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Convenience Store Planning Application Appeal Dismissed

A planning application to radically alter the use of retail premises, presently occupied by Motor World, on Lydgate Lane, into a convenience store/market, possibly by one of the big supermarket chains, had been **submitted in August 2010 by Turner Investment's.**

The application which raised many questions, including how this might affect the viability of the present shops in the precinct, and crucially, what added pressure will this impact on road safety, at what is an already very busy junction with Manchester Road and Sandygate Road, was subsequently rejected **in November 2010 by Sheffield City Council's planning board. As expected, in December 2010** Turner Investments Ltd submitted an appeal to planning Inspectorate against **the council's decision.** The Inspectorate has now published its decision. The main issue cited by the appeal decision document was that highway safety would be compromised by the proposed development.

In rejecting the appeal, Alison Lea, the Inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, concluded that:

"...the lack of adequate off street parking and servicing provision would be likely to lead to conditions which would be prejudicial to highway safety and that this would be contrary to Policy S10 of the Sheffield Unitary Development Plan which provides that in Shopping Areas new development will be permitted provided that, amongst other matters, it would provide safe access to the highway network and appropriate off-street parking and not endanger pedestrians."



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There has been a marked increase in HGVs using the country lanes in the Mayfield Valley since the introduction of Sat Navs. Members of Mayfield WI are extremely concerned as these narrow lanes, mostly with no footpaths, are used by horse riders (many of these of a young age), walkers - both singly and in groups- including schoolchildren on nature trails and girl guides and brownies whilst at the City of Sheffield Guides Outdoor Training Centre on Common Lane, together with cyclists and joggers.

There is a narrow bridge over the river Porter and 2 sharp bends on Woodcliffe where HGVs are becoming stuck, causing long tail-backs of traffic.

With many bends and in places high hedges, neither vehicles nor people can be seen until close at hand and there is no place for people to escape from the traffic.

These country lanes

were built in the eighteenth century and are totally unsuitable for this type of traffic. These lanes are used for pleasure by people from all over the city, not just by local residents.

It is only a matter of time until a fatal accident occurs and Mayfield Valley WI members are not prepared to allow this to happen.

In Sheffield we are rightly proud of the "Golden Frame" which circles our City. The Mayfield Valley is part of this frame and the Sheffield City Council has a right to maintain this location.

Members of Mayfield WI wish a total ban on all HGVs

J M Newton

President Mayfield WI

Blue Bins : Green Sacks

Dear Crosspool Residents,
I attended the meeting of the Crosspool Forum on Monday 9 May. Two waste management issues were raised. I have spoken to the relevant officer and can report back as follows.

1. Flexible use of blue bin and the blue box.

Crosspool Clarion

As you know it has been agreed in principle that residents will be able to use these flexibly, deciding for themselves which one they use for glass etc. and which for paper etc. The date 23 May was mentioned. This is NOT the date for the Crookes ward. This was the date for the North West and the South East of the city. The rest, including Crosspool, will be sometime in September (date to be announced). All residents will receive a letter of information/ explanation before the September date.

2. Green Sacks

As explained at the meeting, these are in use again and can be collected from libraries and the Town Hall. When you have filled them they should be left (visible) on your property and you should ring Veolia to ask them to be collected. This will be done within 20 days. Reasonably, someone suggested that it would be better if there was a set day for collection for everyone in an area. This is what happens at the moment; in the south east collected on a four weekly cycle and this is about to be rolled out across the whole city. There should be an announcement shortly
Regards Geoff Smith



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Kind regards Marie Jackson

Book Appeal

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LOCAL SCHOOLGIRL WINS AWARD FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO CHARITY

King Edward student Alicia Cannon's quest to raise money for charity has won her the "BIG CHALLENGE" title, a prestigious competition encouraging young people to become entrepreneurs.

Alicia has been busy raising money for the Weston Park Hospital Charity by setting up the Dig for Charity Website, to encourage people to grow their own vegetables, attending Fetes, outdoor events and selling varieties of garden seeds, raising money along the way.

Seed packs can be purchased locally at the Hagg Lane Allotment society or visit the Dig for Victory stall at this year's Crosspool Summer Fayre on the 9th July.

CROSSPOOL FOLK SPRING INTO ACTION



As part of Sheffield's third Annual Spring Clean, a dozen or so local residents, both young and old met at 10am Saturday 2 April outside Direct Travel on Sandygate Road.

After brief introductions the group split into small teams to various locations of particular concern and considered in need of litter being removed, to help keep where we live litter free.

