

EMPLOYMENT

NRF Employment Strategy and recruitment of Job Shop staff

Under the Nottingham Works Programme, all workers were in place at Carlton Road Job Shop by February 2004. The NRF Employment project continues to run along side the ESF Employment project which employs 2 workers which work specifically with BME Groups across the area. This funding was due to end in December 2004 but has now been secured up until December 2007.

Reducing local unemployment and employment events

Eleven outreach sites have been secured offering Employment Support and Benefits Advice within the community. There have also been a number of pre employment events linked in with Nottingham Works Employability Team with more events planned throughout 2005. Over the last 12 months through the NRF Employment project 600 clients have been given employment support and advice, of which 114 have gained employment and 82 have progressed on to further training. Over 300 clients have been provided with benefits advice and support.

Connecting local people to new employment opportunities - Renewal Trust Business Support 2004

The Renewal Trust Business Advisory service has assisted and advised 128 local people in connection with either starting their own business or running an existing one.

The pace of the Eastside and Waterside plans still remains slower than expected. However, the Eastside appears to be moving more quickly now and a consortium known as Eastside and City Developments have published proposals for the 'Island' site, Nottingham City Transport Bus Depot and the Sneinton Market area. This consortium comprises Roxylight Ltd, a London based property company, Laing O'Rourke, a national construction company with finance being provided by Barclays Bank. We are keen to ensure that the Renewal Trust and the local community is involved with the proposals and we invited Directors of Roxylight to tour our operating area to see, at first hand, the issues faced within the area and the work undertaken by the Trust. Roxylight organised a workshop in November 2004 which was arranged by them to obtain the views of local businesses, community organisations and residents. Outline planning permission has now been granted for the 'Island' site.

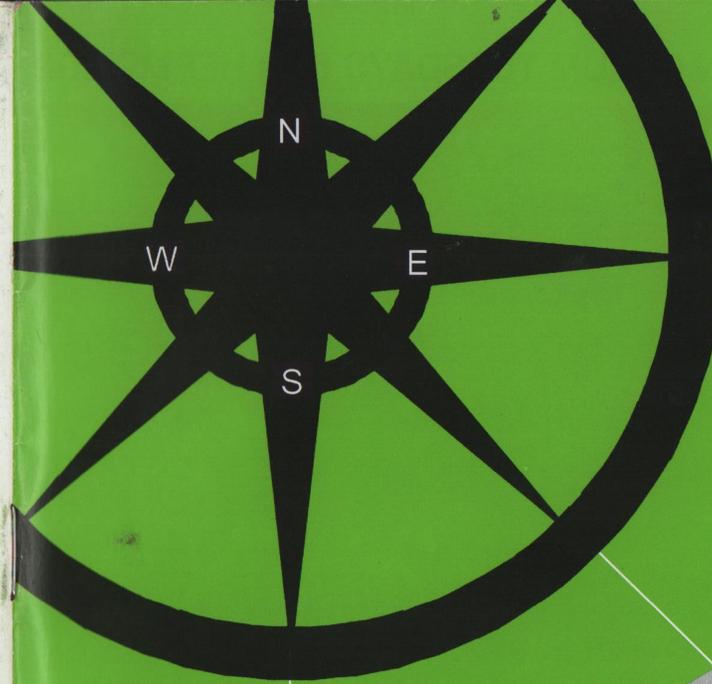
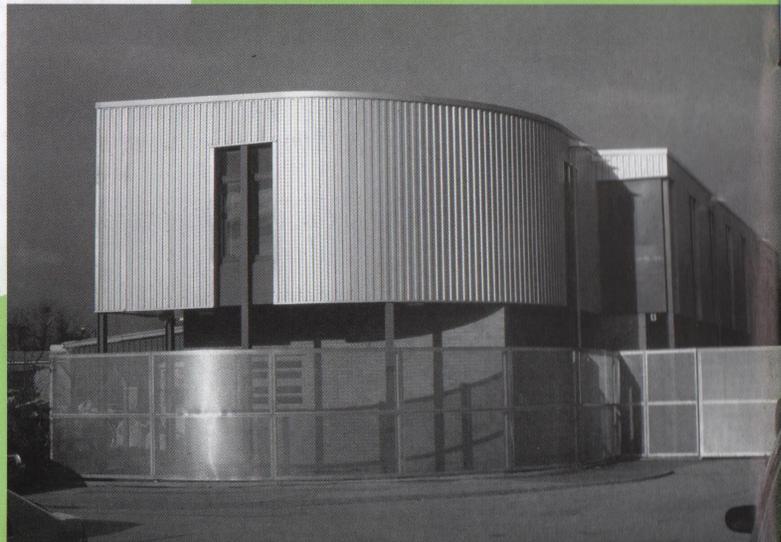
Work with the Local Alchemy Pilot project has continued with a Local Money Flows Workshop held in April 2005.

Funding for the Renewal Trust Business Advisory service has now been secured until December 2006 and this include a small package of Business Grants.

Contact Joe Madden or Tony Holmes, Business Advisers at the Renewal Trust for further information.

