

# CROSSPOOL CLARION



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## Concern over the future of Moor View Farm

At a recent Open Meeting, concerns were raised by local residents, after those neighbouring Moor View Farm on Manchester Road had indicated that they were in receipt of a letter saying that demolition of **the farm (known locally as Gosney's farm) was due to take place on Monday 30th April 2012.**

Crookes Councillor Geoff Smith confirmed at the meeting that to his knowledge, no application to demolish it or for planning permission has been received by the council.



Those of you, who were up and about on Manchester Road around 8am on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, may have seen three men loitering near Moor View farm on Manchester Road. They were Ian and Steve from the Crosspool Forum, and Cllr. Geoff Smith. We were there just in case there was a demolition attempt. Fortunately we did not have to draw straws to decide which of us was going to dive in front of a bulldozer. There was no attempted demolition.

The Building Regulations office has NOT given his permission to demolish the property and has sent a letter to the selling agent informing them that demolition cannot go ahead without a bat survey and a planning application being submitted for consideration. Cllr. Geoff Smith has been assured by the relevant Council officers that both the owners and the agent are fully aware that prior applications to the Planning Dept. and a bat survey have to be carried out before demolition can take place. There is still some doubt as to the grounds on which the Planning Dept can insist that a full planning type application is made. But for the moment a prior application has not been made and a bat survey has not been completed.

We will keep you informed. If, though, you see any activity around the farm that looks like demolition or preparations to demolish please let Cllr. Geoff Smith know, who can be contacted on 07581 214 783, or contact Ian on 0114 335 1674 [Crosspoolforum@fsmail.net](mailto:Crosspoolforum@fsmail.net)

## CROSSPOOL FORUM

Open Meeting THURSDAY 26th July 7.00pm

St Columba's Church Hall Manchester Road Crosspool

Local councillors, the police & council officials will be on hand to listen to your concerns on local issues.

Look on website or Spa notice board for detail of Guest Speaker

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A GREAT DAY OUT

On Monday the 16th of April a group of 50 older members of our community set out on a visit, which had been arranged by the Crosspool Forum, to the BBC Media City Centre at Salford Quays.

**We met at the Sportsman's pub and departed from there at 8.30 a.m. The journey went well** until we met up with a learner driver who as it happens was going over the Snake Pass the same as we were. The speed limit over the pass is 50mph but we and lots more cars finished up doing nearer to 30mph all the way to Glossop where we lost this driver.

We arrived at the centre around 10.00a.m. Three tours had been arranged, two groups of 20 and one group of 10, each one lasting about an hour and an half. The tour was led by a couple of nice and well informed young ladies. We started in one of the radio studios and were shown the equipment which the broadcasters use and how it was used. We then went to the building which covers and broadcasts sport, 24 hours a day. We did not go into the building only into the entrance foyer. From there we went into the T.V. area and paid a visit to the Blue Peter studio. We were told how things worked and shown a group of Blue Peter badges. There are six in all.

From there we went into a mock-up of the Breakfast studio. Volunteers were asked to take the part of presenters and weather forecaster. Three of us volunteered. It was a bit of fun. In the same area was a set for Question of Sport. Three more people volunteered to be the panel. Following this the tour came to an end. It was well worth the visit.

Whilst the other members of the party did the tour we went for a walk around the area. Close by is the War Museum which you can go round. Further down and across a bridge is the Lowry Outlet Centre and opposite this is the Lowry Theatre and Gallery. The gallery houses pictures painted by Lowry and there is also a short film about his life.

When all the tours had finished we all got back on the coach and went to a hotel for a very nice meal. We arrived back at around 8.30p.m without any learner driver in front of us! I would like to say a big thank you to Ian and Steve for arranging things and making this a great day out.

Tony Day

New Councillor for Crosspool

I want to thank everyone in the Crookes ward who came out to support on the 3rd of May. As a newly elected councillor, I understand the faith the local people have put in me and will work hard to justify every vote I received. I have lived in Crookes ward all my life - I'm determined to keep fighting so that our area gets a fair deal. Thank you and please don't hesitate to get in touch if you require anything from me. [rob.frost@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:rob.frost@sheffield.gov.uk)

Kind regards, Cllr Rob Frost

Barnardo Helper Group

I am secretary of the Burnt Stones Barnardo Helper Group who have been raising money for Barnardos since 1967. Since that year we have raised £49,127.00 through various fund raising activities. Our main fund raiser now is a Salmon and Strawberry Lunch which we hold annually. We currently have 13 members who meet about every 2 months **in members' houses for coffee and to discuss how we are going to raise funds.**

If anybody would be interested in joining our little band of helpers please get in touch with me.

