

CROSSPOOL CLARION



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Local Sites Earmarked for New Houses in Crosspool

In order to meet government housing targets, Sheffield Council has outlined plans to build new homes on Lydgate Reservoir in Crosspool, Hadfield Service Reservoir in Crookes and Canterbury Crescent in Fulwood.

The Lydgate Reservoir is located at the top of Evelyn Road, a quiet cul-de-sac of Ryegate Cres. It is thought that once the reservoir has been decommissioned, Yorkshire Water will market the site sometime between 2017 or 2022.

One Evelyn Road resident, David Smithson, said: "If this pleasant and quiet cul-de-sac were to be the sole access to this site. the prospects of an unacceptable increase in traffic, and the resultant noise pollution, would have detrimental consequence on me and my neighbours' health and wellbeing. Twenty new dwellings would probably mean thirty or more cars added to usage of the road.



These sites are three of eighteen in Sheffield earmarked as part of a strategy to build 1,110 new homes.

The council is asking for residents and businesses to comment, on the plans for potential new housing, before the 27th February 2012. People can view the proposals/plans at libraries and First Point offices and at www.sheffield.gov.uk/sdfconsult. If you have any questions about the consultation, email sdf@sheffield.gov.uk, call 0114 205 3075, or write to SDF Team, Development Services, Sheffield City Council, Howden House, S1 2SH

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St Columba's Church Launches Website

St Columba's church in Crosspool has launched a website.

It can be found at stcolumbacrosspool.org.uk and
includes details of services, news, and information about
its activities in the community.

The launch coincided with a busy programme of service
at Crosspool churches at Christmas .

Precinct Christmas Trees

Big thanks to Barrie Clay and
the Crosspool Forum Team for
decorating our local precinct
shops with 20 Christmas trees
for the seventh year. (If you
would like a tree outside your
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Forum Phone 0114 335 1674.)



Children's Christmas Disco **a Big Success**

At the request of one of the younger
members of our community, Cross-
pool Forum was proud to organise a
Children's Christmas Disco party.

As a result on Sunday 4th Decem-
ber, 35 young children enjoyed a
party atmosphere in St Columba's
Church Hall.

Local children danced to the amus-
ing music of **Fabio's Disco**, enjoyed
the excitement of playing musical
chairs and were thrilled to pass-the-
-parcel, whilst their accompanying
relatives relaxed with a cuppa and
a bite to eat. With all this exertion,
it wasn't long before the children
became thirsty and enthusiastically
consumed the refreshments of
drinks and nibbles.

At around 3.15 in the afternoon,
little faces lit up when Santa arrived
with gifts for all the children.

Thank you so very much to those
who made the afternoon a great
success and in so doing supported
our endeavours to ensure that the
children of Crosspool had a
wonderful time, a smile and above
all, happy memories.

*Nice to see the St. Columbia's Hall
again. I used to play my guitar on
stage on Saturday nights with my
group, The Raiders. Joe Cocker
was on stage alternate Saturdays
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Crosspool's James Gray wins the South Yorkshire Championship

A Tapton student, James Gray of Crosspool, has received a special award from the Sheffield Federation of School Sports for his outstanding contribution to schools cross country running over the last seven years.

Eighteen year old James, who represented Yorkshire and South Yorkshire, and has been Sheffield and South Yorkshire champion for most of those seven years, was presented with the award at a ceremony attended by Councillor Dr Sylvia Dunkley, Lord Mayor of Sheffield, at the Sheffield United FC Bramall Lane on 24 November 2011.

He was also due to receive another honour in January from the South Yorkshire Schools Federation.



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AN INSPIRATION

Sheffield-born pharmacist and entrepreneur ANDREW DUCKENFIELD who, during the last 20 years, built up several chains of pharmacies in the region, has just recently opened his fifth branch of his Priceless Discount Store chain in Chapeltown.

His Crosspool pharmacy is just one of two in the city, the other being at Greenhill, hence the name Green Cross Chemists Limited.

Andrew, who lives in wild and beautiful Bradfield Dale with Deborah and their two teenage daughters, said that when he was a child growing up, he watched his father work incredibly hard, up to seven days a week in a factory, working as much overtime as possible just to give his family a decent standard of living. Being made redundant, in the twilight of his working life, his father was robbed of a comfortable retirement. This made Andrew determined never to be a faceless 'wage slave' for a large, uncaring corporation.

