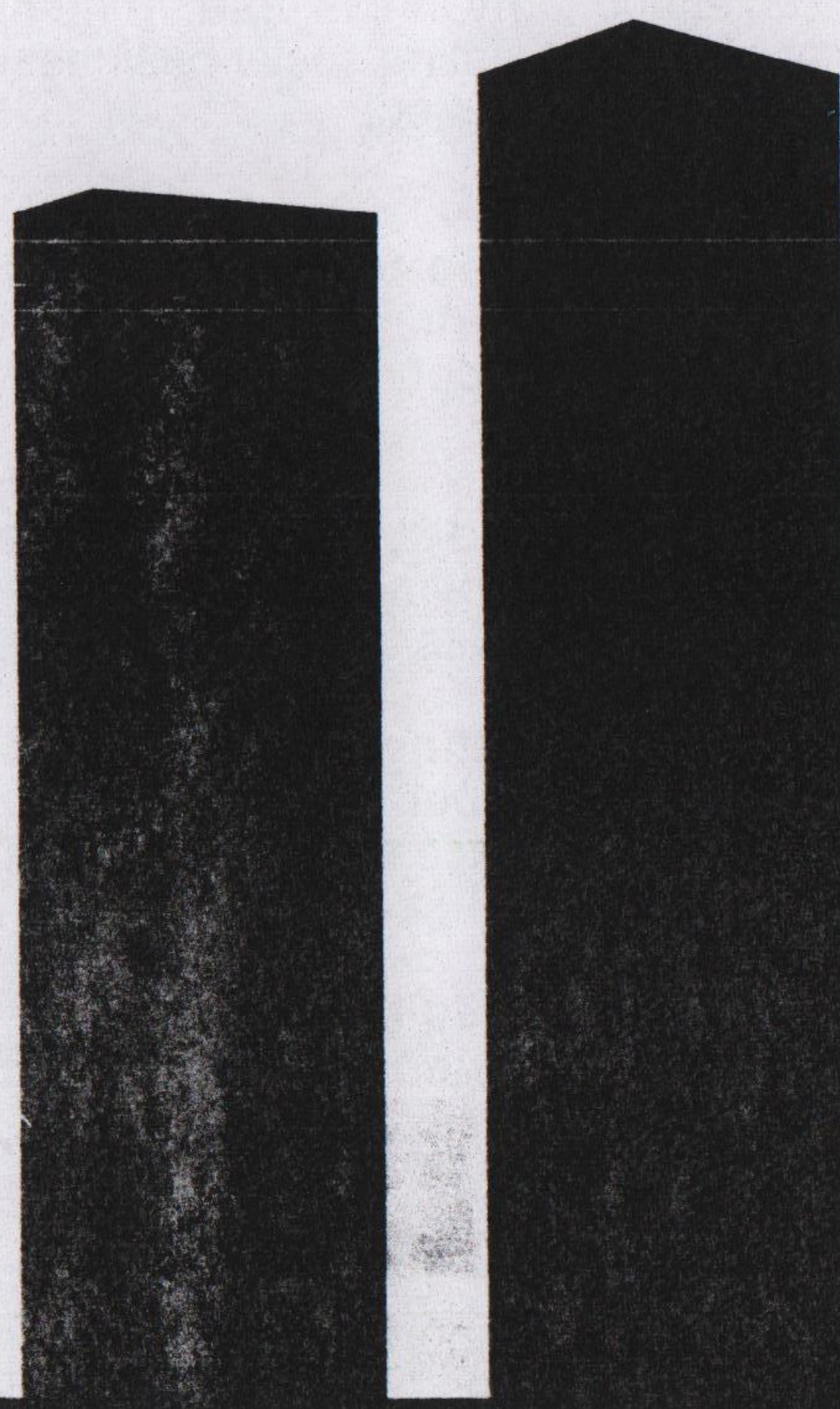


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*"The most powerful words in our language were repeated again and again by people phoning home as they prepared to die, thinking not of themselves but of all that was about to be lost forever. 'I love you,' they told their partners, again and again. 'I love you'".*



Quote: Tony Parsons, Mirror newspaper.