Judy Thomas Tele 0114 2301381

CROSSPOOL WI

The first full branch meeting of the **recently formed Crosspool Women's Institute (WI)** took place on Monday 19th March in **St Columba's church hall.**

If you want to find out more then you can turn up on Mondays 7-9pm or get in touch with Julia Connelly (President) 07894 387406 or Liz Manson (Secretary) 07403281609

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## Manchester Rd Surgery Launches Website

The Doctors surgery on Manchester Road have officially announced the launch of their recently established website

Visitors to the website will be able to keep up with all latest surgery news; they will also find links to other websites where a wealth of health and wellbeing related information can be accessed.

**Hot off the press on their website's notice board at the moment is that the surgery is about to trial an early morning surgery for advance appointments.**

Another notice board feature is about the newly formed patient group, and how patient power is making a difference at the surgery after the group contributed ideas that were used to develop a patient survey.

## Book Appeal

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## Hillside Harvest

Hillside Harvest is looking for new members with new developments and an Open Day on its allotment gardens in the Rivelin Valley.

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- Would you like to grow your own food but are too busy to run an allotment?
- Would you like to spend more time outdoors, amongst friends, being active?
- Do you want to reduce your carbon footprint?
- Are you in or near the Rivelin Valley?

Then Hillside Harvest could be for you!

Hillside Harvest is a cooperative, running a community allotment garden ("Lotti"), in the Rivelin Valley growing food to share amongst our members.

Hillside Harvest aims to grow crops as organically and sustainably as possible, managing the land in a way that is attractive and wildlife friendly. We combine hard work with plenty of fun, support and enjoyment through healthy outdoor activities.

We are a mix of families, young people and adults who work and learn together. Our members live in the local area (Crosspool, Walkley, Lodgemoor, Stannington...). We would love to welcome some new members who are interested in growing more of their own food as part of a social group.

At our events visitors can learn how to grow more of their own food and make new friends. We are having an Open Day on 26 May and hope as many people as possible can come down and visit us. Look out for our posters! We will also be having volunteer days on 14 July and 22 September so keep those dates free.

You can find us by following signs from the car park on Bole Hill Road or at the bottom of Hagg Hill. Visit our website/Facebook page for more details.

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## Local School Children Reaping Rewards



A "GARDEN PROJECT" which started off as scrub and unused land is starting to pay dividends at Lydgate Lane Infant School with children, staff, parents, carers and helpers starting to see fruits from their labours.

There are many opportunities for children to participate in the garden area. Whenever possible the garden is open at playtimes as a quiet, calmer alternative to the playground, as children love to explore, ask questions and build dens within this green oasis.

All children experience planting within the school curriculum, and for those who wish there is the "After school Gardening Club". During club time children weed, water and harvest fruit and vegetables. Some of the vegetables are used in the school's "Cooking Club" while other produce goes to the school kitchen to be added to the wide range of home cooked dishes.

Each year the school hold an event to help celebrate their flagship status in the "Food for Life Partnership". During this event they sell plants and produce from the garden as well as school made items using some of their home grown produce. Last year the strawberry muffins were very popular.

This year as part of the "School Food Matters Project" they will be growing even more vegetables, which they plan to sell at Waitrose in July, "As long as the slugs don't get them first". So look out for them there.

Although the recent heavy spring snowfall has brought down the mature apple tree, the onions are coming on fine as are the numerous egg producing hens which have all been reared from an incubator within the classroom.

None of this would have been possible without the support of parents and carers since adult supervision is essential with young children. If any local gardeners with an hour or two to spare during school times would like to support their efforts, the school would be only too pleased to hear from them.



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## Neighbourhood Watch Report

Generally crime in the area is low, but not zero, compared to Sheffield as a whole.

Auto crime advice - do not leave valuables on display, not even a coat as that may be a temptation, store in the boot and out of sight.

Stolen Number plates - do report this to the Police (101) as they are quite often stolen to drive through garages without paying for fuel. Reputable garages will secure your number plates using a special locking screw, suggested charge £3. Take ID in case required.

Cannabis factory found in Fulwood, but has been dealt with and persons involved are due to be sentenced in Court .

Co-op Travel Crosspool robbery; the vehicles have been taken for Forensic examination and anything found, however small will be kept on record and cross linked with other crimes.

Security – Summer is a popular time for sneak thieves. Keep your doors, windows and out buildings locked.