Andrew was inspired professionally by Tim Astill, a former chairman of the National Pharmaceutical Association (UK), who died in 1996. He was a true leader, always inspiring, full of fun and never lost for words. Stephen Fry inspires Andrew in his personal life to strive to improve his general knowledge and the use and application of the English language. The best piece of advice he ever received was, "Failure is not falling down: failure is refusing to get up".

As well as enjoying warmth, blue skies, great food, companionship and love with his family when at his home in southern Spain, Andrew likes nothing more than to read a good book or watch a film. His favourite book is John Irving's, *A Prayer for Owen Meany*, most unusual and thought provoking with an unexpected ending. His favourite film is *Dr Zhivago*, "Just beautiful".

Andrew loves living in Sheffield, and being so close to the fantastic beauty of the Peak District is a great treat. But really, Sheffield is all about the people: stoic, determined, friendly and funny. Andrew has worked and lived here all his life and says he could not have achieved what little he has in life anywhere else but here, his home.

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Permission Granted for a New House

Councillors have granted permission for a new three-bedroomed townhouse in the garden of a property on Headland Drive. The applicant agreed to revise the design of the proposed house on the advice of officers, following concerns that it failed to pick up the distinctive characteristics of the street.

The revised scheme as submitted is considered to be acceptable from a design perspective and successfully picks up on the architectural qualities of the neighbouring properties.

The proposed house would incorporate a feature bay window to reflect the style of neighbouring properties and be constructed with a hipped roof and faced in materials to match the existing properties in the area.

It would be sited on the alignment of the adjacent pair of semis to reflect the building line of the street.

Crosspool's Almost Hidden Gem Stone

A hundred and fifty years ago when Pawson & Brailsford published their first-ever ' Illustrated Guide to Sheffield and Neighbourhood' its content included, among descriptions of some surrounding districts, those of Rivelin, Ribbledin, and Wyming Brook.

Commencing at Broomhill Toll Bar the hiker would walk up the Glossop Turnpike road towards "a little hamlet" (Crosspool) passing en route "the wayside Inn, 'King Stephen", a pause, and then onwards for refreshment at the 'Belhag' inn. Back on the road again and now strolling downhill towards the Rivelin Mill Bridge, passing on the way the "third mile-stone", the second one being in Crosspool.

As only the upper half of this local gem from the past - its inscribed distance measurements from there to Sheffield and to Manchester now rapidly fading - remains, I don't propose for obvious reasons pin-pointing its exact location, By Acts of Parliament it - and every Milestone , once placed had to remain in-situ for all time.

Joe Castle

Our newly elected local councillor Geoff Smith, being one of three councillors for the Crookes ward , holds a Crosspool surgery between 12.30pm and 2pm on the third Wednesday of the month (except December) in St Columba's Church on Manchester Road. He is also happy to see constituents at other times – contact him on 0114 273 5588, 07581 214783 and geoff.smith2@sheffield.gov.uk. You can also follow him on Twitter @geoffforcrookes.

Cllr: Sylvia Anginotti also holds a Surgery at St Columba's every second Saturday in the month between 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. Tel: 0114 250 0361 (Town Hall) 273 5517
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Bollards installed on Stephen Hill Road Verges

Bollards have been installed on Stephen Hill Road verges. Crosspool residents recently requested measures to prevent vehicles from driving on the grass verge and pavement next to the Manchester Road doctors surgery.

On 23 November, the council installed a number of strategically placed bollards across the pavement and grass verge on Stephen Hill Road.

It is hoped that these measures will eliminate the potential danger of injury to pedestrians, and in so doing make this stretch of pavement a safer place for small children and the older members of the community.



20MPH SPEED LIMIT AREA CONSULTATIONS

20's Plenty



Where People Live

Local consultation meetings arranged by the South West Community Assembly let Members of the public feed into the process their thoughts on what areas should be a priority. Highways and Road Safety Officers presented information on the proposed 20mph areas and were on hand to answer questions.

A report is being prepared for the Cabinet Highways Committee in March or April 2012 on a strategy for delivery of a city-wide 20mph limit, and how to prioritise areas, starting with those around schools. The report will also consider how it would be feasible to tie the required work in with the Highways PFI. Further Consultation with local communities about implementation of 20 mph areas will begin after the strategy has been approved. Preparation of the strategy will also include development of a set of resources to be used for local 'hearts and minds' campaigns.