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# Onesheet

**Exclusive information for forum members & other participants**



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The onesheet is exclusive to those who are part of the Partnership Council forums or who are friends who actively participate in the organisation's work.

The Partnership Council aim is to act as a bridge builder so that all those who live and work in the local community can together influence decisions about local services, facilities and projects. We work with Residents, Voluntary groups, Public sector organisations, Businesses and the local City Council Area Committee.

The aim of the Onesheet is to help communicate information and opportunities amongst those participating within the Partnership Council. It also aims to encourage participants to develop their skills, knowledge or experience and to promote achievements of work and participants.

#### Inclusions

The Onesheet is mailed regularly at the beginning of each month. We occasionally take articles and adverts for activities and events which are related to our partnership work or include such material in our mailouts.

Please note that we cannot commit to include such information. Similarly, such items may necessitate a contribution to supporting mailing or distribution.

Please contact the Partnership Council office on 970 8200 before sending information.

#### Media

If you are, or work for, a media organisation or publication such as newspaper, community newsletter, radio etc, please do not use information from the Onesheet without checking it past us first.

The majority of information is fine for wider use however some information contained within the Onesheet is targeted specifically at Partnership Council participants and not for general release. Please be courteous and call us about using information from this Onesheet. We also ask that any sourced articles must respect the immense hard work that is put into projects by hundreds of people and include appropriate credits for the origin of the project as well as its funding.

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#### Internal Information

### Partnership Council Forum Representatives

**Business Sector Forum**  
PC Richard Hawthorne, Peter Lowery, Issan Ghazni.

**New Basford / Forest Fields Resident Forum**  
PC Shaghofa Shan, Mr Mehdi, Vacancy.

**Going Forwards Committee**  
PC John Taylor, Marcia Watson, Iftikhar Ahmed, Gary Long (sub).

**Hyson Green Resident Forum**  
PC Mike Rowe, Donna Payton, Michael Briscoe.

**Radford Resident Forum**  
PC David Roberts, Phil Mattias,

**Public Sector Forum**  
PC Mick Stringer, Farah Jamil, Mark Pollack.

**Voluntary Sector Forum**  
PC Julian Adams, Michael Henry, Sophia Ramcharan.

Radford Residents Forum have a vacancy for a third rep. Please contact Martin in the Outreach Team for more information.

All Reps on Partnership Council sit in order to represent their Forum not themselves or their own individual organisation.

### A Super model

Sadly we have to report the sad news that Ellen Neham, a user of Radford Care Group, died last week. Some of you may remember Ellen as she modelled for our Vote 2000 poster last year. She kindly agreed to take part as the campaign model because she was old enough to have been of voting age back in the early 20th Century when voting for women was still none existent.

Ellen passed away in her sleep last week. Our love to her and condolences to her friends and family.

## Inclusion Project

After Successfully completing the first stage of this five stage project, on 3rd and 11th September BUILD held two seminars on behalf of the PC that sort to access how the Africa Caribbean and Asian Communities viewed the PC's inclusion strategy. These seminars were organised under the following nine themes: Inclusion of Meetings, the benefits of the PC setting up a Cultural or 'Race' Forum, The PC's Recruitment Processes and Practices, Ways of Participation and Opportunities, Support for Funding, Outreach and Feedback to Minority Groups, Creating a Community Agenda, Transparency, Accountability and Accessibility of the PC and its working structures.

In addition to these seminars BUILD's Social Inclusion and Diversity Team has been visiting a number of minority voluntary organisations. BUILD have also conducted a number of street interviews to obtain the views of local residents and to find ways in which local people are able to contribute to the PC's social inclusion initiatives.

If you have not been contacted regarding this project and would like to get involved you can do so by contacting either Dan Robertson at BUILD on 924 4187 or Paul Sanguinazzi at the Partnership Council on 970 8200.