If your UPVC doors are older than 2/3 years old and you have the vulnerable snap-able Euro cylinder locks fitted. It may be worth contacting a reputable window/door company to check they are up to standard. As a guideline, if the lock is protruding the barrel can be snapped using pincers. Trading Standards can provide a list of reputable providers and provide advice on signing up to a cold caller scheme. **Sheffield Stay Put is an organisation that can fix them free for the over 60's or disabled, you just buy the lock.** Tele: 0114 256 4270 [sheffieldstayput@yorkshirehousing.co.uk](mailto:sheffieldstayput@yorkshirehousing.co.uk)

Forensic marking liquid, a highly recommended deterrent that only requires a little spot on each item for it to be marked permanently with your registered DNA. A small bottle should be sufficient for **most residents' requirements. Each bottle has a unique DNA therefore cannot be shared with another household** but will allow the Police to return the lost or stolen item to the rightful owner and prove ownership. Cost varies on numbers bought so this could be an opportunity for residents to come together to register for a bulk purchase of forensic marking (Selecta DNA) and take advantage of a special price. To register your interest in this community venture please email Andrew Peet ([andrewtpeet@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewtpeet@btinternet.com)) or ([pat.wilkins26@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pat.wilkins26@hotmail.co.uk)) by saying 'yes I am interested in purchasing a bottle of Forensic Marking' .

There are also UV marker Pens which can be used to mark items with your post code and can be obtained free from the Police or Pat at Neighbourhood Watch but, both pen and on markings, have a limited life. Anti-climb paint can be used on lead to deter thieves and also on high up places above 6' such as on drain pipes.

**Log on to Immobilise.com to register your valuables, mainly with serial No's, but photos can be added for jewellery or sentimental items.** It is a free service and is recognised by the Police as a secure and safe site and in fact they use it to check for stolen items recovered from raids.

Scrap metal vans - **if you see anything suspicious, such as anyone walking onto a neighbours' property etc phone 101 (999 if an emergency).** Police/VOSA/Environmental Services have all been involved in 4 operations this year to check out scrap metal vans.

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## Local Equestrian Report

Cloughfields Equestrian Centre held their own show-jumping competition on the 11th of April. Saskia Wilson, who rode Tazz, performed particularly well, gaining 1st place in the novice, as well as 1st place in 'higher-and-higher', where the jumps literally get higher...and higher!

Furthermore, the Sheffield High Equestrian Team started their season on the right hoof when they visited Arena U.K. in Grantham. They competed both in show-jumping and dressage events. The show-jumpers entered classes from 70cm to 1m and Sarah Holmes, an exceptional performer of the day, was placed 2nd, with her horse Sprite III in the 1m class. They managed to qualify for the National Finals this year! The dressage team consisted of Katie Midgley, Alex Chester, Georgia Tracey and Ashleigh Fletcher, who were placed 6th as a team. Thanks go to Katie Midgley and Alex Chester, the team captains.



Each member of the team managed to win themselves a rosette at Arena U.K.!

At the most recent event, which took place at Princethorpe College in Rugby, the team had success once again. The equestrian teams competed again in both dressage and show-jumping classes. The 1m team, despite having 12 faults between them on very wet ground, managed to gain 1st place! Sarah Holmes on Sprite III, Katie Midgley on Gargallo and Alex Chester on Gypsy Enterprise were in this winning team and they were awarded rosettes, a sash and furthermore the Kingsley School Shield for Senior Show-jumping. To top it off, however, they have all qualified for the National Schools Equestrian Association Championships, which will be held at Addington on the 26-28th of October. Again, everyone came home with a rosette!

## Centenary of the First Omnibus Service

Early next year is the centenary of the first bus route in Sheffield, which was set up in Lodge Moor. On the 27th of January 1913, no. 51 ran to Crosspool, the first suburb in Sheffield to be served by this bus service. Both 'SYLTE' and 'Firstbus' are marking the occasion in some way and will involve the Broomhill and Crosspool Forums.



## Eighty Years On

Kinder Scout, the "iconic" mountain. Who in Sheffield has not heard of Kinder, the 2,000 foot plateau of peat and peat bogs, and the Kinder Trespass of 20 April 1932? It has gained its legendary status because a group of ramblers dared challenge the landowners by holding a mass trespass on this "hallowed" grouse moor. Six young men were arrested by police after the trespass and *five* finished up in prison, not for "Trespass" but for the more serious "riotous assembly" and the trumped up charge of "assault". The injustice of the prison sentences caused a public outcry and a mass rally of 10,000 ramblers gathered in Winnats Pass in protest. A similar trespass was organised in the same year on the Bradfield Moors, the Abbey Brook Trespass, again in protest.

