




CROSSPOOL CLARION



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First Crosspool streets set to be resurfaced

During the April Open Meeting, Moira Coad (Amey's Streets Ahead SW Assembly Steward) gave a comprehensive talk on the progress of the scheme to date & the zone called 'Tapton Hill' (from A57 Manchester Rd north to the Rivelin Valley, taking in Hagg Lane & reaching down to Broomhill). They aim is to have smoother roads & pavements, improved lighting, safer journeys with more reliable journey times, reduced potential for flooding, reduced vehicle maintenance & fuel costs, and a reduction in Sheffield's carbon footprint. The next 5 years will see some 70-75% of the streets resurfaced, with their maintenance continuing for the next 25 years, including trees, lights, verges, paths, litter bins, gullies, white lining & street furniture. Sheffield will be the first fully LED lit city in Europe, with all the lampposts showing a white light, more directional, less polluting & more cost efficient. Every pavement & road will have a core sample taken to assess the amount of grading & resurfacing required - everything from 40mm to 200mm depth. She answered many questions from the floor - e.g. that the utilities have a 3-5 year moratorium on digging up any re-surfaced road (so they must get their work done first!), that dangerous trees will be replaced with 3m high (10 yr. old) saplings of recommended species (e.g. rowans), but sadly any destroyed spring bulbs are unlikely to be replaced. Removed trees & any rubble will be largely recycled, and any damaged verges "actively managed". Moira was glad to report there have been few problems so far in clearing the roads of parked cars prior to the work commencing - only a few needed to be towed!.

The A57 chicane repair work is due to start in May or June - some 12m long concrete pilings will be driven into the ground to secure the slipping highway (see page8)

CROSSPOOL FORUM

Open Meeting Thursday 25th 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.

For Guest Speaker, keep your eye on the Spa notice board

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Crosspool Ladies

Crosspool ladies group has been meeting at **St Columba's Church Hall Manchester Road** for 56years.

Starting as Crosspool Young wives then we became Crosspool Wives (I wonder why) and now we are Crosspool Ladies Group

We have speakers on various subjects i.e. a pragmatic comedy novelist the Sheffield blitz and numerous lively talks on vintage fashion. We also like to give our ladies a day out, a swishing party, and a harvest supper. A summer lunch at Hassop Hall and a Christmas dinner at the Hallamshire Golf Club.

Why not come and join our happy young at heart group or just pop in one evening and give it a try

We start our winter sessions on September 5th **at 8pm with a " Town Built on Carpets",** Crossleys of Halifax.

For further information Tele: Janet Stain 2302916 or Linda Saxton Tele: 2301468



Hagg Copse

We appreciate your on-going patience with regards to the building work at the house adjacent to the Hagg Copse on Coldwell Lane.

If everything goes as planned, within the next couple of weeks the building work will be completed and the land restored to its former condition.

The removal of the lock up, skip and the area cleared up will allow the grass to grow. The boundary fence to be re-established and a mixed native hedge, of a similar age and size to those removed, to be planted. Autumn bulbs will be replanted at the appropriate planting season

With help from the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, both young and old, this green space is retained and maintained for the local community educational activities by the Crosspool Forum.

We reserve the right to edit pieces for both length and contents

Crosspool Women's Institute

Crosspool Women's Institute celebrated its first anniversary in March and we are delighted to have come this far. We are particularly pleased that we have maintained both evening and afternoon groups – apparently this is unique in the WI world! So far we have established several smaller interest groups which include a singing, knitting and crochet, book and theatre.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all who have helped us along the way, either as a member, a visitor, as a customer at one of our fundraising events and local businesses who have donated prizes. In particular we would like to say a special thank you to the Crosspool Clarion - your coverage of our activities, has encouraged local women, of all ages, to come and join us.

The events we have planned for the next few months include our Annual Meeting

(with quiz and pudding night) in May, in June talks about Diamonds from the CEO of Benz & Green, and the Life of Lady Jane Grey. In July we have talks about Teenage Cancer Trust, and the work of WI in Rumania. Visitors always get a warm welcome! (More info at www.crosspoolwi.moonfruit.com)

We adopted Care in Crosspool as our local charity for 2012 and hope to raise further funds for other local charities this year. We would welcome suggestions from readers.