Telephone 0115 9112309

The new Renewal Trust Business Centre at Hawksworth Street which opened in November 2004 and comprises 21 office units



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Movers & Shakers Today & Yesterday



Some of us rehearse, juggle circus stuff (unicycle anyone?) poi, dance blah, yoga style, parcour for geriatrics etc., jamming
Some of us bring kids, some don't.
We put a quid in the pot for rent and raise a surplus-

Current target: performance mirrors
MOVERS, SHAKERS, WE WANT YOU
we also rant about stuff in this area, put together letters and actions eg:
we want a forest school
We need the Ministry of Play to finish the Greenway park
we're organising a gang to clean up local spots eg one hour specials on the Greenway path
1st Saturday of month at 10am
- bring gloves, we're offing the cans and other crap
If you can write letters, add signatures, get off your settee, come down

OPEN FORUM TUESDAYS 6ish HERMITAGE



MOVERS, SHAKERS, WE NEED YOU



A group of local parents were approached by the Area Play Development Worker in 1999 as the Council had money to start up a voluntary group to set up community play activities for children and families. We were the Sneinton lot.

We all decided, yes, OK, we'll have a try, formed a committee and came up with a constitution. From there we went on to run a playday, organise a trip and do street play. We built up from there, fundraising for ourselves, and registering with the City Council so we could apply for grants.

The word Playlink was linking everybody together through play. Committee members have come and gone over the years, people have changed roles. Through volunteering on the project some people have accessed training and play work as a career.

At the moment, some of the member's children have outgrown play activities and gone on to youth, so we're seeking new volunteers, with children or not, living in the Sneinton area to continue the good work of Sneinton Playlink and the rapport we've built up with the community. Or you could set up your own voluntary group in play activities for families. If you feel this is you contact **Jacqui on 9507955** or **Maria on 8475667**.

NEW LOOK LIBRARY

The first question that strikes you on entering the newly revamped Sneinton Boulevard Library is - where are the books?

Then it dawns that the central part of the library has become the children's library and adults are now "placed in a calmer area" in what was the junior section. There are more computers and more wall space newly painted in Corporation Green but - the librarians assure- only six shelves of books have gone while new books are on the way. A door has been added leading to the library garden which will hopefully be open in the summer. The entrance is once again more open and welcoming now that the Housing Office counter has been removed.

Altogether a big investment for local readers! But with Sneinton's growing artistic community and lots of creative work going on in the schools- couldn't the wall space be put to use as a gallery for the work of local artists?

Hya Level started just over 5 years ago. We used to do the Caribbean Carnival then broke away. The kids still wanted to do the carnival but none had experience of organising. Being the only adult it was for me to see what I could do. I said I'd do it for about 20 young people. Young people design costumes, cut them out and glue them up. Over the years we've done a few carnivals, touring round England. We started with 20, now we've got over 90. From there the young people started learning dance and teaching to younger members of the group. The oldest in the group is 23 - we buddy older ones as mentors with younger ones. They have to set an example as someone is watching over them. From there we had dance groups and do trips. We also link with a group in South London. We used to have cookery classes but that was a nightmare.

Hya is the first three letters of my name, it's what I stand for. I'll always be around for them, but I'm trying to let younger people lead the project. Danielle was one of the original Hya Level girls. Young people were traumatised after her shooting so we needed to support them - there was no way we could do activities.

So Hya Level branched out into Mothers Against Crime/ DREAMS. We got in touch with a few other parents and said we need to do something about this. The pain and reality other mums had felt when they lost their children, we were now going through. That's when we started Mothers Against Crime. We started with eight mothers, and have grown since then, with the police and social workers coming on board and YIP giving support. We've come from a group who were in mourning to a group standing. Our motto is "Let the youth arise." We want to empower our youths and let them know the glamour of the streets is not all gold.

Hyacinth Francis

My Career at the People's Centre

18 months ago I didn't know the back from the front of a computer until I was persuaded to go to the People's Centre by a very nice young man who came round.

I said I would give it a try but at 72, I thought I was a bit old to learn new skills, but he said you are never too old to learn. So away I went on the Monday morning feeling like I was going to the gallows, and thinking I would be the only one among a lot of young people, but I was wrong, I wasn't the only senior there. One lady is 90 and she's using

the internet to keep in touch with relatives in Canada.

Everybody's friendly here, from top to bottom. It is now a pleasure to go and I wouldn't miss it for anything. So please come and join us and keep the courses running. It doesn't matter what age you are you will always find a warm welcome at The People's Centre.

By the way I have now got four certificates and I am very proud of myself. I'm on computer maintenance as well.

Edna Thorpe

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RISING HYA-MOTHERS AGAINST CRIME



NEW GROUP GAINS RESULTS

The way it came about was that the Council held an open day at Curzon Court and said that if you've got any problems, go and see them. I went down with a neighbour and said we wanted a neighbourhood watch in the area.

We left it at that, and didn't hear anything. Then I got a phone call from someone called Afzaal at the council who recommended a tenants' and residents' group. He said he could help us set it up.

I didn't know what he was talking about but said I was willing to give it a go. I met with the Housing Patch Manager and a community worker and it went from there.

We were fed up with the way the area was going - drug dealing, joyriding, anti-social behaviour. We want a cleaner environment and more help from the police and council when we ask for it. We don't want St. Anns to have a bad name and that attitude that the police can't cope.

