activities.

Our opening hours are set up to suit everyone so you can come in at the time that best suits you and still get quality attention and service at any time.

Monday	9.30 am - 4 pm
Tuesday	9.30am - 8.30pm
Wednesday	9.30am - 8.30pm
Thursday	9.30am - 8.30pm
Saturday	Driving Theory.

St. Anns Catering and Conference Service Ltd.

We run the Chase Cafe which is open from 9.30am - 3pm Mon-Fri for breakfasts until 11.15 and lunch from 12 - 1pm.

We offer healthy home cooked meals.

We also offer an Outside Catering Service to local businesses for working lunches.

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For menus or info call 0115 947 2705 and ask for Pauline, Cafe Co-Ordinator.

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LIGHT WORK?



How many Community Development Workers does it take to change a light-bulb?

None - they make a volunteer do it instead!

This is a standing joke amongst the workers at TRACS; the real joke is, they're not kidding! I only went there to do a Welfare Rights training course but I'm now a member of the management committee. In between I've decorated parts of the building, helped with the Sneinton Festival and the Strictly Females day at the Greenway Centre, organised fund raising and been to lots of meetings. I'm currently helping with this year's festival, giving Welfare Rights advice and organising an Open Day for TRACS; and they aren't paying me for doing any of it! I know it sounds like a crazy thing to do, but I'm actually getting so many other things out of it that I really don't mind. I'm a single mum with a young son to look after and working at TRACS gives us a break from each other. He gets to mix with other kids and I get to feel like a normal person again. The centre pays for his childcare whilst I'm there, which is fantastic because I couldn't afford it otherwise. Before he was born I wasn't really sure what I wanted to do with my life, but now I've got loads more options, I could be a welfare rights adviser or go into community work; the very fact that I was prepared to be a volunteer looks good on my CV, whichever career I decide to go for.

There are loads of places in Sneinton that take volunteers; the Greenway Centre, the Hermitage Centre and Surestart to name but a few and TRACS is always looking for people to help out, especially with the festival. I've met loads of different people and discovered loads of new things, both about myself and Sneinton and its people. It's given me loads of confidence and direction and I would recommend it for anyone - the ability to change light-bulbs isn't necessary!

Polly Tyler



Sneinton Festival

Chair, Treasurer and 15 members volunteers
16 volunteers put up tables and prepared the Square
5 were involved with the parade
11 stalls were run by volunteers
50+ volunteers were involved with stalls and events

VOLUNTEERING OPEN DAY AT TRACS

Saturday March 13th 1pm - 4pm

Hermitage Square Sneinton

Find out more about local projects and varied opportunities for volunteers

Minnie's Memories



The earliest memory I have was in 1917. It was me grandad's funeral. In them days you always had the coffin at home with the lid open all the while. They picked me up to kiss him – I was only a little tot. My dad was at the war then.

I remember 1918 Armistice day – I was at school. Teacher said "You can all do as you like today!" I can remember that! The little lads all jumped on the tables – the teachers said it didn't matter and everybody went mad. We went home at dinner time. Everybody was rejoicing and putting flags out. We says to mum "Can we put flags out?"

"No – there's nothing to celebrate in this house." She would say that wouldn't she – dad was torpedoed in a big hospital ship only three months before. I could understand mum.

I went to Blue Bell Hil School and lived off Carlton Road on Clarence Street. I really loved school. The teachers were lovely. They used to give the lads a strap and the girls if they misbehaved. I used to get the strap every day when I was 12. I got to Standard 7. I remember all the teachers' names, right from infants, junior, senior.

There were plenty of houses to get in those days – nobody had to wait for houses. All the rents were 7s 6d – a lot of money when mum was only getting about 30s a week. Then they started improving the little houses starting with water lavatories – that was marvellous when we had them about 1920s. My little cousin Iris couldn't stop pulling the chain –

she thought it was wonderful seeing all that water. There was no toilet paper in them days – we had to cut up strips of newspaper.