## Spring Clean Update

The Consultant - David Richards - who has been appointed to work with the Partnership Council's multi-sector Spring Clean Steering Group received feedback on his initial recommendations at a meeting on September 3rd. He is presenting his final recommendations to the Steering Group on Monday October 1st and these will be presented in full in next month's One Sheet. Watch this space.

**"Oh show me a home where the buffalo roam, and I'll show you a house with a very messy carpet".**

The Goodies Annual

# Open space - update

Throughout the consultation for the Partnership Council's Community Partnership Plan local residents raised issues and made recommendations for the development of Open Space in the area. An 'Open Space Response Document' was produced further to this.

The following is a summary of issues raised in an Open Space Workshop at the Joint Residents Forum meeting held at Hyson Green Community Centre on Sept 17th.

Forest Recreation Ground - Discussion focussed on the conflict of use on the site between local people using the area for recreation, sport, walking dogs etc and the city-wide and regional events that take place there. People felt that: the all weather pitches, cafe and toilets needed upgrading there should be more bins and dog toilets and better lighting possibly CCTV cameras in place objections to the Park and Ride could be made in the Local Plan.

There was general consensus that any money being made from the site was not being adequately ploughed back into its maintenance and development.

Boulevard Gardens - A survey is being undertaken regarding the poor drainage in the area. There was also some discussion regarding 'raising the Gardens.'

Ilkeston Road Park - Not open enough.

#### Potential new sites

Nottingham City Council have undertaken a city-wide parks review that is proposing: better access to school grounds some open space be reserved in the development of the 'Thomas Forman' site.

It was suggested in the workshop that either the vacant Public House near John Carroll Leisure & Community Centre or the former Club 1 on Boden Street, Radford could be developed.

The workshop concluded with agreement that a Steering Group be set up to look at the future of all parks in the area and specifically to produce a management plan to take a strategic view of the use of the Forest Recreation Ground.

For more information please contact Martin on 970 8200.

## Transport Update

Further to the consultation events that took place across the area to develop the Community Partnership Plan and the Area 4 Transport Plan; a Transport workshop was held at the Joint Residents Forum meeting on the 17th September at Hyson Green Community Centre.

The issues and concerns raised by local residents during the consultation are being addressed as is shown from the following summary of the key points discussed:

City Transport Bus No 69 - the cross-city service which links the two hospitals is to run every half an hour from the end of the month and the timetable will be extended into the evening. The number of cars on the Forest Park and Ride is being reduced with a new site being developed on Wilkinson Street at the Tram Interchange.

The City Council are hoping to fund a more 'demand responsive' transport service which might offer a scheduled taxi service or a pass to subsidise taxi fares.

There will be improved signage in the area regarding speed limits and parking areas etc. More consultation needs to take place regarding the extension of the cycle network and links to the national cycle route.

Small scale home zone type developments are being investigated in key areas. The City Council are developing a programme of school travel initiatives in conjunction with local schools, pupils and parents.

City Transport Planners will be invited to future Resident Forum meetings to keep updating people on the above but any comments in the interim can be passed on through Paul at the Partnership Council - 9708200.

## Successful Safety for Older People.

Over 70 people attended a successful Community Safety event for Older People which was held at the Association for Caribbean Family and Friends in Hyson Green on Friday 21st September.

The event; organised by the Improving Services for Older - People Steering Group included workshops facilitated by people from the Safe as Houses Project, the Burglary Reduction Team, Radford Road Police Station and the URBAN Community Safety Officer.

Local M.P. John Heppell also launched a local directory of services for older people which has been funded by Nottingham City Council's Area 4 Committee.

If you would like copies of the Directory and/or are interested in being involved on the Steering Group please contact Rehman at the Partnership Council Office - 9708200.