We cover the area between Abbotsford Drive and St. Anns Well Road, on the town side of the Chase. We've had quite a few committee meetings and four public meetings that the police and members of the council came to. We've appointed a Chair and I am now Secretary.

We're trying to get more lighting on the Chase, gardens sorted out and fencing issues. At the moment we're getting some bollards removed so people have access to their cars.

If we got any bigger it would be hard to cope. We want to be a small group so people from the area can sort out issues. If it grows, it grows.

Why is it called Gains? It's simple, we want to gain results and satisfaction and make the community better.

Rachel Coleman



A Bit of the Blarney

St. Patrick's Day was a good excuse for a bit of the blarney at the Sycamore Millennium Centre with an Irish band and delicious Irish Stew complete with soda bread. For news on other international events contact leprechaun Norm on 9112570.

FAMOUS FACES MURAL

Matt Pykett is a youth worker and local resident. He was commissioned to brighten up with paintings some dull, blank garage wall space on Ferrers Walk, St Anns using funding from the City Council 100 day clean up campaign.

Matt says, "I have felt very welcomed by the people who reside around the site of the painting. Being able to liaise with people as the painting progressed has been crucial to its success, especially those who have offered their support. One lady offered to make me cups of tea, another gave her neighbours questionnaires to fill out on my behalf, a young boy told me he would make sure that none of his friends would write on the painting. Two girls rallied their friends to see the painting and another two came to watch every time I painted, and I let them help - not to mention all the positive comments from passers-by. It's been a great experience and if people were to peel back the outer shell of St Anns image and have a deeper look, they would surely find something beautiful. I am grateful to have experienced this opportunity."



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No regrets at fighting

By Ray Gosling

I loved the Old St. Anns. It had heart and warmth and life.

I fought hard with the Tenants and Residents Association - SATRA - for sensible redevelopment - "WORST FIRST" - knock down the "worst first" was our motto, but the City Council wouldn't have it. Their belief was Comprehensive Redevelopment.

We cried out: if you do, you'll take a long time (if ever) to recreate life.

We were right.

We won small battles - saved Cromer Road, Chandos Street. You see Wimpey were their chosen builder for the Council. Wimpey wanted for pre-fabricated house construction clear big sites so the lovely homes above Hungerhill Road in Broadoak area were bulldozed. It was v.v. disheartening.

Those who were big potential players were how shall we say - "eased" away: Hopewells, Pork Farms, Breweries and Churches. What enterprise like Hopewells and Pork Farms brought to St. Anns was not just employment on your doorstep - but pride and class.

Don't underestimate the importance of pride. We pleaded and were brushed aside. And beautiful villas on Robin Hood Chase were decimated, and St. Anns Well Road - just cleared: even of the church. But we won small victories (concessions) on the fringes of re-development phases so saved were Watkin, Wellington, Riddings - and up the top of Gordon Road Sketchley, Dowson, Hudson, Ridgway.

Understandably I hope you'll find I don't go back to St. Anns a lot because so many places I knew have gone, and people now - but I got "forced" back earlier this year by BBCtv East Midlands who run a weekly half hour 7.30. called INSIDE OUT - and they wanted to use an old film I'd made in black and white in 1962 and have me re-do bit. The film was about Leicester where I'd come from, and Nottingham where I'd moved to. And in the Nottingham part of the old film, there was Calcutta Street, Bombay, Livingstone Terrace all there and proud blacks walking down old Robin Hood Chase so I said how horrid the new is how wrong comprehensive re-development was, how we fought and lost and I thought I'll take the camera down Lamartine Street. It was a nice blue skyed crisp January day - and we walked up and I go quite tearful remembering. That area was a later phase and either we SATRA had become more powerful, or some of the City Council civil servants were seeing the folly of their way - and before public notices for public enquiries were issued for this phase the deputy planning officer rang me up to say before we came to yet another public spat would I walk him round the phase and show him what I thought should be saved. Fine. Fine - we walked up Gerry Blyth his name was. Later went on to become chief planner of Swindon new town. "Obviously," he said there'll be no suggestion of pulling down the big villas on the west of Lamartine because they back to the park, and are right on the fringe of area. "Of course, of course." "They'll be saved." Then we came to Plantagenet and Mowbray - very difficult he said - although



they're in reasonably good condition, they stick out and Wimpey doesn't like that, should the contract go to Wimpey. Redevelopers don't like that. I said try - Gerry said he would but no promises. And then we came to Harcourt Terrace and it was a sunny day like when I went back 35 years later filming.

I stood looking up Foljambe or Harcourt and Gerry stopped as I'd stopped. We had a main committee member living on Harcourt desperately wanting them to stay - Percy White worked at Raleigh. He'd be at work this morning I called.

This planning boffin Gerry looked at me - I remember as if it was yesterday his mouth - "Ray, you're not."

I am I said saying these terraces should not be pulled down. He uttered an expletive and suggested - it was lunch time he bought me a drink. We went in the Central what's now the gay pub. And I made the case. You could put bathrooms on - they had then no inside bathrooms: you could put railings - make them pretty and secure. They're hovels, he said - and I thought of Percy White's front room. They're homes I said - small humble - with a continuity of life. They can live tarted up for another 20 years?