Despite inclement weather, and having to deal with such things as parts of a discarded piano, everyone enjoyed the camaraderie of the morning and the satisfaction of achievement. The hope is that another group Clean Up can be arranged for some date in the future.

A special 'thank you' to the King Edward's School Pupil Polly Lockwood who with her friend Jamie Venables, were just two of those who helped with the clean-up.

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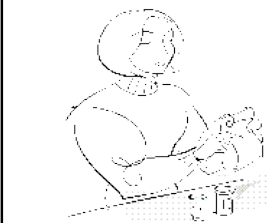
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Although both teams played extremely entertaining football, with plenty of goal mouth activity, the match remained goalless at halftime. Against all expectations Hallam, the underdogs, scored a super goal to take the lead midway through the second half.

Hallam's elation was short lived, when within minutes, Sheffield FC put the ball into the back of the net to equalise. They then went on to score another superb goal just before full time, to win the match 2-1.

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Governors at the school feel such a move would be in **the school's best interest, earning it a bonus of more than £740,000 a year**, offsetting income of over £450,000 that it is due to lose from a shake-up in funding for sixth form schools over the next few years. This would allow them to balance the books by negotiating better value services.

Teachers at Tapton are against the move, fearing that becoming an academy will not raise educational standards. A public meeting will take place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 21 June at Tapton School to discuss the issues of the school becoming an academy. This is a move which some parents called for in February.

St Vincent's Furniture Store

Every year St Vincent de Paul Furniture Store Sheffield (SVP) collects over 10,000 items of furniture to distribute free of charge to vulnerable people living in the city. Their main funding comes from Sheffield City Council but they also rely on other grants and donations.

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On Saturday 30th July, three local tradesmen will embark upon the arduous task of **completing a 100 mile NON STOP walk around some of the region's landmark beauty spots**. The walk will encompass much of the Mayfield Valley, parts of the Peak District and Pennine Trail.

The purpose of the "exercise" is to raise funds for Weston Park Cancer Unit with a target of £10,000.

Scott Graham, a local electrician and former British Tae Kwon Do champion will be joined by Andrew Fisher, a tree surgeon and Tom Faulkener, a builder to circumnavigate the route. This is expected to take the three men 30 hours.

The mammoth trek will begin at the Crosspool Tavern at midday. The route covers Ladybower, Strines, Midhope Reservoir, Dunford Bridge, Broomhead Reservoir, Dungworth, Rivelin Dam, Foxhouse and finishing back at the Crosspool Tavern. Checkpoints will be manned en route and members of the public are invited to join the walk from any one of the 7 checkpoints. Scott suggests "the easiest stage will be on our return to the Tavern, that is from the car park to the bar"!

The event is the brainchild of Scott, Andrew and Tom, as family members have, or are being treated at the Weston Park facility and they wish to pay tribute to the staffs professionalism.

It is envisaged the event will become an annual part of the Crosspool calendar, to raise funds for this worthwhile cause. Donations should be made payable to Weston Park Cancer Charity with "100 mile walk" endorsed on the reverse. Cheques may be sent directly to Weston Park or handed in at the Crosspool Tavern.

For further information and photographs of the team contact:

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Labour win Crookes seat from Lib Dems

Labour's Geoff Smith has taken the Crookes ward seat from the Liberal Democrat, John Hesketh.

Geoff collected 2,916 votes, while John received 2,397. Green Party candidate Julian Crossland came third with 1,174 votes and Conservative candidate John Levick took just 874 votes. The turnout for Crookes ward was 52.8%.

Overall in the city, Labour now has 49 councillors out of a total of 84, taking nine seats from the Liberal Democrats, who have 32.



"BBC Question Time" in Crosspool

The TOP political debate programme "BBC Question Time" arrived in Crosspool.

The programme, hosted by veteran presenter David Dimbleby, and filmed in front of a live audience at Tapton school, was screened on BBC1 at 10.35pm Thursday 12 May.

The audience, drawn from South Yorkshire residents quizzed a panel of leading politicians, including Brightside and Hillsborough MP, David Blunkett, along with Lib Dem Business Secretary Vince Cable, Conservative MP Anna Soubry and public figures political journalist Melissa Kite and Former F1 boss Max Mosley.

Answering questions on such topics as: Has Nick Clegg left it too late to flex his muscles? Life after Lib Dems' recent electoral defeats? The legal bid to try to limit newspapers' reporting of celebrities' private lives.

Crosspool Mobile Library Service is to be cut

In a bid to save £1.4 million from the budget, Sheffield City Council is to drastically cut back its mobile library service.

Currently the mobile library makes weekly visits in Crosspool to Benty Lane and Watt Lane, plus monthly visits to Moorbank Road Flats and Tapton Hill Road.

