

**CROSSPOOL FORUM – OPEN MEETING**  
**Thurs. 26th April 2012**  
**Bullet Points**

37 Crosspool residents, Cllr Geoff Smith, and 9 members of the Forum Management Committee attended. The guests gave presentations as follows:

**MATTERS ARISING from Jan meeting;** Benty Lane junction still ongoing – information expected soon.

**POLICE REPORT**

**PC Louise Atha** – team now part of “SWSNA” (rather than Broomhill Safer Neighbourhood Area); but still the same officers working the same area. Recent items of interest – 1/ Coop Travel armed robbery – ongoing CID enquiries; 2/ armed response op, Manchester Rd, one arrest.; 3/ under-age alcohol purchases; of 17 premises tested 3 failed; 4/ bogus callers – list available of phone numbers to check their identity; 5/ burglaries & pedal-bike thefts – reminder to keep access locked!; 6/ schoolchildren fighting in Crosspool – ongoing enquiries; 7/ allotment break-ins; shed alarms now fitted & new gate; Operation Herbaceous in place. Anti-social behaviour down by 4% in this area!.

**PCSO Garry Hizam** – BlackBerry number 0758 4617200; he can call at residents' homes with his Hermes unit to register possessions.

**Insp. Deborah Pickering** – new insp. For the team introduced herself.

**REPORT ON ADVANTAGES OF FORENSIC MARKING.**

**Andrew Peet (Neighbourhood Watch, Fulwood).** As it is better to deter burglars from targeting your house in the first place, once secure locks have been fitted the most sophisticated (& police backed) tool is a 'glitter glue' type liquid that can be used by householders to mark laptops, ceramic, jewellery, cameras, satnavs etc etc. People were asked to sign up with Andrew or Pat Wilkins – or later via Ian Hague – so a large order can be placed with the company SelectaDNA, for kits at £25 a time. Each kit has a totally different 'fingerprint', and will mark up to 75 items permanently., with 'readers' able to then trace the item back to its owner if stolen. Large door/patio window stickers then advise potential criminals that a particular house is not worth breaking-into, and hopefully eventually insurance companies will take this into account when setting premiums.

**HILLSIDE SCHEME**

**Nick & Eleanor Rousseau, & Claire Gregory,** spoke about their grow-you-own cooperative, run from on 7 allotments on Hagg Hill. The last year & a half have seen them learn by experience, how to keep the mice off, how to make use of weeds for fertilizer, & how to grow a 'permaculture' system that works in harmony with nature & is low maintenance. They have a rota of local members who go together to work the land, and teach school groups etc how to do this in a sustainable fashion.

**COUNCILLOR's REPORT**

**Geoff Smith** said :

**1/ Hadfield Reservoir** – unlikely to be on the final list of proposed building sites – no plans to decommission it. **Lydgate** – awaiting response that Nick Clegg requested about this.

**2/ Vernon Tce;** sadly this is now a 'dead issue'

**3/ 20s plenty** road campaign; one 20 zone will be put in place in the SWCA area – but not necessarily in Crosspool.

**4/ Moor View (Gosney's )farm;** despite very worrying letters to the effect that demolition will take place on 30th April, Geoff was positive no application had even been received to do this, & Kate Mansell (planning) knows this is an important heritage site for Crosspool.

**5/ Green garden waste;** from 23rd April people can purchase clear sacks at £1.20 each & once filled can telephone for 5-10 to be collected by the Council. This is just for 2012, as in '13 the Council hopes to introduce green bins. (Flytipping is recognized as a possible issue because of this).

**6/ Recycling;** once the black bin become a fortnightly collection people can choose which blue bin to use for which recycling – as long as they do not mix their waste.

**EVENTS:**

**Crosspool Festival**; now in its 3rd year Sally Turnbull listed some of the events happening in the week 6th to 15th July – well dressing, open gardens, barn dance, organ recital, street market, cricket club open day, Tavern & Plough events, walks, harp recital, birds talk, gardeners' question time, tea dance, harp recital etc! Residents will get a programme through their letterboxes in June.

**Summer Fayre** (14th July) – new events incl. Punch & Judy, American marching band & sumo wrestlers! Helpers please contact Ian Hague.

**Car Boot Sale** (16th June). – but not if its wet!

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee** – look out for flags & flowers in the precinct!

**AOB?**

1/ **Ian Hague** was thanked for his organization of the recent Salford Quays trip; it is to be hoped they can be more!

2/ Paula Stacey is re-opening the Crosspool craft shop.

3/ A new Crosspool Women's s Institute group has started – see Twitter (Or Paula)

4/ Computer course; names to Ian Hague please if you would like to join the new courses.

5/Event for 21013; it is hoped to mark Sheffield' first-ever bus route – being the 51 to Crosspool – early in 2013. Watch this space!

**The next Open Meeting will be Thurs, 26th July 2012. 7pm, St Columbas.**