I will put it to the committee he said.

I grabbed him almost by the throat before I bought him a drink. Turn and turn about.

I said Gerry - put it with the conviction I've just put it to you. And so it was they were saved.

When we re-filmed it, the cameraman had me standing by a wall in the sunlight - a chalked out goalpost behind me - tell the story Ray. I told it - tears in my eyes and a lovely cameraman we had - son of a policeman from Ripley, Daz - he motioned me - "Just stay" for as I finished the story he saw, and I couldn't, the shadow of a flight of birds, like a Queen's flight, on the wall in the sunlight behind my head - as if to say well done - it was worth all that fight old Ray.

God bless you all.

If you want to know how St. Anns could have been - look at where I live now in the Arboretum district where change is constantly happening in small little bits - and continuity continues and there's life - new cafes/ bars: new classes of people - a Kurdish 24 hour shop: a party frock shop: a small works - just lovely with the heart and life old St. Anns had - and was destroyed.

The City Council should offer a public apology for the havoc their wrong headed belief caused to the future generations have had to suffer. No one profited but George Wimpey.

HOLDING HANDS AROUND ST. ANNS

What it means to me.

Before the first Holding Hands event held last year, I don't think I was keen on getting involved for a better community. Like everyone else I thought it was too hard or too much to take on, too much politics involved I would say. However since the event I have reconditioned the way I think, simply because that day proved to me that together we can reclaim St Ann's. Not only for ourselves as parents and adults but most of all for the children and young people who are the main targets for the negativity that some seek to corrupt this community with and destroy the future for the younger generation..

I believe Holding Hands around St Ann's is the point of unity for all of us in the community. A chance to address the pointless death of Daniella and most recently Shane Miller, and to try and prevent further killings.

A chance to prove to our younger generation that we are not only around when something tragic happens, a chance to prove to them that they have choices and people are there to help and support them stick to making the right decisions. A chance to prove to them, that we as a community are willing to stand up to everyone and anyone who is anti-positive towards their future. But most of all a chance to recondition the way they think, to help them disregard all the 'I can't' and replace them with 'I can'.

I have a daughter she will be two years old in March this year, and one may ask why does these issues affect me? Yes she is young and I can now control what she does and where she goes, but she will not always be two, and I need to know when she does leave the house that she will be safe to walk the streets, I need to know that when she is in and around the community drugs and guns are not readily available to her.

So the work needs to start now not only for her but for all the other children and young people around the community, we need to become surrogate families to our younger generation ready and willing to do anything to support, protect and stamp out the negative and destructive culture which is blinding and destroying the younger generation.

And I say together we can, we started it last year and we can see it through for years to come. Remember the results will be well worth the effort.

Kedisha Clarke



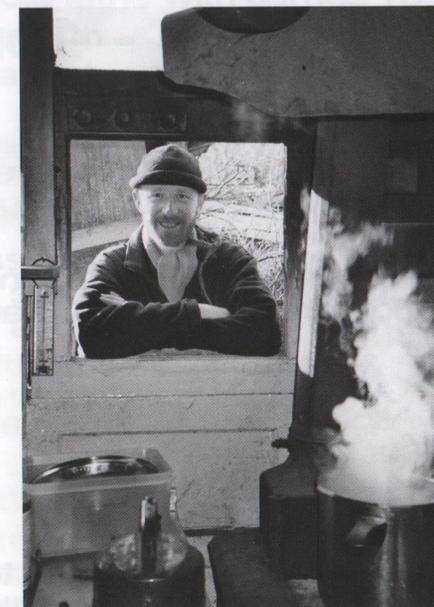
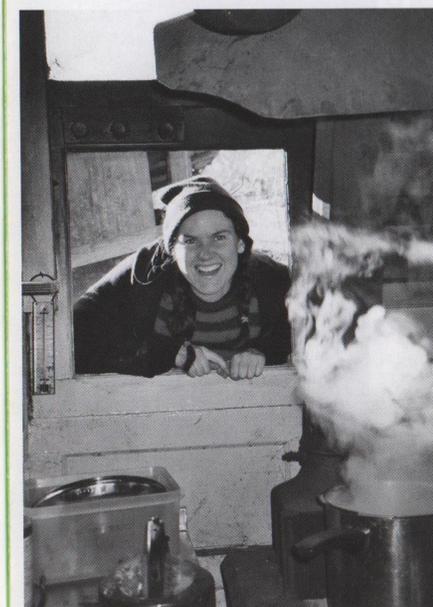
This year's Holding Hands Day will take place on Saturday June 25th.

From 12 - 3pm various community focal points will be open to the public with refreshments: Stonebridge City Farm, Curzon Street Mosque, the Pakistan Centre on Woodborough Road, St. Anns Community Orchard on Ransom Road, the Sycamore Millennium Centre and ACNA Centre on Hungerhill Road and St. Anns Play Centre. Minibuses will be laid on to ferry visitors from centre to centre, so this is a chance to see inside places in St. Anns you've never been!