Many Sheffield and Manchester walkers had been rambling on Kinder from the 1800s, and probably long before then, to "escape" the filthy living and working conditions of these industrial cities for fresh air and recreation. The campaigns for access to our moorlands and protection of the "Peak District" started with such people as GHB Ward, the noted Sheffield campaigner, often dubbed the "King of the Clarion Ramblers". Trespassing on Kinder was a way of life for many ramblers in the 1920s and 30s but it was the Kinder Trespass of 1932 which raised the stakes. The trespass itself was a single, one off event without much trespassing (unlike what was going on the top of Kinder where the Sheffield contingent had an all day trespass on the summit). But it was the injustices of the sentences passed on these young men which helped create the legendary status of Kinder. The Kinder Trespass inspired, and still does inspire, all those walkers who wanted the legal right to freely walk over mountains and moorland. This "Right to Roam" came about in the year 2000 when the Labour Government passed the "Countryside and Rights of Way Act" making it legal to enjoy our mountain and moorland. It has taken well in excess of one hundred years to gain this right of access. Thanks are due to all the campaigners over the years, most of which never saw these rights which we all can now enjoy. So job done, or is it?

There still are areas of moorland we can't get on even though we have the legal right. There are several areas in the upper Rivelin Valley.

The Government is dragging its feet on creating the all England footpath and coastal access which it said it supports.

How safe is access to the public forests of the Forestry Commission? What about access to the 82% of privately owned woodlands?

Financial cuts to our rights of way network which could lead them to being blocked through lack of maintenance.

Let the "Spirit of Kinder" continue and remind us that the work of those early campaigners was not in vain. Terry Howard.

### A Sheffield Bowling Club in Line for Top Award

Chairman of both Crosspool Forum and Thorncliffe Bowling Club, Ian is proud of his clubs achievement to been shortlisted, from nearly 100 hopefuls, for the prestigious 2012 national Biffa award.

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## Open Meeting 26th April

Ian Hague introduced the guests and welcomed everyone, saying he was glad to see so many people despite the dreadful wet weather! He also thanked everyone for their involvement in the Forum – whether just attending Open Meetings, or helping with Forum events

Matters raised from the Jan meeting; Benty Lane/Manchester Road junction still on-going, an update expected soon.

POLICE REPORT. In this area anti-social behaviour figures are down by 4%!

**P.C Louise Atha said the team is now the "South West Safer Neighbourhood Area"**

instead of the (Broomhill Safer Neighbourhood Area), but she is still responsible for Crookes, Crosspool and part of Lodge Moor, as is Garry.

Enquiries are still on-going by CID into the armed robbery at Coop Travel, Sandygate Road.

A planned armed response operation on Manchester Road, (near to Kings Court) led to the arrest of one male

As part of an on-going operation to check that shops do ask for proof of age. 3 licensed shops, out of the 17 tested in the precinct & other parts of S10, were caught allowing under-age purchases of alcohol.

Bogus callers have been reported operating in the area. A reminder that genuine callers will have made prior arrangements, and to always close the door while checking their ID.

Burglaries, & pedal-bike thefts; uniformed and plain clothes police are patrolling locally to try to catch the perpetrators. Residents were again reminded to keep their doors and windows locked, even when in the house.

UV marker pens Louise had also brought some that can be used to put postcodes on possessions. A reminder of the website immobilize.com, and that Garry can call with his Hermes unit to register **possessions (with photos too) in case they are stolen at a later date. Garry's BlackBerry number is 0758 4617200 6**

Schoolchildren fights- CCTV coverage is still being studied as enquiries continue into who was responsible for teatime incident in the Crosspool precinct shops.

Allotment break-ins; following further incidents shed alarms and new metal gates have been put in place. Operation Herbaceous is starting, with evening patrols round the area.

**After taking a request from the floor; for more yellow "no cold calling zone" stickers, and inviting residents to sign up for the police newsletter.** Louise finished with a reminder for the public to phone in on the 101 number if they see anything that looked suspicious.

Inspector Deborah Pickering then introduced herself as the new inspector for the SNA. She is quite new to the area, but has worked in other parts of Sheffield, in Rotherham & Barnsley. She was delighted to see so many people at the meeting, and said the police would in future be working more closely with the CA, still from Crewe Flats so most people would not be aware of any changes to the faces they see. Ian Hague thanked the police for coming

Andrew Peet gave a talk on the Advantages of Forensic Marking. See page 6

Mark Shipman (Forum committee member and someone who works in security) said there are three ways to protect property – Prevent, Deter and Detect.