Crosspool Petrol Station Seeks Permission to Install Jet Wash

The petrol station on Manchester Road in Crosspool has applied for planning permission to install a jet wash with shelter on the side of the existing building.

Planning application 11/03549/FUL describes how the new facility would be built to the right hand side of the Mace store.

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Further Break-ins at Hagg Lane Allotments

Around 20 allotment plots at Hagg Lane were broken into on Thursday 15th December.

Padlocks were cut and smashed from both gates and sheds in order to steal property, according to The Hagg Lane and District **Gardeners' Allotments Society**.

The society's website says:

We have again been advised to let as many people as possible know who have suffered individual theft damage to contact the Police (telephone 101) so they can quickly link all the reports together.

No one else can report on **a plot holder's behalf** and it is very important that everyone affected contacts them and gains a crime reference number to help build the full picture of the above incidents.

This incident follows a break in at the same allotments back in October.

Crimestoppers LINK

In response to automatic teller machine (ATM) scams across our region, such as that which occurred recently at the ATM on Sandygate Road Crosspool, where, a number of accounts were found to have been hacked. Cash machine operator LINK has teamed up with independent charity Crimestoppers, to offer rewards of up to £25,000 for information related to cash machine crimes.

Working closely with different police agencies and departments, including the dedicated cheque and plastic crime unit (DCPCU) - a banking industry-sponsored special police unit - the partnership aims to support the police in their fight against crime and help inform the public about how they can protect themselves.

Any information you may have about this sort of crime, card skimming or physical attacks on cash machines, even something that may sound insignificant could be part of a bigger picture, and prove invaluable in **convicting someone involved in cash machine crime."**

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Introduction to the author

Hello,

I'm Ashleigh Fletcher, 14 years old, and I attend Sheffield High School. I enjoy playing the piano and horse riding.



I have decided to write this quarterly newsletter for the residents of Crosspool, in my spare time, to keep

people informed about what's going on in your local area.

I have never done anything like this before, **so please forgive me if you think it's terrible!** Any suggestions for the newsletter would be greatly appreciated, so if **you have any please don't hesitate to email me at ashleigh.fletcher1@me.com**

Thank you very much!

Some History of Crosspool

Crosspool is a suburb located to the **west of Sheffield's City Centre. Housing development started around 1880, but full scale building did not take place until after the First World War. It was also the first area in Sheffield to receive a public transport service by bus in 1913.**

Furthermore, Hallam FC, who play at their stadium on Sandygate Road, is the second oldest football club in the world. Their football ground is officially the oldest in the world too!

Local Equestrian Report

Here is the first report on what's been going on in and around Crosspool, related to equestrian matters.

It's a short one, as the season had just ended, but will start again next spring. Ellie Buxton and Isobel Squire participated in a hunter trial at Epworth Farm last October, with their horses, Merlin and Casper. They were placed 2nd.

Furthermore, the Sheffield High School Equestrian Team, led by Katie Midgley and Alex Chester, took part in the National Schools Equestrian Association Championships. The team was set up and is run fully by the students themselves. In the Open 1m section, the team came 6th in the country! Also, Sarah Holmes came 2nd in the country in the 1m Open.

In the Dressage, the SHS team came 8th in the country, with co-captain Alex Chester taking 10th place in the Individual Preliminary Dressage section! (see image of the team below).



Crosspool's first snow this winter!

Although it only lasted for a few days, the snow certainly gave Crosspool a Christmassy touch...

Compared to the previous two years, the snow this winter has **not caused much madness, as I'm sure many are relieved.** However, the snow left us before Christmas arrived, which

unfortunately meant we couldn't have another white Christmas

this year. We were lucky in some ways though; the north east of the USA suffered from over 70cm of snow!

Written by Ashleigh Fletcher



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Hallam FC's Refurbishment

The refurbishment of Hallam FC's ground in Crosspool will be celebrated this year with an event on 13 April.

Sandygate, officially recognised as the oldest football ground in the world, has been improved with refurbished clubhouse and dressing rooms, the relaying of paths inside the ground, new barriers and work to the pitch.

