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# Hello and Welcome...

Welcome to the first edition of our new community magazine, which brings you news of what's happening in your area.

Barnsley Council is changing. With smaller budgets from the government, we're thinking differently about how to spend what remains. One of the ways we're doing that is to give local communities more say about how money needs to be spent, by creating Area Councils with their own local budgets.

The South Area Council is made up of your 12 councillors and over the last two years we have been funding projects to support young people, improve the environment, provide advice services and support local businesses. Read on to hear how our projects have been getting on.

But we haven't done this alone. Our three Ward Alliances are made up of local residents and they have been giving us a clear direction about how the money should be spent. They are supported by three Neighbourhood Networks which bring together community groups and individuals, helping them to share their knowledge and skills. You can read more about their important work in this edition.

## South Area Council

Darfield, Hoyland, Milton, Rockingham, Wombwell

If you would like to know more or would like to get involved, please contact the South Area Team on:



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*Councillor  
Mick Stowe*  
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Area Council

# Poo in the Park



Following a public survey along Wombwell High Street and at the Picnic in the Park event, dog fouling was identified as a key issue for Wombwell Ward Alliance.

Leading up to the Picnic in the Park event in July 2014, the Ward Alliance along with volunteers carried out two dog fouling awareness sessions. This involved spray painting “clean it up” signs and paint spraying the affected areas. This is a form of name and shame. On both days free dog poo bags and warning leaflets were also handed out.

A lot of research had been carried out by a Ward Alliance member and these processes had been found to be very effective in other areas of the UK.

The activity received a very positive public response and by the second event day all the dog owners the volunteers saw were carrying poo bags of some kind. It was impossible to judge whether this was a result of the signs or whether this was normal.

A couple of weeks after the event there was moderate dog fouling. And as bizarre as it might seem there has been a very noticeable reduction since!

## Wombwell High Street

Maintaining the appearance and increasing footfall on the High Street is a top priority for Wombwell Ward Alliance.

Bearing this in mind colourful hanging baskets have adorned the High Street during the summer months and with the help of Wombwell Scouts and St Mary's Church the memorial garden and memorial planter on the High Street have been renovated and re-planted.

Working in partnership with Barnsley Markets additional markets have taken place on the quieter days of the week. We have had a spring market, home and garden and at our fashion market in August shoppers were entertained by a local dance troupe. These themed markets have been well received by market traders and shoppers.

Keeping up with the tradition started by the former High Street Committee our Christmas Market in November included the traditional switching on of the Wombwell Christmas lights. In order to save money, the Ward Alliance looked at alternative sources of festive lighting, and chose to decorate the existing trees on the High Street with battery lights which will be more sustainable in the future.



*“I'd come here every week.”*

*Stallholder*



# Owd Martha's Yard Community Garden, Hoyland

When two ladies came up with the idea of developing a plot of wasteland in Hoyland into a beautiful community garden they had little idea about what they were getting themselves into.

Undeterred they formed a committee of willing and like-minded volunteers and had their first meeting in March 2015.

Committee member, Charlotte said: "It's time to get back some true community spirit, to the times when you could knock on a neighbour's door to borrow a cup of sugar" and so they started contacting local businesses for donations of materials and fundraising to help with the costs of renovating the land and applying for grants from several sources. Local services including the Tidy Team and volunteers have provided advice and skills to start to improve and maintain the ground. Recently seating and a noticeboard (made locally from upcycled wood) have been installed which shows future plans for the land and how it will look in the future.

If you would like to be a part of this project contact Charlotte at the Allotment Deli in Hoyland.



“

Everything starts with a seed, but with love and care seeds will grow.

*Charlotte Oughton*

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## The Friends of Elsecar Park

The Friends of Elsecar Park are a small band of volunteers who meet throughout the year and are always looking for new members. They help maintain the Green Flag status of Elsecar Park and promote its benefits. They organise summer concerts; family events, carrying out gardening duties, including a wildflower border that was planted with seeds from Kew Gardens, litter picks and fund raising to help provide and maintain facilities in the park. When asked why they cared so much for the park, Janet Cartwright said: "Elsecar Park has something for everyone and our group love helping to make it the best in the area".

Reducing funding meant that the council could no longer provide bedding plants for the park, so the group decided that they would continue with it because the flower beds are an important feature for attracting visitors. The group have had a busy autumn preparing flower beds and planting spring bulbs. In the New Year they are hoping to have a winter clean up to clear the paths of dead leaves and litter.



### Contact

To find out more about Friends of Elsecar Park please contact the South Area Team on:



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# Darfield residents encouraged to take up healthier lifestyles

June 2015 brought a series of health related events organised by the Darfield Ward Alliance in partnership with three other community organisations. All three of these Darfield organisations had received support from the Alliance in the form of Ward Alliance Funding and so were only too happy to support these events, offering something back to the community.