From 3 - 3.30 pm parties from each centre will converge on the Chase Neighbourhood Centre where you will be able to sample a taste of St. Anns - food from some of the various cultures of the area. There will be stalls and entertainments until early evening. For further information contact Corinne Smith at Chase Neighbourhood Centre on 9472705.



Second Sunday Craft Sessions At **ECOWORKS**



Welcome to Ecoworks!

Ecoworks is an outdoor community project with several allotments on the Hungerhill Gardens site in St. Anns.

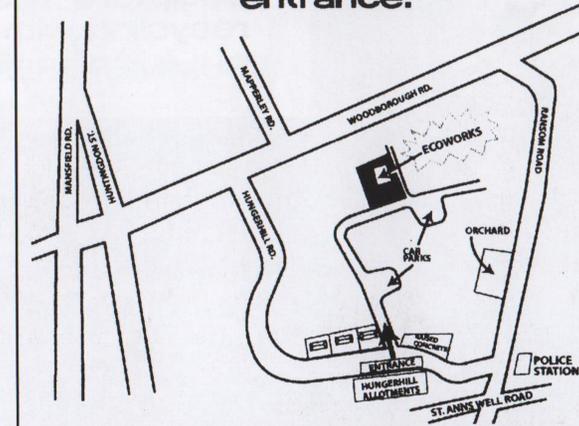
Starting this summer we will be hosting relaxed craft activities in an informal setting. Everyone is welcome. No experience needed! A programme is inside. It is best to phone first to book a place.

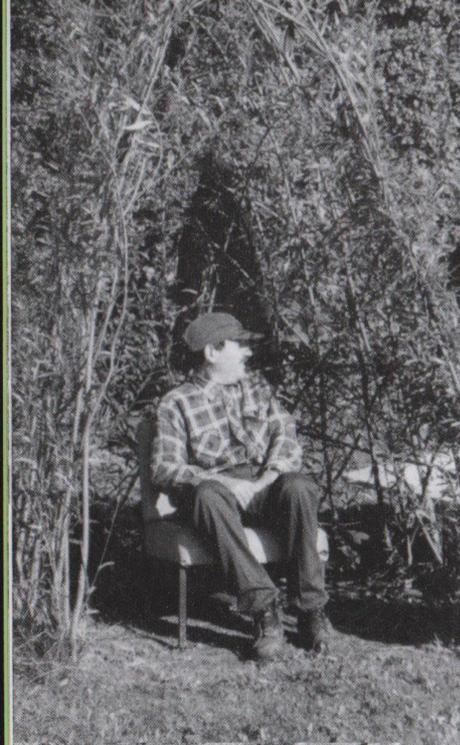
Phone **Adrian Horsley** at the Ecoworks office on **(0115) 9112522** or phone or text **0796 8484796**.

Delicious vegetarian food at reasonable prices is available on site at the Harvest Cafe every Sunday.

Ecoworks also has regular gardening and craft sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

How to get to the **ECOWORKS ALLOTMENTS**. Bus 42 stops near the main entrance.





**Craft Sessions
at the**

**Ecoworks
Allotments
Second Sunday
each month
11am - 4pm**

May 8th

Hanging decorations- Gods eyes and dreamcatchers with Jacqui Haughton.

Photograms(negative prints) and digital photography with Julian Hughes.

June 5th NOTE DATE!

Special Allotments Open Day as part of Sustainability Week

Singalong garden songs

With human karoake Pete Lyn.

Come dressed in your gardening togs and pose for pictures in our rustic portrait gallery with Colin Haynes.

July 10th

Make juggling pieces and juggling workshop with Sue Whitworth.

Sculpture with scrap - creative recycling with Paul Matosic.

SUMMER BREAK



September 11th

Hibernation boxes for minibeasts with Sally Smith.

Mosaics with Anna Dixon.

October 9th

Corn dollie making and accordion songs with Steve Plowright.

Rag rug making with Lyn Victor.
Recycle your rags!

November 13th

The art of finding the Invisible.

Dowsing for beginners with Paul Nix.

Try the pole lathe with James Tolhurst.

December 11th

Willow basket weaving with Michael Simpson

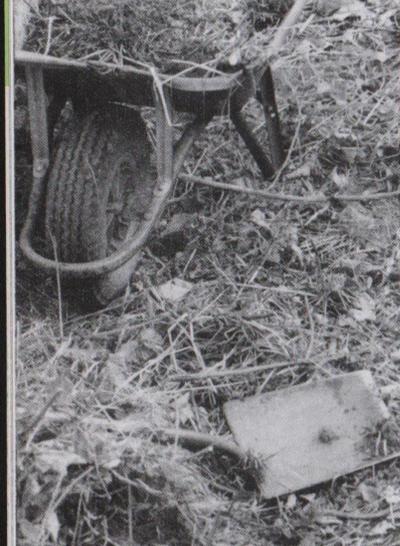
Winter decorations & wreaths with Sally Smith.

WINTER BREAK

Craft sessions will continue in the New Year including smoke-fired pottery, gardening, mapping and sign making workshops.

Come with suitable clothes & footwear! It's a long walk from the bus stop and paths are uneven. Children must be supervised.

Programme is subject to change without notice - phone to check & book on 9112522 or 0796 8484796.