Once again thanks to all at the Clarion,

Liz Manson, Secretary CWI

(liz59manson@gmail.com)

More Magnificent Meals!

Throughout April and May a cookery course for men has been running at St. Columba's Church Hall on Friday mornings. Led by an experienced tutor, the focus has been on learning hands on skills of cooking with fresh ingredients, with a special focus on healthy meals and low cholesterol cookery. The course has proved popular and has been much enjoyed by those taking part. We plan to run a further six session course beginning in September. For further information and to book a place, please ring Kate Hill on 267 0006.

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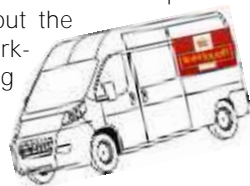
Local Residents'

Concerns Over Increased Street Parking.

Residents living in the vicinity of Tupton Hill Road and Tupton
Bank have expressed their concerns about the
recent increase in numbers of vehicles park-
ing outside their properties, also adding
further congestion at school times.

Sheffield West Delivery office has taken
delivery of 26 new vehicles which occupy
their onsite car park previously used for
vehicles. One resident has contacted the site manager to raise
her concerns and other residents brought up the matter with
local Councillors at the recent Crosspool Forum meeting.

Members of the Forum also met with management at the
delivery office on Wednesday 1st May and the Post Office will
be carrying out a feasibility study to look at options available to
try and improve the onsite parking within the site.



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Fifty One Bus Route

Our three local councillors, Sylvia Anginotti, Rob Frost and Geoff Smith have been made aware by individuals through the Crosspool Forum of their dissatisfaction with the 51 bus route. They recently met with First and South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (SYLTE) to discuss the continuing situation — in particular the failure of buses to run at the published times.

Originally the meeting with First and SYLTE had been arranged for a date in January. Unfortunately this was postponed due to bad weather and the meeting took place in March.

A report from the meeting, written by the councillors, reads as follows:

You will remember that we were promised an improved service when the Bus Partnership arrangements started at the end of October 2012. This was going to be achieved in two ways; an additional bus on the route and a change of route to avoid Broad Lane.

The additional bus was put on but the change of route didn't happen. This was because of the number of people who protested that they would not be able to get to the NHS walk in service (Rockingham St /Broad Lane SYLTE figures for complaints show a continued high level of complaints up to January of this year and then a falling off. This could be for either of two reasons, people have become fed up with complaining or there has been some improvement in the service.

SYLTE's own figures for punctuality at stops on the route show an improvement from 72% punctuality pre-October 2012 rising to 84% recently. This is against a target of 95%. So even by their own figures there is still some way to go.

First admit that punctuality is still not good enough. They said that double-deckers were part of the problem and that from early July they will be replaced by brand new single-deckers which along with ticket issue speeding up, overall loading times should speed up.

They are also putting an additional bus on the route on Saturdays from the end of April and making minor timetable changes. They gave us a list of traffic hotspots on the route which cause problems and we will be taking these up with the Council.

Also they warned that the service could be affected by the planned road works across the city.

We will continue to have meetings with First and SYLTE, and would welcome your views and experience at the next meeting of the Crosspool Forum. Please keep on complaining to SYLTE if you have problems with the 51 route.

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Valleyside Tower

The former Bell Hagg Inn which has overlooked the Rivelin Valley from the Manchester Road approach in to Crosspool for well over 100 years, is being converted into a seven bedroom family home.

The pub, which was briefly called The John Thomas in later years, finally became a victim of the pub closures surge in 2005.

Remembered by many local people, the original building is commonly believed to have been erected in 1832 as a five storey house for a certain Dr Hodgson, who had built

it as a folly to antagonise the Vicar of Stanington after he turned down a generous donation because he had made much of his fortune from gambling.

Before becoming a pub at the beginning of the last century, the building was used as a tea room, by workers from the quarry across the road, (now occupied by the Valleyside Garden Centre), and travellers stopping off between Sheffield and Manchester, and on occasion to secure prisoners destined for the assizes.