Houghton Main Miner's Welfare Sports and Social Club agreed to play host to a game of Walking Football. Delivered by the Fit Reds Programme, a number of local residents (including some Ward Alliance Members) thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of not running to the ball! The Health Trainers were on hand to offer free blood pressure checks.

A number of health related services came together as part of the health fayre hosted by the Darfield Cricket Club. This was an opportunity for local residents to find out more about what support is available to them in terms of improving their health and fitness.

The last of the scheduled events offered Darfield the opportunity to have a go at Bowls. Darfield Bowls Club welcomed the chance to promote the health benefits of this gentle outdoor sport.



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Interested in future events?  
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# Darfield's 'The Ring'



'The Ring' is an island at the end of Nanny Marr Road and Saltersbrook Road. Due to service cutbacks, elected members felt that it was no longer financially viable for them to pay the £4000 quoted to have this area planted during the 2014/15 season.

Darfield Ward Alliance recognised the need to find a solution which would allow for this area to be maintained as something attractive for local residents and for those passing through Darfield.

A group of local volunteers was established who, supported by the Tidy Team, spent a day planting up 'The Ring' with winter bedding which had been funded out of the Ward Alliance Fund at a cost of £770.

Determined to see this work continued, a local resident donated a number of plants which allowed the area to be planted up for a second time by the volunteers and Tidy Team in July 2015 - costing nothing but the time of those involved!

Thoughts have now turned to the future. Local residents have already started to buy bulbs which will be donated to the volunteer group for planting up the area in the coming months.



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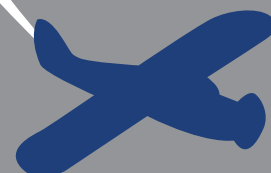
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When South Area Council looked at the problems people were facing locally, it was alarmed to see a massive increase in the number of people having debt and benefit problems.

It worked with Citizen's Advice and Welfare Rights service to look at what was needed, and decided to fund two workers who would run local advice sessions, to help people to sort out their problems.

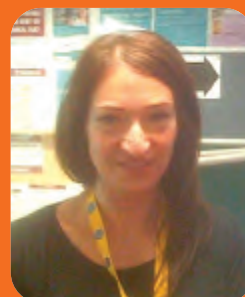
Zoe and Phil have already helped over 1000 people to gain £792,000 of benefits they wouldn't otherwise have got and to deal with over £765,000 of debt by negotiating with those they owe money to. They have also helped 21 people to avoid losing their homes.

If you would like to see them, there's no need to make an appointment - just drop in to see them at these times.



## Phil's welfare rights sessions:

Mondays 3pm - 7pm and  
Tuesdays 1pm - 4.30pm at  
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## Zoe's citizen's advice sessions:

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## Calling all local businesses Want free training? Just read on...

When the South Area Council was formed in 2013, one of its top priorities was to support the local economy and the businesses which generate much needed local income.

To find out more about what help they might need, a survey of over 100 businesses was done, and this led to the development of short, free, tea-time training courses to enable small business owners to come without affecting their trade.

The courses started in September, and have already been a hit with local businesses.

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# “It’s fantastic that we’re investing in all our tomorrows”

## Summer Internship Programme

Helping young people make a good start is a real priority for the South Area Council. They know it can be difficult for young people to get work experience and to understand the working world.

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“  
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“  
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“  
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## So are we – meet the Tidy Team...

We know that many people are passionate about where they live, and want to keep it looking good! We also know that many people would like to get involved but need a bit of help to get started. If that's you, then you need the Tidy Team!

The team was set up a year ago to work with people and groups who want to improve their environment. Since then, they've worked with over 50 groups on projects like bulb planting, litter picks, community clean-ups, setting up community gardens and working with schools.

The team are all local folk who are employed by Forge Community Partnership, a local organisation which has

many years' experience of working with communities to get things done.

The team are now supported by over 40 volunteers who turn out regularly to help them, but they are always looking for more!

If you would like to get involved, or have something you'd like to do but aren't sure where to start, please get in touch!

You can email us at [volunteerwithtidyteam@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerwithtidyteam@gmail.com) or ring Gill on 01226 749119.





# Environmental Enforcement – tackling litter, dog fouling and parking problems

The South Area Council has been listening to what you've been saying to us about the environment. At every consultation, you tell us that there are problems with littering, dog fouling and parking.

To tackle this, we've brought in Kingdom Security Enforcement Officers, who work alongside council staff to patrol the local area and issue fixed penalty tickets to people who drop litter, don't pick up after their dogs or who infringe parking regulations.