OUR HEALTHY LIVING CENTRE PARTNERS:

RENEWAL TRUST AT THE SYCAMORE CENTRE

Cooking on a budget, tasty, low cost healthy options at the Millennium Cafe. Exercise activities, theatre work and international music evenings! Tel: 0115 9112220.

ACNA CENTRE

Luncheon club, exercise sessions, reminiscence work. Tel: 0115 9691364.

PHASE 10

Signposting initiative to health activities in the area. Tel: 0115 9151948.

YMCA SPORT IN THE COMMUNITY

Multi sport sessions for boys & girls from St. Anns aged 5-10.

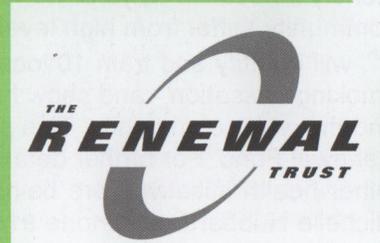
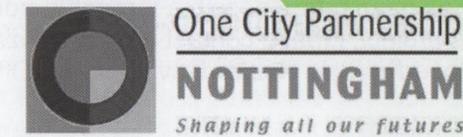
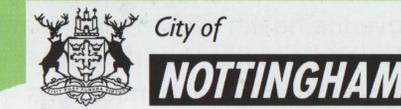
Tel: 0115 9567600.

YMCA GP EXERCISE REFERRAL SCHEME

Doctors can refer people from Sneinton & Anns onto a programme of activity & exercise. Tel: 0115 9567600.

FRESH is the social economy arm of Ecoworks with a Market Garden and educational community food project on the Hungerhill Gardens. We offer horticultural training to 16-24 year olds, a variety of opportunities for volunteers and chemical-free vegetable boxes are available at non-organic prices. Details from Claire on 07815 296071.

REVIEW OF AREA SIX ACTION PLAN



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to an update on the Area 6 Action Plan. The Plan was put together after consultation with partnership workers, organisations, businesses and local people in the area to identify priorities for the area under each of the themes of Housing, Health, Education, Youth, Crime and Employment.

This plan reviews each of those identified priorities. Under each theme is the heading of an action or project within the plan and a brief summary of progress to date. Many of the projects have been made possible through Neighbourhood Renewal (NRF) funding. If you would like any further information on any aspect of the Area Action Plan, please contact the **Area 6 Office on 0115 9150379 or the Renewal Trust on 0115 9112564.**

HOUSING

St Anns Housing Office has reported the following progress in relation to the Action Plan:

- Ten tenants and residents groups for the area and a dedicated Tenant Liaison Officer appointed
- Patch Manager posts increased to 16 by 1st April 2005 with an average 350 properties to manage compared to 1000 properties each this time last year.
- Rent Arrears reduced from 1.35 million in July to 994,000, a fall of an average 262.49 per household to 199.85 and a dedicated rent recovery support officer appointed.
- 4.5% of housing stock currently vacant. High profile projects underway to reduce this figure by end of June 2005 to within corporate target of 2.6%
- Environmental monies totalling £393,000 were also secured by the area housing office during this current financial year, which included a fencing scheme at Hutchinson Green, St Anns and the installation of fencing at both Shelford Rise and Linton Rise at Sneinton.
- Close links between the police and housing officers in taking action to reduce anti social behaviour. There are also regular meetings with the neighbourhood wardens and youth workers with the aim of jointly solving problems and highlighting hotspots of crime or anti-social behaviour.

The Housing Office has worked with the police over the last year to have 3 properties involved in class A drugs and associated antisocial behaviour closed in under new powers under the Antisocial Behaviour Act 2003. Proceedings for possession have been pursued in all cases and one has already been evicted.

HEALTH

Healthy Courses

This project was developed in partnership between the Renewal Trust and Primary Care Trust to try and identify innovative ways of working to improve the health of the Asian community. Members of the Asian community suffer from high levels of diabetes and coronary heart disease. A course, which starts on April 5th, will identify and train 10 local people in basic good health messages – looking at exercise, diet and smoking cessation - and show how these messages can be passed on to members of their families, friends and the wider community. This project has been made possible through funding from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund. For further details of this project, please contact Samina Raza Sheikh on **0115 9112564**. Other health initiatives are being developed by the Health Development Officers Beryl Whitehead and Michelle Hubbard, telephone **9150395**.

Sure Start programmes – quality childcare and accidental injury

- Neighbourhood Renewal Funding has provided safety equipment to 220 homes with under 4 year-olds and to over 200 babies aged 3-4 months.
- Staff who support refugees and homeless families in hostels have received training in safety and vulnerability of young children and how to refer to Sure Start services in Area 6.
- Local parent volunteers have been given Fire Risk Training, and a parent is visiting with equipment fitters to give advice to families and refer them to Notts. Fire for further support.
- Quality childcare in St Anns is provided at: Nurseries at; Bright Stars – Robin Hood Chase Nikitas in Marple Square, Sunshine Creche on Colville Street. In Sneinton childcare and play sessions range from the Sure Start Stay and Plays at Bakersfield Community Centre & Sneinton Hermitage to Kiddy winks and Sunshine Corner Playgroup.