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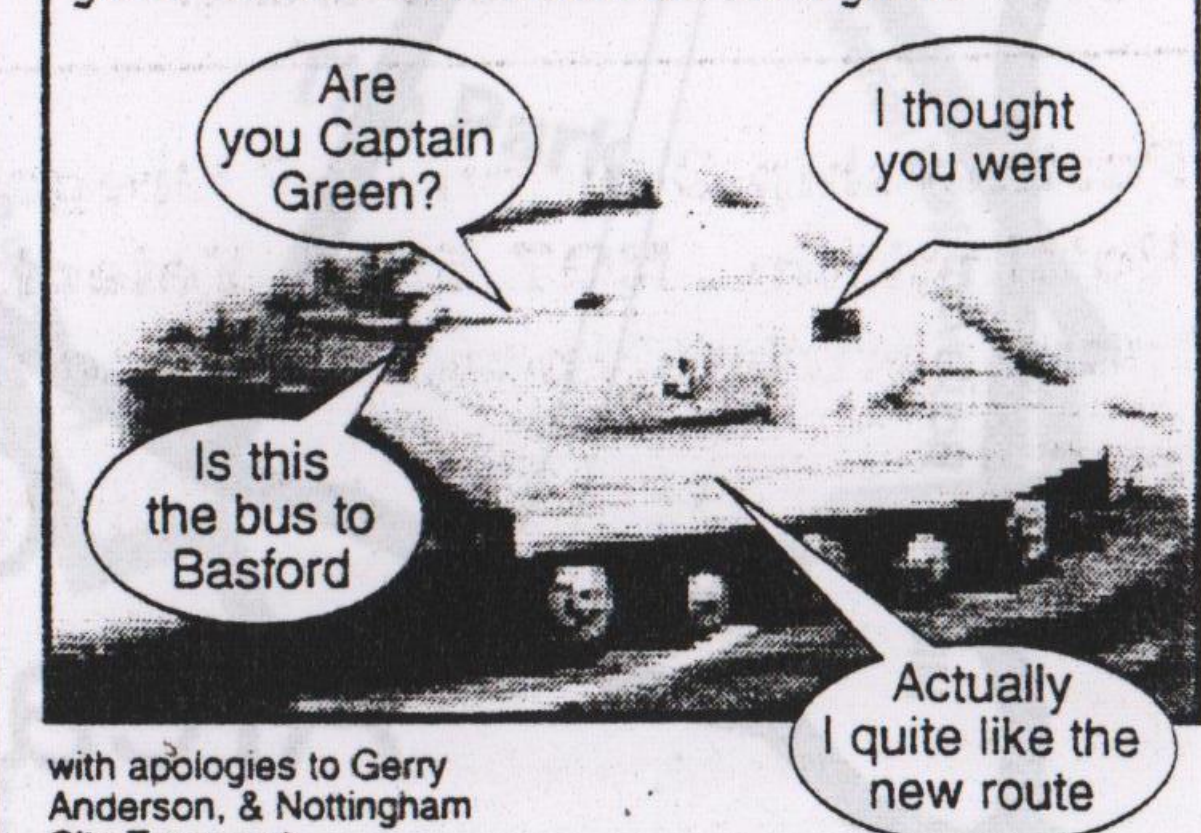
Radford Care Group Announcement

Radford Care Group Day Centre for the Elderly, Prospect Street, Radford, are holding their AGM on Tuesday 16th October 2001 at 3.00pm. All are welcome and there will be refreshments provided. Contact Jill Davies on tel: 0115 9786133 for details.

## CAPTAIN SCARLET and THE MYSTERONS

The evil voice of the Mysterons declares their next attack on Earth...

"We, the Mysterons, will rearrange all your buses and confuse everyone".





# Changes

The current boundaries for political wards will be changing after next year. Wards are based around enumeration districts which break up the City into equal sized chunks to make voting districts all roughly the same size. A number of enumeration districts go together to create a political ward and in each of our local wards there are two seats to elect councillors to the City Council.

Some years ago the City Council grouped political wards together to create Area Committees. This was intended to enable groups of councillors to work on more local issues as well as take local issues to the broader city.

Our current local Wards are called Forest, Radford, Lenton and Robin Hood. As you can see from the map the names don't

always relate to the exact community but that's because they are named by the Boundaries Commission just to help identify the separate wards. These four wards combine to make our local Area Committee - numbered Area 4 Committee but more commonly called 'Going Four Wards' Area Committee.