It's been a big success! In the first year, the officers in our area have issued 805 tickets for littering, 224 for parking and 62 for dog fouling. The fines have raised over £29,000 for use on local environmental improvements.

The Enforcement Officers rely heavily on information from the public. Dog foulers are particularly difficult to catch, because officers have to see the person fail to pick up after their dog before they can issue a ticket. If you know that someone is letting their dog foul in the same place regularly, please let us know.

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Give great skin this Christmas with Limited Edition Skin Gift Sets. Each with 2 **FREE** Gifts. Active Moist: £44.60 (worth £64.60), Skin Smoothing Cream: £47.70 (worth £67.70), Super Rich Repair £62.85 (worth £86.75) or Intensive Moisture Balance: £55.50 (worth £75.50).



### Nail Care Gifts

Choose OPI gift sets for your hands and nails. Give your nails the star treatment with these OPI nail care heroes in handy travel sizes for beautiful nails on-the-go. OPI Star Treatment: £19.95 (This collection is worth £35)



### Makeup Collections

Enchanted beauty and modern twists on fairytale looks are celebrated by bareMinerals this Christmas. Enjoy limited edition collections such as this double four-piece collection £45. Gift one and treasure the other. Includes expert how-to guides.



### Gift Vouchers

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# Ward Alliance Funding

Barnsley Council has made a small pot of money available to each electoral ward to match fund against time, expertise and resources for community projects identified in each of the wards.

## The Ward Alliance Fund is intended to:

- Support schemes identified in the Ward Plan. As each electoral ward has its own plan please contact the South Area Team who will be happy to discuss it with you.
- Ensure practical solutions to local issues involving local people.
- Support and develop community groups and volunteering.
- Support and encourage service improvements.
- Support equality and diversity.

To apply for funding, a short application form needs to be completed and sent to the South Area Team who will take it to the next Ward Alliance meeting for a decision. Occasionally the Ward Alliance will ask for further information so please make sure that you allow three months when applying for funding to avoid disappointment.

The South Area Team will be happy to help you complete the form, just ring or email to make an appointment.

A Ward Alliance is made up of the three elected members in the ward working alongside community representatives. They will consider and approve projects based on the details of each individual application.

Voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, registered charities and individuals who are acting for the benefit of the community can apply for funding. Grants can be awarded to help new or existing projects reach their full potential. You cannot apply for funding if you are a business or going to use the money for party political activity.



# Useful numbers

We support and empower the communities of Hoyland, Elsecar, Birdwell, Jump, Hemingfield, Blacker Hill, Wombwell, Broomhill, Darfield, Little Houghton.

If you want to volunteer, get involved with environmental projects or help organise a local event, then please contact us and we will try to help.

## Need to contact the council?

## HAVE YOU CLICKED YET?

Using our online services to pay for things or find information quickly will save you time and may be more convenient for you. We're continuing to develop our website so that we can offer you more services online. We have a range of online forms that you can use to apply, report or pay for something. Find us at [www.barnsley.gov.uk](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk)



## Contact

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## We are:

- Kate Faulkes, South Area Council Manager
- Amanda Bradshaw, Community Development Officer
- Dawn Grayton, Community Development Officer
- Tanya Dickinson, Community Development Officer



## Contact us on:



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For general enquiries, call **(01226) 770770** between 9am and 5pm from Monday to Friday.

For specific enquiries related to the following services, use the numbers below:

### Safeguarding

- To report concerns about child abuse, call children's social care on **(01226) 438830/772423**
- To report concerns about adult abuse, call adult social care on **(01226) 773300**

Out of office hours or if your call is urgent, call our emergency duty team on **08449841800** (for both child and adult abuse)

- **Finance and Benefits: (01226) 787787** - includes: council tax, housing benefit, free school meals, fraud
- **Adult Services: (01226) 773300** - includes: social care assessments, carers
- **Children and Family Services: (01226) 770770** - includes: school places, early years, family information service, special educational needs, children's social care, fostering and adoption, parent partnership, youth services, children in care.



## More **choice** to access evening and weekend appointments with GPs and nurses.



Face to face



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Video call



This service is giving patients in Barnsley access  
to flexible appointments with GPs and nurses.

This is a free NHS service; you do not need to register  
and is available to anyone who is registered with a  
GP practice in Barnsley.

**Services are available:**

**Monday to Friday** – 10am to 10pm

Face to face appointments are available -  
6pm to 10pm at two locations in Barnsley.

**Other consultation methods**

Telephone, video call and email  
are available 10am to 10pm.

**Saturdays** – 10am to 1pm

This includes face to face, telephone and  
video call appointments and email advice.

For an appointment call  
**01226 242429**

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