Welfare Rights Provision

St Anns Advice Centre Tel: 9506867

NRF funding has provided additional advice sessions in St Anns, which have raised amounts of unclaimed benefits and debt provision of nearly £34,000 in the last 3 months. The outreach worker visits groups to give talks and is providing support to refugee and asylum seeker workers from the Chase Action Group. Comments on the service, "Could not manage without service", "Very helpful".

ACTIONS Advice and Counselling Targeted Initiatives (Nottingham City PCT) Tel: 8450991

NRF funding has enabled employment of an additional full-timer Welfare Rights Adviser with management and admin support and two new advice surgeries at Sneinton GP premises. Home visits and interpreters are available. A volunteer adviser programme is giving welfare rights training to 5 volunteers, which will hopefully lead to a volunteer-run advice session in the Dales.

As an example of help the service provides: *An elderly couple, both severely disabled and who care for each other were assisted to apply for attendance allowance and may be entitled to an increase in their income through means tested benefits. They have also been referred for assessment for disability aids for their home.*

CRIME

Combat Domestic Burglary

The Burglary reduction team have fitted burglary reduction devices, such as locks and bolts, to approximately 100 properties, **FREE** of charge. To find out if you qualify all you have to do is call the team on **9156180**.

They have also **SmartWatered** 735 properties in the area.

What is SmartWater? It is a property marking agent, which can be used to mark items which are of value to you, it is invisible to the naked eye but a nine digit code in it can be seen under magnification. These details, along with your own, are entered onto a database. A bottle of **SmartWater** will only be issued to one address. If you move, notify us, and we will update your record.

What are the benefits? Properties which have been **SmartWatered** are rarely burgled. It is important that you display the window stickers provided. This gives a clear message to the burglar. It means the property can be traced to the rightful owner, it will be hard to sell and can help convict a burglar.

Can it be removed? No, it is impossible to remove every trace. Even the smallest deposit can be picked up by UV light and analysed. **How much does it cost?** Nothing. The service is **FREE**

Where can I get it? The police or Wardens, may call or drop off a letter. If not telephone the Burglary Reduction Team on **9156180**. They will arrange to call. It is really easy. So do not delay, do it **NOW!**



These measures have led to a reduction in reported burglaries across area.

The Safer Homes Burglary Reduction Team have a Crime Prevention Officer, Valerie Bullin who delivers presentations to groups such as Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, and Tenant and Resident Groups. There is no charge and she will be happy to come and meet you. **Telephone: 9156180**.

Recruit 4 extra police officers

Four extra Police Officers have been recruited as a drug offences squad and they are getting some very positive feedback from local shopkeepers and residents. At a series of meetings to update local people on Police progress, one resident said, "I think they're doing a brilliant job, not just in St Anns but all over". A shop owner used to seeing gangs dealing around his shop, has noticed an incredible difference, "The last 3 months have been the best in the past two years", he commented. The continued success of the four-man Police team depends upon local residents providing information regarding drug dealing or drug issues.

They will target drug dealers and drug users, and will arrest the offenders, close down their houses, and ban them from the area. Latest figures show they have already made 52 arrests, closed 3 crack houses and conducted 141 stop and searches.



More Neighbourhood Wardens

Tackling crime and the fear of crime still remains top of the Neighbourhood Wardens agenda in St Anns and The Dales. Engaging with the general public, identifying vulnerable service users and signposting them on too other agencies is one of their many tasks, and so far the feedback from the residents of the area is that there is still a need for wardens on the streets. In a recent street survey on Community Safety, the presence of Neighbourhood Wardens was cited by many as an improvement to the area over the last 12 months, with comments such as "Wardens make a difference", "very supportive", "doing a fine job".

Due to recruitment issues the expected new wardens were not in post by July 2004. However, the end of March will see three new wardens on patrol working with existing wardens to cover hot spots.

Anyone with information can pass this on anonymously via Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE

EDUCATION

Set up of an EAZ for the Sneinton area

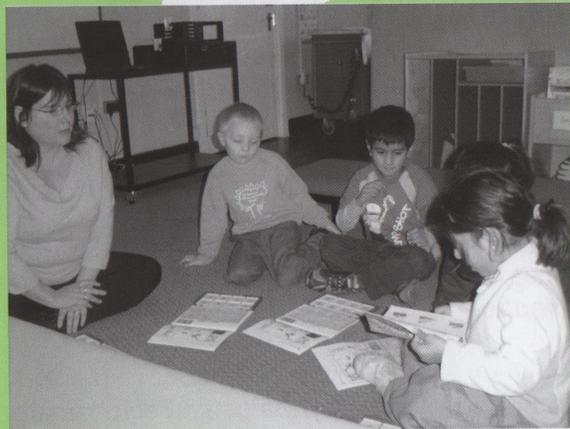
The Greenwood Dale EAZ was set up in September 2004, with the aim of raising levels of literacy in the Greenwood Family of schools. The project's aim is to bring targeted students, whose literacy level is below the expected standard, up to the national level. The EAZ funding has also:

- Supported the appointment of a key worker to design a programme of study for each student, based on their individual learning needs and targets.
- Provided each of the schools in the EAZ (from EAZ funding and Greenwood Dale's own budget), with interactive whiteboard technology.