Nick & Eleanor Rousseau, and Claire Gregory gave a talk on the benefits of becoming involved with the Hillside Harvest See page 4. They answered questions & took suggested tips from the floor! Such as; vinegar or lemon juice working as an ant deterrent! A remedy for a sore & aching lower back was to whip the skin with a nettle frond (natural cortisone). Nick said as yet they had found no solution to rats or moles. Although the shed is locked, the land is open and their beet-root crop was been stolen!

Councillors Geoff Smith reported: Hadfield reservoir - this is unlikely to be on the final list of **proposed building sites, there are no plans for it's decommission .**

Lydgate reservoir – No definite plans at the moment, Yorkshire Water are reviewing a number of options.

Vernon Terrace Bus stop Shelter- **SYPTe no capital allocation. So for now this is a "dead issue".**

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Moor View (Gosney's) farm; see front page. despite very worrying letters sent to residents neighbouring the farm to the effect that demolition would be taking place on 30th April, Geoff was positive no application had even been received by the planning dept. Kate Mansell (planning) was aware of this being an important heritage site for the people of Crosspool. Ian H said he has received several communications from people, all asking that the house be preserved. Apparently one of the barns dates back to 1600s, and the 1805 Sheffield map clearly shows the house and farm. An attendee remarked that bats had been seen roosting in the premises and that disturbing them was a **criminal matter**.

The Council recognizes that there may be an increase in fly tipping, especially as the dumpit sites are not open 7 days a week any longer. Ian H pointed out that people needed to be physically fit to use the dumpit sites, as they have steep steps for items to be heaved up & over into the skips; Geoff will look into this.

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. (Fly tipping is recognized as a possible issue because of this).

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

### EVENTS:

Car Boot Sale (16th June). – but not if it's wet **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** – look out for flags & flowers in the precinct! Crosspool Festival; now in its 3rd year Sally Turnbull listed some of the events happening in the week 7th to 15th July – Well dressing, Open Gardens, Barn Dance, and Organ recital, Street Market, Cricket club open day, Tavern & Plough events, Walks, Harp recital, Bird talk, **Gardeners' question time**, Tea dance 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 and many more attractions for the whole family! Helpers please! Contact Ian Hague. 0114 3351674

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AOB? Ian Hague was thanked for his organization of the recent trip to the BBC at MediaCityUK, Salford Quays; it is to be hoped there can be more!

Paula Stacey is re-opening the Crosspool craft shop as the "Lounge" tea rooms.

### A new Crosspool Women's Institute group has started

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

Event for January 2013; it is hoped to mark, in some way **Sheffield's first-ever omnibus route** – being the 51 to Crosspool. Watch this space!

# CROSSPOOL SUMMER FAYRE

**Coldwell Lane Sportsfield**


**Saturday 14th July 2.00 pm**

**Entrance fee - Adults 50p - Children Free**

**Details on Crosspool News - [crosspool.info](http://crosspool.info)**

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## Crosspool Tavern Car Park **Car Boot Sale**

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**Hallam Fun Day**  
**Saturday 7th July 2012**

## Babe the Sheep-Pig

A production of "Babe the Sheep-Pig", based on the popular film and book, 'Babe', by Dick King-Smith, will be performed at the Crucible Theatre on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd of July.

It is the opening production of the Sheffield Children's Festival 2012 and is also this years 'BTEC Extended Diploma in Acting' at Norton College and so the students will be performing various roles, including 'Ma' the sheep, Farmer Hogget and, of course, Babe.

The play tells the tale of a courageous piglet's remarkable adventure. After Babe is won by Farmer Hogget, they form an unbreakable bond, and with the help of the old sheep-dog, Fly, she soon learns the herding instinct. When the day of the Grand Challenge Sheep-Dog Trials arrives, the whole farm holds its breath to see whether Babe will triumph, against all odds, to become the hero of the farm.

One particular member of the cast, Jess Millward, a former pupil of Tapton School, will be playing the role of 'Ma' the sheep on Monday 2nd and involved in the ensemble on Tuesday 3rd. She is also involved in the costume side of the production. Jess first started acting in the well known Stephen Hill pantomime.

Tickets are available at the Sheffield Theatre's Box Office (0114 249 6000) or on their website and are priced at £6.00 for adults and £4.00 for students/concession.



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