Every so often the boundaries committee review and restructure political wards to ensure that voting numbers remain equal. This took place last year and the new wards will come into existence in May 2003.

Because of this the City Council have also been reviewing the Area Committee boundaries and have put together new proposals for this.

The Partnership Council has put in a suggestion to Area 4 Committee regarding revision of the current 'proposal' for new area committee boundaries to try and ensure that existing communities within our area are not broken up into several other potential Area Committees. If it did it would create various problems for many groups, agencies, and the Partnership Council.

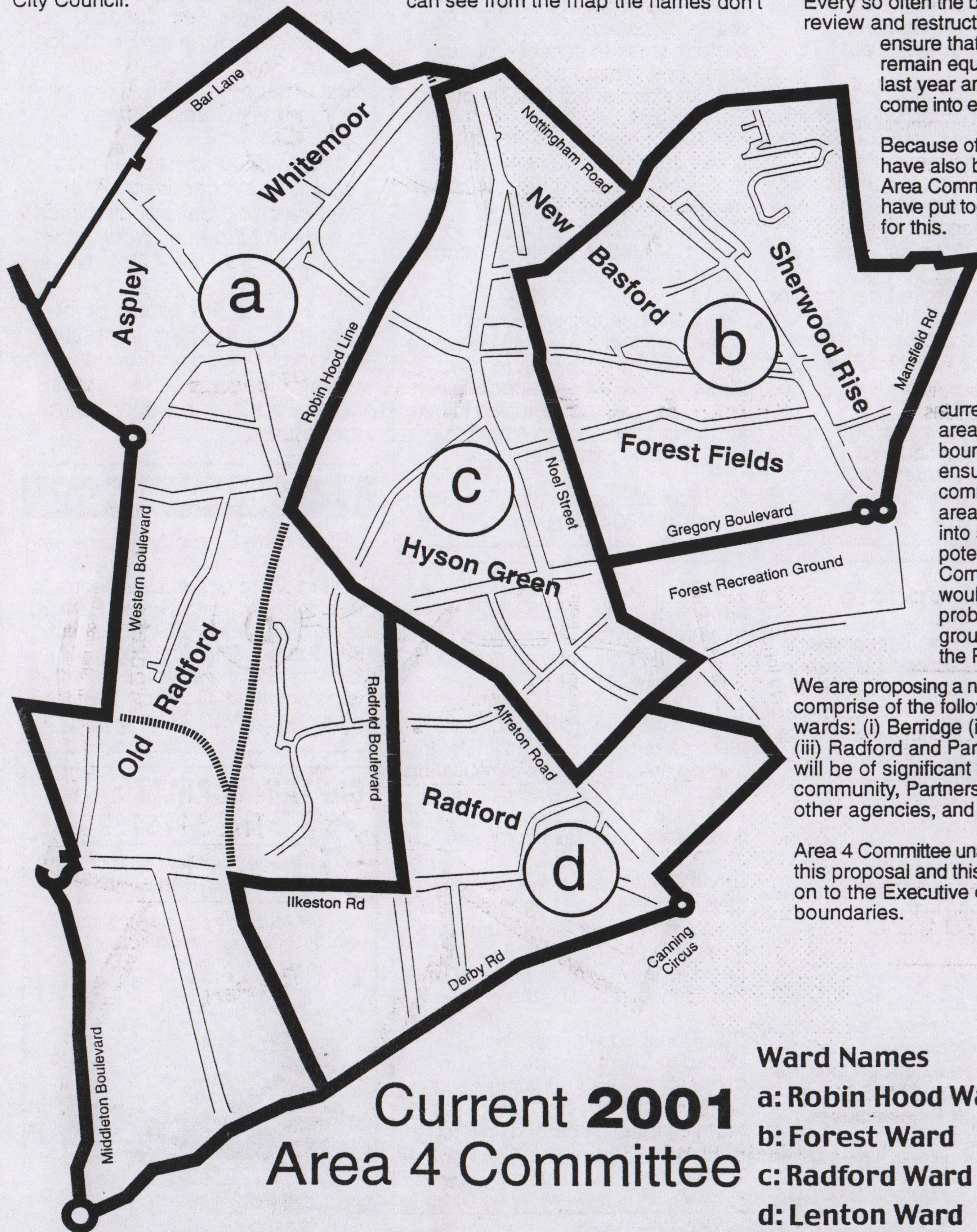
We are proposing a new area 4 that would comprise of the following, newly named, wards: (i) Berridge (ii) Arboretum, and (iii) Radford and Park. We believe this will be of significant benefit to the local community, Partnership Council and other agencies, and Area 4 Committee.