Speaking on Radio Sheffield, chairman David Slater said: "We think we've got the best ground in the Northern Counties League. There are some wonderful places that have had Football Foundation grant aid but we're very proud of what we've done and match up to anybody. People come from over the world to see us. We have to keep that ground spick and span as it is now."

The work was paid for by an unexpected donation in his will by long term Countrymen fan Roger Bell.

Special guests will oversee the official opening at 1pm on Friday, 13 April.

A sports car travelling west down Manchester Road at 10.45pm on Monday 5th Dec apparently lost control in the icy conditions and collided with an unoccupied stationary Ford Transit van parked on the opposite side of the road just before Barnfield Road. Other than suffering from shock, the young male driver appeared to be uninjured. His female passenger was treated by paramedics for what appeared to be minor injuries. The blocked road was eventually cleared at midnight.

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Angels in Crosspool

During the lead up to Christmas, St Columba's church in Crosspool celebrated its second Angel Festival, using large willow angel figures created for the church by local artist Lesley Warren.

The word angel means "messenger" and community groups were invited to create an angel that expresses the message of their group. The host of angels were exhibited, to the peal of hand bell ringers at St. Columba's over the weekend before Christmas.

Donations of almost £1,200 received at the Angel Carol Service in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, would be a huge support for a local family whose child is a CF sufferer.

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Open Meeting 26th January

Fifty Crosspool residents, our three local councillors (Cllr. Sylvia Anginotti, Cllr. Brian Holmes, & Cllr. Geoff Smith) and 8 members of the forum management committee, attended.

Five Guest speakers gave presentations as follows:

Local Land release Consultation; Sarah Smith (Sheffield City Council Planning Dept.)

In order to fulfil its obligations to the Government, with regard to releasing Brownfield land for houses as Yorkshire Water has decommissioned Lydgate Reservoir (off Evelyn Rd), Hadfield Service Reservoir & Canterbury Crescent, the Council is seeking residents' views on allowing these sites (among others throughout the city) to be developed for housing. Two drop-in sessions - Thurs 2nd Feb (3pm-8pm) at Stephen Hill Methodist Church, and Fri 3rd Feb (2pm-7pm) Hallam Primary School- have been arranged for viewing the consultation documents. Comments to Planning in writing please, - emails, online via Sheffield City Council, or by post.

Police report; PC Louise Atha said that in April the boundaries will be changing, so she and her colleagues from Broomhill SNA will be dealing with Crosspool and Lodge Moor - from the bottom of Manchester Rd west (with Broomhill itself becoming part of the city centre). She reported on more Allotment break-ins and the re-opening of Operation Herbaceous to deal with this. There are still Scrap-metal dealers cruising about and she is able to prosecute those without licences.

There have been a few burglaries in the Sandygate area with the object being to steal car keys and thus the cars. Please ensure you keep your property locked! PCSO Garry Hizam showed a new device, the Hermes unit (laptop & scanner) which will allow any mobile unit to scan possibly stolen mobile phones etc. and return them to their registered owners. The Police Box on Lydgate Lane will be open for people to bring their mobiles etc in for registration - 9th Feb (6pm-7pm).

Queries from the floor included speeding cars in Marsh Lane & Lydgate Lane, evening doorstep cold-callers (legitimate?) and a local mugging incident. PC Louise Atha was eager for any information on any of the above to be reported to her immediately.

Greg Challis from Traffic & Highways took the floor, as liaison officer for the SWCA. They will not know their allocation of funds for this year until April, and receive more requests for traffic schemes than they have the money to implement them. Residents will have noticed the dropped kerbs, tactile paving etc. his team have put down, but for each scheme proposed he needs to look at issues of conflict between traffic, parking needs, residents, and legal matters.

As regards the Benty Lane junction problem, he has studied the accident record for the last five years, and has seen a cluster of them, none serious but higher than expected. He wants to look at removing any conflicting manoeuvres, before thinking about big engineering solutions, mini roundabouts, traffic lights, road closures etc. The root of the problem is the large volume of through traffic using the Manchester Rd, so is there a way of encouraging vehicles to use a different route? (Ian H. suggested the Hillsborough long-lasting tram works caused a lot of people to discover this way to cross the city, & reckoned there was a near miss every day). Greg pointed out that the white markings designating a slip junction for cars to wait to turn right down Stephen Hill protects the cars & eases the flow past them, but also formalizes the turn, possibly encouraging more cars to go this way, and end up on what becomes a country lane. He asked for any suggestions. Ian J. pointed out a major sightline problem for Benty Lane exiting cars, in both directions (extended DYs are needed). Faye said pedestrians also find crossing Stephen Hill difficult, and a lot of school children use this route. Although there has been no fatality within 5 years, there have been in the past. (Greg agreed pointing out safety issues for pedestrians was essential).