Under the new proposals, the Crosspool service will be reduced to a single weekly visit to Watt Lane and a monthly visit to Moorbank Road Flats.

William and Kate's big day

To allow residents to enjoy their Royal Wedding street parties, stretches of both Cardoness Road and Den Bank Crescent were closed on Friday 29th April.

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Lydgate Lane Closure

Motorists driving though the Crookes area will encounter traffic disruption for the next couple of months.

In an attempt to prolong the working life of water pipes, some up to 140 years old, Yorkshire Water have started the latest phase of a £16.7m refurbishment of some of Sheffield's oldest water pipes.

To allow for the project to proceed up Lydgate Lane and eventually turn on to Ryegate Crescent and Evelyn Road, the Crookes end of Lydgate Lane from its junction with Crookes will be closed.

Following the completion of this phase, a further four-week project to reline pipes along Crookes Road and

Northfield Road will begin, with temporary traffic lights being installed. No water supplies will be affected.

Blue Bin Bungle

Crosspool residents John and Carol, both keen environmentalists who have been recycling their rubbish for years, were very angry when bin men refused to collect their blue bin from outside their home on Selborne Road because it contained a single empty crisp packet. They also refused to take away a neighbour's because it had a chocolate wrapper inside. **It's thought that pupils** from the nearby King Edward Lower School and Tapton School, mindful of not littering the street, had placed the solitary items in what they regarded as a legitimate bin for this type of refuse.

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The latest computer course, run by the Crosspool Forum on Friday mornings in **St Columba's Church Hall**, is proving to be as popular as ever, not dissimilar to the three previous courses, which specifically concentrated on word processing, spreads sheets and publishing. The current course predominantly focuses on how to log on and use the internet safely.

An additional aid for students this term has been the introduction of a projector, used for displaying the web on to a large screen. As one of the students remarked **"I've learnt more in two lessons than in the last four years of having my computer."**

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Local Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

Two Magistrates, Ron Cooke and Deanna Glossop had been invited to the NHW meeting on April 13th in the Fulwood Church Hall. Local Police Team Sgt Alan Jarvis, PCSS Tony Whomersley and PCSO Phil Whitaker opened the meeting with an update on various local issues and operations. Magistrates then began proceedings by providing an historical background of their voluntary role, dating back as far as 1195, before going on to explain that persons between 18 and 70 can become Magistrates and how sentencing has now become uniform throughout the country. Finally, an actual case that had been heard in Court was presented for the attendees to decide on a verdict and on the ultimate sentencing. Anyone wishing to experience justice actually operating in our community can visit and sit in the Courts whilst in session, Overall it was a very informative and interesting evening.

As all lamp posts are gradually being replaced, Street Force are co-operating with Neighbourhood Watch to transfer all registered Neighbourhood Watch signs to the new lamp posts. NHW will require the location for each sign from every Watch – e.g. road name and the house number(s) where the sign (s) are located. We would appreciate this information as soon as possible as all unregistered signs will be removed.

Pat Watkins, who has admirably chaired the SWNHW for the past 4 yrs., has decided not to stand for re-election. Anyone interested in taking over the role as Chair should attend the next meeting in the hall at Christ Church, Canterbury Avenue, Fulwood, Wednesday 24th August 7pm to 9pm.

Chair's responsibilities carried out with the support of committee members require two area Neighbourhood Watch meetings a year to be arranged. There are approximately 100 Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators registered at the present time in the Lodge Moor, Ranmoor, Crosspool, Fulwood and Crookes area. Relevant information, as it arises, can be circulated by email around those who have provided their email addresses but occasionally, when necessary to reach all members, a message can be sent using the Police Watchline Telephone Service. Just two phone calls and the automatic dialling system takes over to leave a recorded message with all co-ordinators.

Every 6 weeks the Police and other partners such as Fire, Councillors and representatives from Council Departments, University and Housing meet and it is a useful opportunity to keep up to date with what is going on and provides a platform to raise concerns from Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators. It is not essential that the Chair attends every meeting; in fact it could even be shared with others.

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Open Meeting 9th May

Ian welcomed everyone to this, a well attended meeting with over 50 people present

Matters arising & Chairman's report

More scrap dealers are cruising the area – Pc Louise Atha to be informed.

Crookes/Whitham Rd junction traffic problems. The severe pollution caused at this junction is a serious issue that wants immediate attention. Cllr Holmes is awaiting a response from Pam Horner (PTES) and the newly re-organized Planning Board decision.

Crosspool has entered 'Sheffield in Bloom' again – look out for the tubs & baskets!