Mum was all right as the trade in Nottingham was the lace trade. It kept many a family going in the 1920s – because the 1920s was very hard. It were really hard – there weren't any jobs for the men after they came back from the war. There was nowt for 'em. Bloody awful really. The men had to help the women with the lace when they had no jobs. The women who liked it would booze on a Monday. The women's day was Monday – they used to go to the pawnshop on Monday morning and pawn their husband's suits so they had money to spend. Just the same as they're doing today – chucking money away. The pawnshop was on Handel Street. I wanted to get in a pawn shop – my mother said "Keep out, we don't go in a pawnshop." But it fascinated me – Minnie got into a pawnshop. I must have been a little girl – I had to look up and there were all newspaper parcels. It fascinated me. It all smelt stuffy. I didn't let me mum know I'd been in.

The shop bottom of Carlton Road was the most famous Greenwood's Ice Cream Shop. Oh the ice cream – out of this world! We used to meet our mum Friday when she'd got the money from the warehouse. It had got diplomas in them days. There was a little place to sit down. It was beautiful ice cream. The men liked their comets – it was lovely if you were a good girl and got a penny comet.

I was at the pictures every Saturday at the bottom of Sneinton Road – two pence.

You went upstairs with a clean face – you went upstairs if you looked clean. I can see the ones on the bottom walking round with kids on their backs. We used to chuck bits of orange peel at them. We looked down on them poor kids on Saturday afternoons. Then I started going at night time when I were 14.

Then we come to the Strike. I'd just left school that week – thought it was lovely. You could stop any car to give you a lift to take you to work. I worked on Alferton Road, a long way from Clarence Street.

No canteen then. Your mother had to put you a Sunday dinner out in a basin and you put it in a stove to warm your dinner up. This is when I'm 14. I didn't like it, I was always a funny eater. I've never ever eaten bread and lard in all my life.

Before she had a drink, she lit the fire in the living room, then perhaps a cup of tea, then she got our breakfast – toast and my sisters used to have dripping.

You seemed to have good meals. We had a proper roast on Sunday – then cold meat and pickles on Monday and roasted potatoes in the oven where the fire was. It was stew on Tuesdays. Wednesday perhaps we'd have sausage and then lovely mushy peas and mashed potatoes. Sometimes we had that pea soup – I liked the liquor – the stuff it was cooked in. Friday we didn't do much cooking – it was pork pie, tomatoes, bread and butter and custard on the table then. Every Saturday the Fry-Up. Sausages, bacon and a tin of Tarentella tomatoes. Sunday morning we were making little cakes. If it was somebody's birthday or a brother was coming, it was salmon for tea and cucumber I think.

It was a long time before we had trifles.

Minnie Wright

New Initiatives from the City Council

An extra £2.25 million city-wide is being earmarked over 18 months for a series of measures to fight drug-related crime, anti-social behaviour and the blight of litter and graffiti.

An additional 40 street patrol staff are being recruited and deployed in neighbourhoods across the city. This will see the introduction to Sneinton of these wardens for the first time. They have until now been active in St. Anns where they have been popular with local people.

The Council is also investing in street cleaning, increasing the number of front line cleaning staff with 3 new posts and an additional mechanical sweeper for the team currently responsible for the Sneinton, Bakersfield and St. Anns areas.