The heavy Lorries (often in convoys) coming from or going towards Derwent, ought to be stopped and Greg said a report is due out soon on preferred HGV routes across the whole city and e.g. to the M1, but pointed out the road is an 'A' road after all. Certainly some Lorries (satnavs) use Hagg Hill etc. as the main route to/from Hillsborough, which can cause major problems.

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Residents can send in their suggestions online or by completing a form. These can also be downloaded, but Greg has taken note of the comments at this meeting. There were also questions from the floor such as why there is a 40mph speed limit on Manchester Rd, and whether people parking on Benty Lane do so because they are residents, local shoppers, or commute into the centre, why there are so few bollards along Marsh Lane to prevent verge parking and better warning signage was suggested. The Councillors agreed to hold a meeting with Greg once the budget has been decided and look at all the suggestions. Greg can be reached on

greg-challis@sheffield.gov.uk.

Internet & Personal Safety; PC Joy Price, (Children & Young Persons Officer, Broomhill SNA) spoke about the dangers of social networking sites, and parental responsibilities to ensure all possible locks, safeguards and filters are active on their home computers and other internet devices - such as X boxes, Wii and Play Stations. She felt Blackberry phones in particular were **very dangerous and should not be in children's hands. The sorts of slight disagreements which used to mean a brief verbal argument and short-lived physical tussle at school are now carried out online, by anonymous/authored verbal abuse, which ends up as a vicious circle that can't easily be stopped.** Parents must ensure under-13s cannot start a Facebook account, and do not post personal & intimate details about themselves – and photos too - on line. The internet is a candy-shop for paedophiles, as well as giving violent partners and estranged parents a means of **access to their ex's and kids. Certain sites such as Chat Roulette or Formspring are to be avoided** at all cost, and parents were urged only to use reputable websites such as those the BBC links to, for homework etc. The grooming of unsuspecting youngsters, and radicalization of young people in **the 'security' of their own bedrooms was touched upon, and Joy concluded by saying we must remember -THE INTERNET IS ANOTHER STREET, WHERE YOU HAVE TO WATCH YOUR BACK**

Councillors Questions; Geoff Smith is still trying to get an answer out of SYPT with regard to the Vernon Terrace bus shelter. There is no more money for further micro-asphalting of local pavements so it is awaiting the start of the PFI Highways Initiative.

The '20s Plenty' road-speed campaign has been holding meetings, so please send your comments to Matthew Rush or Tammy Barrass, email or write to them at SWCA 82-84 Sheldon Rd, Sheffield S7 1 GX - before March.

Events: Ian Hague reminded people of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (flags & flowers in the precinct in June), Car boot sale 16th June. Crosspool Festival Week 7th July to 15th and a possible Salford Quays subsidised coach trip for the Over-60s in April.

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Concessionary Confusion

A rumour that free off peak rail travel for Sheffield concessionary travel pass holders is to stop is not true says SYPTE

Concessionary pass holders travelling from South Yorkshire into West Yorkshire will still be able to travel free of charge – despite advice issued by West Yorkshire authorities, and contrary to information being put out by staff in Sheffield station ticket office.

The Star carried a report from West Yorkshire Metro, which oversees transport in areas including Leeds, Wakefield and Huddersfield, advising that from January 2 concessionary pass holders from areas other than West Yorkshire would no longer be entitled to a discount on trains. And despite subsequent denials, as recently as the end of January, local residents were still being told the scheme was about to end.

But in response to our enquiries, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive, which funds travel passes in Sheffield, said the arrangement to cover the cost of free off-peak train journeys into West Yorkshire will continue.

Morris Shapiro, SYPTE Concessions & Ticketing Services Manager said: "The position with South Yorkshire issued English National Concessionary passes has not changed. These passes may be used on rail journeys to and from West Yorkshire, on Northern Rail only, and provided that there is no change of train in West Yorkshire. I am sorry that there has been some confusion which started when West Yorkshire changed the rail concession for holders of West Yorkshire issued passes."

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