The present owner, who bought this vandalised property from the receivers, has started to extensively renovate the main five-storey stone built tower that hides the sheer drop at the back. **Some of the tower's rooms that can be seen from the road are small and are being** knocked together, and a covered link is being proposed to the already converted four-storey barn at the back. (This link is to facilitate the future maintenance of the pub tower and will have a large glazed area and a sedum roof designed to blend into the surrounding green belt landscape). In securing planning permission for the changes to this historic building, the new owner has had to get a bat licence to ensure bats are not disturbed. This will limit the times at which work can be carried out.

Assemblies

Detailed Proposals For The Future Of Community Assemblies

The council's proposals for the future of Community Assemblies are below. Please note that bold type indicates the proposals that have been made based on the comments received in Part 1 of the Consultation.

You can give your views on these proposals by 3 June 2013 (please note this date has been extended from 20 May 2013). You can also read frequently asked questions about the consultation.

A new ward-based structure

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of the existing Community Assemblies for partnership working and simply calling them **'Areas'**.

2. Setting up a Ward-based structure which will support partnership working in the Areas and give local people a voice in creating ward priorities and plans, and assist them in scrutinising local services.

3. Ward Councillors will be supported to take the lead for engaging with the communities they serve.

A ward-based discretionary budget

4. Setting up a Ward based discretionary budget of £300,000 which will be known as a **'Ward Fund'**

Each Ward would be allocated £2,000 totalling £56,000.

A further £244,000 would be distributed according to need across the city.

5. The amount of money allocated to each of the 28 wards would be decided using the National Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD). IMD shows comparative level of multiple deprivations across England at a small area level and links to the findings of the Fairness Commission.

6. Ward Fund allocation

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Minimum allocation</u>	<u>IMD allocation</u>	<u>Total allocation</u>
Crookes (Crosspool)	£2,000	£2,499	£4,499 smallest allowances
Manor Castle	£2,000	£17,664	£19,664 largest allowances

7. Ward Councillors will consider how they wish to allocate their Ward Fund based on the priorities they have identified in their Plan and can work together across wards to pool resources.

Local Action Partnerships

8. Setting up a Local Action Partnership for each of the Areas chaired by a lead Councillor selected by other Councillors. Each Partnership will include a wide range of representatives from the public, private and voluntary sectors.

9. On an on-going basis, local people and Councillors getting together to develop ward based plans, agreeing key priorities for their area.

Local Action Team

10. Setting up a centrally managed, flexible team of officers to support the new arrangements. This team will be known as Local Action Team. A named officer for each area will be the contact officer for local people, Councillors, partners and local organisations.

11. A lead Council Officer, from the Council's Senior Management Team will be available to provide advice and support to the work of the Councillors and Local Action Partnerships.

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Electrifying the Roads!

During the April Open Meeting, it was reported that the road works chicane on the A57 is exactly one year old this May. The road works are the result of a serious subsidence problem which has spread significantly since it was first identified, affecting the retaining wall.

Although it may appear to regular users of the road that little has been done, other than the siting of 'temporary' signals, Amey have been monitoring the subsidence and have drilled several boreholes as part of their investigations.

It appears that the problem is more complex than originally believed, and further surveys have been required.

However, it seems that two options have been identified to stabilise the ground and stop further subsidence. The first involves driving concrete pilings, twelve metres in length, into the ground to support the embankment.

The second, reported recently in The Sheffield Star, uses electricity! The method involves inserting electrodes into the ground; the electrical current stabilises the ground beneath by altering the properties of the rock and soil. This method has been used successfully in similar situations and may be an option for the A57.

Councillors, and Amey, inform us that the work is due to start in May or June this year, so we may have seen the last of the chicane by the end of summer.

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Dig This



Lydgate Green is a small park adjacent to Lydgate Lane in Crosspool which straddles Lydgate Hall Crescent. The land was donated to the people of Sheffield in 1934 by JG Graves and is held in Trust.