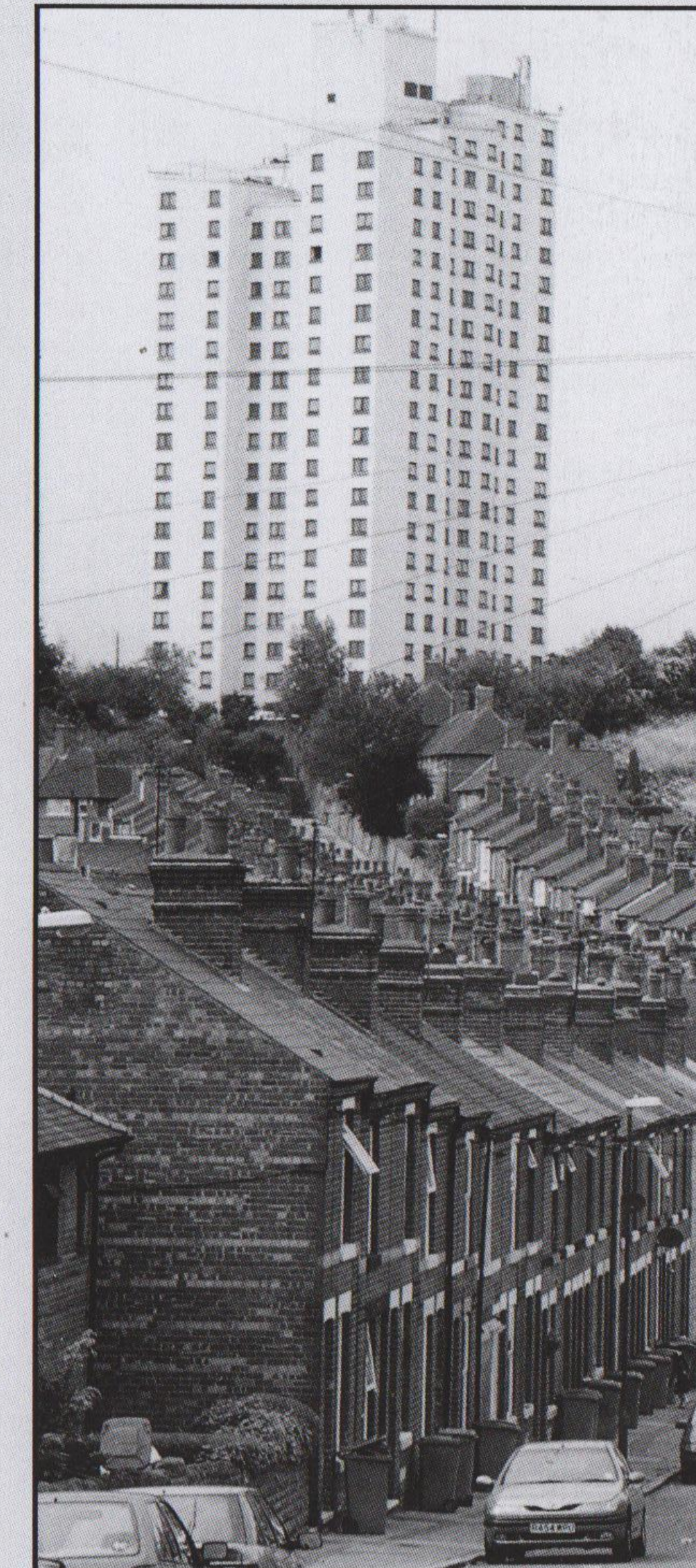
A second graffiti team is being employed to remove unsightly and offensive graffiti. In addition to the normal service a team will visit as part of a regular cycle to remove graffiti including any on private property.

Park keepers will be reintroduced to major parks in the city in an attempt to clamp down on anti-social behaviour and improve safety for park users.

Two extra staff and an additional refuse collection vehicle will boost the Council's popular special waste collection service.

The Council Police and other agencies have set a series of challenging targets for the next 18 months. They are seeking to achieve a noticeable reduction in begging by January 04, in street prostitution by December 2004, and in street drug dealing and anti-social behaviour incidents by April 2005. An improvement in the general appearance of the city by September 2004 is also targeted.

Darren Matthews
Chair, Area 6 Committee, St. Anns and the Dales.



Improving our Area through Action Planning

The Area 6 Committee and the Renewal Trust are working alongside parties including the Primary Care Trust, Police, Community & Youth Services, Local Voluntary Sector, Tenants & Residents Groups and others to develop an Action Plan for the Area in order to bring in some Neighbourhood Renewal funding.

This fund is made available from Central Government through The One City Partnership in Nottingham and has approximately 6 million pounds available across Nottingham for 2004 and 9 million for 2005 which is to be used to improve services related to Health, Crime, Education, Unemployment, Housing & Local Priorities.

From September-December 2003 various groups across the area have been working on proposals to go into the draft plan. These are the local Community Safety Group, Health Action Group, Youth Forum and others, including feedback from some tenants and residents groups through community support officers. These groups have had workers, officers and residents from the area involved in them.

We now have a first draft of the plan and by the time you read this it will be approved by Area 6 Committee and One City Partnership. Those involved in developing it have identified issues such as:

- Need for more youth workers in the area**
- More opportunities for local people to get involved in exercise classes and other ways to improve their health as the area has the highest rate of people with coronary heart disease in the city**
- Need to improve the local environment**
- Need for provision of more welfare rights advice locally**
- More working together with the police and neighbourhood wardens to ensure people feel safe in the area**
- A need to address the drug issues in the area.**

LOOK OUT for various events during January-March to get involved in so you can have an input into the plan. (SEE OVERLEAF)

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