Area 4 Committee unanimously supported this proposal and this will now be passed on to the Executive dealing with boundaries.

## Ward Names

- a: Robin Hood Ward
- b: Forest Ward
- c: Radford Ward
- d: Lenton Ward

Current **2001**  
Area 4 Committee



# Area Four a change

The benefits to this proposal are that it:

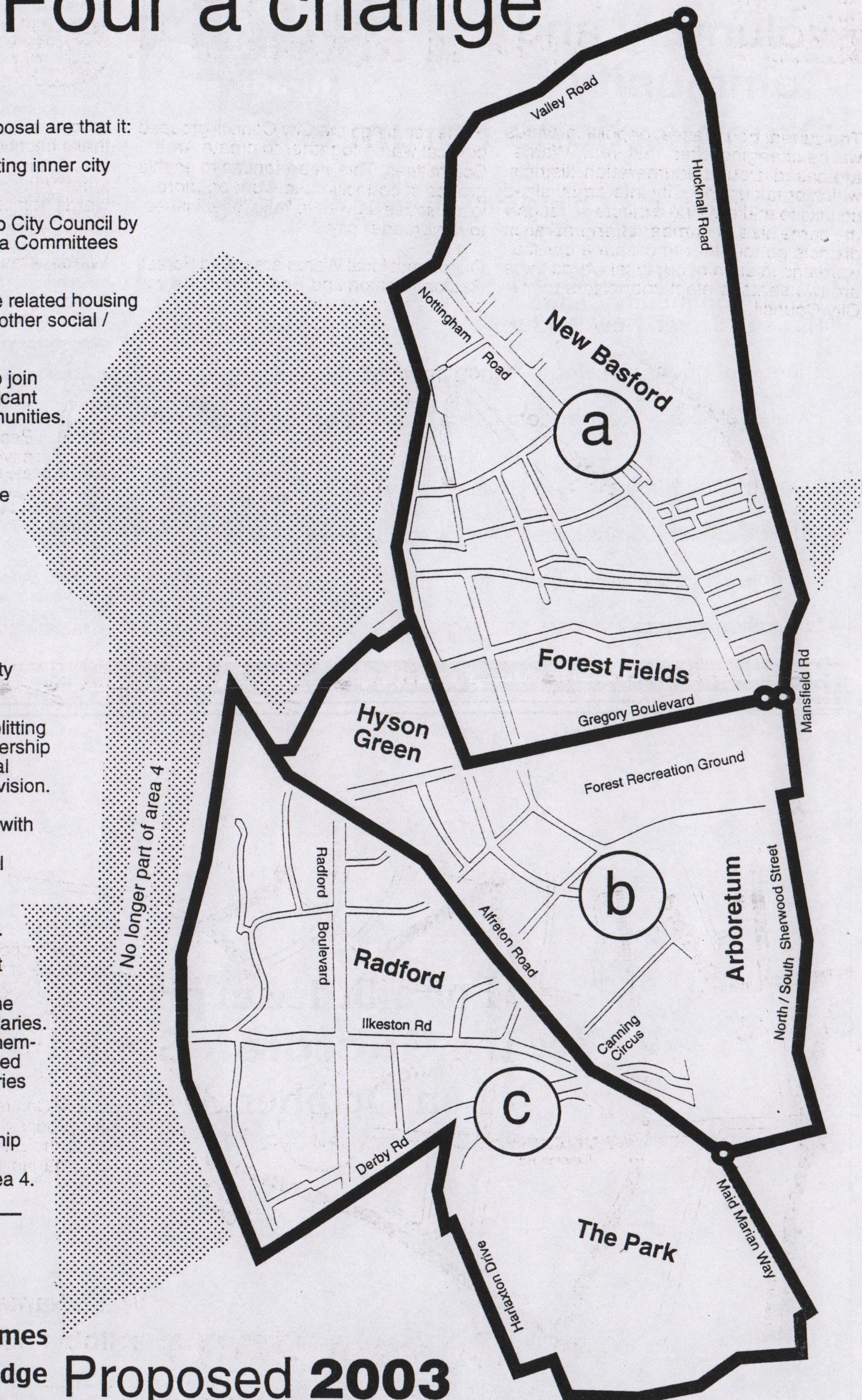
- \*Largely maintains existing inner city communities together.
- \*Reduces work / costs to City Council by reducing number of Area Committees from ten to nine.
- \*Creates area with more related housing tenure and similarity of other social / economic issues.
- \*Enables Leen Valley to join Aspley and avoid significant division of Aspley communities.
- \*Avoid dramatic split of neighbourhoods and communities which have significant social and historic association.
- \*Defines communities more naturally and supports Councillors roles by enabling them to maintain a level of ownership and continuity with their communities.
- \*Solve challenges of splitting existing agencies partnership work and avoid potential divisions of service provision.
- \*Maintenance of areas with connected issues may enable more successful drawing in of funding.