The Forum will require funding for the Queens Diamond Jubilee year display !

Internet computer course – this started on Fri 6th (St Columba's; 9.30-2pm.) Some places may be still available.

Planning permission appeal rejected by the Planning Inspectorate. *See front page*

Mayfield Valley lorries – residents there are starting a campaign to prevent satnavs huge vehicles into Mayfield valley. *See page 2*

Car Boot Sale (profits to Weston Park Hospital Charity). *See page 12.*

Crosspool Centenary Walk – starts at the Tavern 12 noon on 30th July. Please cheer the 3 walkers on (or join them!) in their huge walk for Weston Park Hospital Charity.

Police issues.

As Pc Atha was on leave there was no report, but residents made the following points to be passed on to her

Drug dealers using the ginnel at the top of Delph House Rd

"20s Plenty road speed campaign!" As John Hesketh (who had been dealing with this) is no longer on the Council, the Planning Boards will need re-organizing first before they can start looking at this issue again.

Wooden bollards on grass verges– the Stephen Hill bollards, do not seem to be in the right place, as vehicles are still parking illegally along this very dangerous road , Cllr. Brian Holmes said he had asked an enforcement officer to visit, but at that time there were no offending cars. More bollards are needed at the top of Stephen Hill. There was a suggestion that the verges at the top of Stephen Hill, without bollards, may have very shallow services making it impossible to establish bollards or trees . Stephen Hill/Manchester Rd/Benty Lane junction is awaiting survey conclusions. It was suggested that residents petition the council. This junction must be sorted out.

Councillors' Report (Brian Holmes & Geoff Smith).

New Cllr Geoff Smith was welcomed, & said he was still in a 'listening mode', but hopes to get his contact details out to the public ASAP.

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The green garden waste scheme and the blue box/bin collections are chaotic in this area at the moment, with householders expecting to receive hessian bags imminently - only to be told that the green bags are back in use (See letter page 2).

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CLRs agreed that this and the re-opening of the Botanical Gardens cafe was a high priority.

Treasurer's Report

There is sufficient in the 'kitty' to cover this year's precinct floral display, but funding will be needed for future projects.

Crosspool Festival Rev Frances Eccleston reported that the Festival will open with Crosspool Open Gardens on Sat 2nd July, a Street Market on Sun 3rd, and a range of day & evening events at different venues, ending with the Summer Fayre on Sat 9th & Picnic in the Park (Lydgate Green) on Sun 10th. More volunteers still needed to help with the Festival and Summer Fayre!

Digital Switchover Report. Carrie McKenzie (Voluntary Action Sheffield) said that all old TVs & aerials should work fine with the new digital signal. People receiving TV through SKY dishes or by cable will not be affected at all when the analogue signal is **switched off, but if TV comes via an aerial, some form of 'digibox' for the new freeview** 15 channels will be needed. If residents get their TV signals from the Crookes transmitter, then BBC2 will disappear on 10th Aug (& the other channels two weeks later). If from Emley Moor BBC2 will go on 7th Sep (& the others on 21st) and if from Belmont (not very likely in this area) 3rd August (& 17th). Residents over 75 will have received a letter already asking them whether they need an installer to call & tune their sets in – if they binned this by accident further letters will be sent! Video recorders will still work to play old videos, but not record any longer.

AOB Cold Callers. Pat Wilkins, Chair of the South West of Sheffield Neighbourhood Watch, said the digital switchover might mean scams with callers pretending new aerials are needed. The real switchover installers will have contacted households ahead & made an appointment.

Guests for next Open Meeting. As part of the "Magistrates in the Community" initiative to witness Court proceedings at first hand, two Magistrates have been invited to attend what promises to be very interesting and informative evening.

Old 'Threshers' shop. No-one had any information on this site.

Local schoolgirl Alicia Cannon named as winner of the Big Challenge *See page 4*

Crosspool litter pick. A big thank you from Steve to everyone who attended, and helped fill nine bags with rubbish!

School involvement in the Open Meetings. The Forum would like to hear from anyone from either Tapton or King Edwards schools who would like to speak at the Meetings, to give their points of view on their community.

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Philip James - Crosspool & products from other local suppliers

Short Crust Pastry, Meat & Potato pie, Steak & Ale pie
& Chicken, Ham & Leek pie

All for just £6.95 each

Opening hours: Monday 17:30-23:30,

Tuesday-Thursday 12noon - 15:00 & 17:30- 23:20

Friday & Saturday 12noon - 01:00

| Sunday - 12noon-midnight

Food served from 12noon-14:00 & 18:00-20:00 Tuesday to
Saturday. 12noon-15:00 Sunday.