The project is proving to be extremely successful. Regular meetings with key workers and Head teachers provide a forum for sharing good practice in the Sneinton area. The students involved in the project are positive about learning with many already making significant progress.

Design and running of additional and targeted lessons

Whilst the aims of the project remain the same for all schools, the way in which they have decided to structure additional and targeted sessions varies immensely. These include additional support on phonics and word building, small groups for reading and writing support, sessions that promote literacy in Humanities, Art, DT and ICT. One school also undertook a film project that was designed to raise attainment by stimulating interest in writing and recognising its practical use.



Maria Fletcher supporting Asima, Maryium, Rahim and Jack (Phonics group)



Leanda Wardle from the girls' reading group, reading to Aisha Imran

Promotion of additional sports in schools

The Elliott Durham Education Action Zone has been promoting sports coaching training opportunities across the local community since Autumn 2004. There has been interest from teachers, school staff, Police Community Support Officers, Neighbourhood Wardens and local parents. Thirty five places have been provided on coaching courses in football, badminton, basketball, netball, tag rugby, swimming and CSLA assessment with further courses planned. A CSLA (Community Sports Leader Award) course will be running soon.

Case Study - Sports coaching. One parent from Walter Halls completed a Football Association Level 1 coaching course in 2004, and is now looking to do a Level 2 course. He will also be starting coaching sessions for Walter Halls Primary pupils in Spring 2005.

ICT/English project

Funding from the NRF has enabled 14 interactive whiteboard kits to be distributed amongst the schools to promote Literacy. This now means that most classrooms are now equipped with this state of the art technology. The boards have been useful to explore spelling rules and identify words in a piece of writing. They are also used to support all lessons enabling teachers to promote the use of IT across the curriculum.



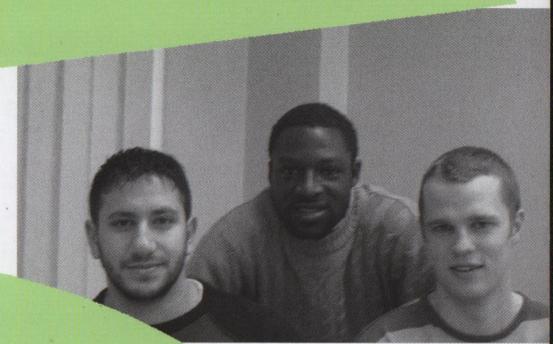
YOUTH

Recruitment of Youth Workers

A new Detached Youth Team have been in post with the Renewal Trust since the beginning of February 2005. Their aim is to engage with young people who are on the streets and not currently accessing youth provisions. The team works with the police, wardens and other youth workers to assess where the greatest needs are.

It is clear that more diversionary projects and activities are needed in the area. The team decided that a football tournament would be a positive starting point to engage some of the young people, with the possibility of providing coaching, training and education through football. The aim of the tournament is to produce a diversionary activity that will bring young people and youth centres in Area 6 together in partnership and to start the ball rolling towards education through football. The team have a number of agencies to refer young people to for specialist support, but hope to encourage them to access their local centres more.

John, Justin and Mark have been walking around the streets in Sneinton and St. Anns since March 1st.



Youth Workers Forum.

The Youth Workers Forum provides a cohesive collaborative approach in delivering services to young people who reside in St. Anns and the Dales. Activities include training events for youth workers, development of a communication strategy, development of a Young Peoples Forum and development of a service provider database.

Holiday Play schemes

After a slow start there are now five out of the six projects up and running, with some great activities during half term and a really spectacular Play day for the Easter holidays on King Edwards Park.

The After School Projects up and running so far are:

The Saturday Club at BANCA, Greyfriars After School Club, The People Centre After School Club, Greenways After School Club (Greenway Centre), Windmill Lane After School Club, Old School Hall Community Centre and Russell Youth Club for young people 11-14 years.

There is also an established grant aid system for voluntary groups to apply for one off grants to provide other play provision. For further information about any of the Area 6 NRF Play provision please contact Donna Fairclough on **9155693**.

Diversionsary activities

Following a successful application for NRF money through Area Action Planning, The Renewal Trust was able to secure £140,000 over 2 years for diversionary activities for young people in St Ann's and Sneinton. Diversionsary activities are run to try and provide an alternative for young people who were at risk from taking part in criminal activity.

To date the funding has ensured more than 700 young people have taken part in projects after school, at the weekends and during the holidays. Sports, trips, music workshops and skills training, fashion, art and dance have all provided young people with a chance to choose to try new skills or develop existing ones. Projects have taken place in venues including; the People's Centre, Greenway, Sycamore Millennium Centre, Chase Neighbourhood Centre, BANCA and Community Recording Studio.

Comments from young people - "Why doesn't school provide us with a chance to do things like this at school?" - music workshop.

"I have always liked cricket but not known where I can learn to play" - Greenway cricket programme.

In order to make sure the projects given funding are of benefit to young people, the Area 6 Strategic Youth Group reviews applications. This group includes senior Youth Workers, the Area 6 Co-ordinator, Renewal Trust representative, the Police, plus others. For more information please contact Cherry Underwood on **0115 9112564**.