It must be stressed that the only issue which is open to discussion is the Area Committee boundaries. The individual Wards themselves have been defined already by the Boundaries Commission.

Next year the Partnership Council will be working across the whole of Area 4.

- New Ward names
- a: Berridge
  - b: Arboretum
  - c: Radford and Park

Proposed **2003**  
Area 4 Committee





# Meetings Voluntary and Community Organisations Forum



"Regeneration & Community Planning  
- How Does It All Fit Together"

**Tuesday 23rd October 2001**  
**Indian Community Centre**  
**Rawson Street, New Basford**

10am - 12 noon followed by lunch provided by the Centre.

- \* Melanie Alker - Government Office East Midlands ( To be confirmed )
- \* Community Planning - An Update
- \* New Deal for Communities - An Overview
- \* Sophie Whitely - Nottingham City Council Education Department
- \* Inclusion project

**For more info contact Martin, Paul or Rehman on 970 8200**

## New Voluntary Group

The Voluntary and Community Organisations Forum has recently taken on a new member who work across the city. TOFS offers support and information to the families and carers of babies born with tracheo-oesophageal Fistula (TOF), oesophageal atresia (OA) and related conditions.

Most TOF Children are born unable to swallow. They require surgery soon after birth and may go to have feeding and medical problems in their early years.

The group enables families to benefit from the friendship of other parents who have experienced the particular stresses of caring for these children - as well the joy when problems have been overcome. TOFS is a registered Charity (Number 327735) and can be contacted on 961 3092. TOFS are also holding a charity night, for details contact them on the number above.

### Advertisement

Nottingham Mediation Service are pleased to announce the launch of their new video-"Nottingham Mediation Service (a service for neighbours in conflict)". The video is now available and features real neighbours telling their own stories and experiences of conflict and gives a real insight into how mediation actually works. The video was previewed at Area 4 Committee and at a launch on Friday 28th September. If you would like more information about the video and how to access copies please call Nottingham Mediation Service for details on 0115 9620035.

Nottingham Mediation Service is part funded by URBAN through the Partnership Council.

**For a little surprise  
see the Guardian Society  
on October 31st**

# Business Forum

## Social Enterprise, to boldly go...

Radford, Hyson Green, New Basford and Forest Fields have a long and impressive history of residents developing innovative ways of providing services to the community, particularly where residents have felt that either 'the market' or mainstream agencies aren't providing what is needed. A response in the past has been to create resident owned businesses that provide goods or services for local people.

The 1970's saw the formation of the Institute of Workers Control on Russell Street, the Workcon Building Co-operative and the Arboretum Peoples Free Union. The latter organised their own community transport, children's play and holiday schemes, a community kitchen, a food co-op and a workers co-op providing agricultural workers and painting and decorating services. In the 1980's businesses such as the Tap and Tile Co-op, Muchachas Restaurant and the Peoples' Bakery were established in the area, as were the Purlin and Liberation Housing Co-operatives.

More recently the idea of 'social companies' and the 'social economy' providing a route for local communities to develop a stake in their local economy and to address issues of social exclusion and regeneration has become more prominent. Public agencies have recognised the role that self help and mutual organisation can have in developing solutions to some of the concerns that local people have.

### So what's this 'social economy' thing?

The social economy is a thriving collection of organisations that exist between the traditional private and public sectors. Sometimes referred to as the 'third sector' it includes voluntary and community organisations, enterprises, foundations and associations of many types. Some social economy organisations, notably mutual financial and insurance organisations are very large. You may be involved with a social business and not know it - Building Societies, the Co-operative Bank, Co-op shops, Jessops, even BUPA are examples of large socially owned businesses. But the focus of social enterprise is small business. Social businesses stand out from the rest of the social economy as organisations that use trading activities to achieve their social goals and financial self sufficiency. They are businesses that try to combine the entrepreneurial skill of the private sector with strong social aims that is

characteristic of the social economy as a whole.

Social businesses address many community needs by creating and retaining jobs, delivering new and improved local services and, promoting economic development and tackling social issues.

### So how do you define a social business?

There are a number of criteria that we use:

Ownership of the business is defined socially and the business does not exist for the generation of private profit.

The employment policy of the business is targeted at the recruitment of people experiencing or at risk of social and economic exclusion.

The trading activities and service delivery of the business contributes to community and neighbourhood regeneration.

Regeneration Partnerships often support the use of social economy as a means of delivering projects and services within the area. This can enable local people to have a major role in delivering services that will address the needs of our community. Through the social economy we can ensure that job and training opportunities will benefit local people, and that more of the money will be re-circulated within our local economy.

Through URBAN funding from the Partnership Council a project has been running to support the growth of the social economy in this area. A number of new and existing social businesses have been assisted:

#### Force 7

A resident owned company established to provide opportunities for residents of the NDC neighbourhoods.

#### Necta Ltd

A socially owned construction company, providing employment and training in construction skills for local residents.

#### Homecare Nottingham

A workers co-operative providing homecare services to older people in the community

#### Fair Goose Credit Union

Community owned provider of low cost financial services.

#### Birkin Patch Improvement Association

Developing resource and activity centre at the old Smiths Arms on Radford Rd.

#### Co-operative Community Action

A workers co-operative providing support to people with mental health issues

#### Creative Solutions

A socially owned business providing training and business services in internet and multimedia technologies

A total of £200,000 was made available to invest into these businesses. Not a lot compared to what is available to establish businesses in the private sector, but an important and effective amount to enable kickstarting of activity.

The model and the associated learning which we were able to develop through the URBAN funding has informed the development of support for the sector within the city and the region.

The Community Regeneration Fund in the SRB5 neighbourhoods was modelled on our investment panel. Our practice has also informed work with Business Link Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA), where we have supported the development of a regional support structure for the social economy sector. Local social businesses have also informed the development of EMDA's mapping of the sector in the region and the development of financial support initiatives for the social economy.

To grow the work initiated through URBAN, New Deal for Communities will be making resources available to continue support for the sector, as they see the development of the social economy as an important way of involving the community in promoting the creation of wealth locally. Effective self help and mutual organisation are vital components of regeneration. Enabling communities to develop solutions to their own economic needs increases community confidence and gives people the tools to change the circumstances of their own lives.

David Kelly.

David Kelly worked as development worker for the URBAN Social Enterprise Project. He has recently moved on to work at New Deal for Communities to carry on Social Enterprise support for them.

### Complaints procedure

The Partnership Council has a complaints procedure which is available to anyone to use if they have a complaint to make about the Partnership Council. For information or a copy of the complaints leaflet please contact the Partnership Council office on 970 8200.