Friends of Lydgate Green are a small group of local residents who, in association with Sheffield City Council and through local donations, have installed benches, litter bins, dog waste bin and maintain the gardens. planting and weeding flower beds, pruning bushes, putting up bird and bat boxes, litter picking etc. So it was with a pair of gloves, something to dig with and plenty of enthusiasm that the group and a dozen or so local people, which included the management staff from the Artisan restaurant, turned up at 9.30am on Saturday 27th April, to plant hundreds of bulbs and plants provided by Richard at the Valleyside Garden Centre on Manchester Road.

Afterwards, everyone took the opportunity to become better acquainted, reflect on a job well done, and then take up an invitation to enjoy a well-earned drink, chocolate cake and fresh cream, kindly provided by Artisan restaurant.

The park, which is well used by residents and is a teaching resource for the primary school and scout/guides groups, has been the venue for local events during **Crosspool's annual Festival**.

Rachel Bacon said: "A big thank you from the Friends of Lydgate Green to those who came and helped us on Saturday morning. All the plants are in and watered so let's hope for a bit more sunshine to bring them on.

Thanks to Richard from Valleyside for all his advice and for doing us such a great deal on the plants, to the Rangers for coming on their day off, to the boys from Artisan for digging in and for the coffee and cake (yum!) and to Ian and Crosspool Forum for their help and to Jane, Kate, George, Tim and Samuel for all their help!"



If you would like to become a Friend of Lydgate Green

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Have you got the Answers?

Why did the Outer Circle bus route end?

What is the meaning of the Rivelin Valley names (e.g. Plonk wheel)?

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Open Meeting 22nd April

PRESENT 45 Crosspool residents, Cllrs Rob Frost & Geoff Smith, and 9 members of the Forum Management Committee; PC Louise Atha (& daughter), PCSO Phil Whitaker and guest speaker Moira Coad (Amey—Streets Ahead).

MATTERS ARISING from Jan 24th 2013 - none.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ian welcomed 2 new Committee Members, Angela Southward (Treasurer) and John Holliday. He also mentioned that bids for the purchase of Moor View Farm had to be in by 1st May, and that plans need to include retaining the old farmhouse.

POLICE REPORT

PC Louise Atha has won Constable of the Year for S Yorkshire, & PCSO Phil Whitaker Police Support Officer of the Year! - Well done!

Local burglaries - people should check that doors and windows are locked, and keys hidden. Ensure sheds & garages are secure too.

Car thefts - BMWs are being targeted to steal their airbags - £1k on EBay! Advice is to cover the steering wheel with a locking device.

Farm watch - a new scheme announced (like Neighbourhood Watch) - anyone with a smallholdings or outbuildings contact Louise.

Scrap dealer vans are still cruising - please send any sightings/reg. numbers/photos to Louise.

Underage drinkers have been seen - again, please report these to the Police.

A new central unit - actionfraud.police.uk - is targeting internet crime and identity theft—a crime reduction leaflet was demonstrated.

Residents are advised to watch out for doorstep crime - bogus officials etc.

Safer driving for over 60s - course available (Safety First Driving Academy)- this is oversubscribed but will continue into 2014. (There's also a scooter-safe course).

STREETS AHEAD presentation — see front page

COUNCILLORS' REPORT Geoff, Rob & Moira Coad (see front page) answered questions;

SYPT & 51 bus route; meetings have been held & more are planned; the reliability & punctuality of this service was supposed to improve from Oct 2012, and the data suggested the punctuality is up from 72% to 84% - not a great improvement. There will be one additional bus on the route on Sat. from the end of April, and new, cleaner buses are expected. (Please continue to complain if the service is not working properly! - the drop in numbers of complaints might not reflect the situation accurately.) see page 4

Cable fault on Redmires Rd - a National Power issue which might take some time.

Tapton Hill Parcel Sorting office; Councillors will look into the safety issues arising now that the pouch drop scheme has ended, resulting in an increase in red vans which are used to transport the bags of mail. Parking on Tapton Hill Rd has become very tight due to more Office employees needing to park there.

Summer planting; Councillors will look into whether there are any young plants available for hanging baskets or more big planters for the precinct this year.

Litter behind the shops at the top of Selborne Rd & ginnel leading down to King's Court, and the faded zebra crossings were also discussed.

Allotment rental increases of over 50% in 2014 noted.

EVENTS 8th June—Car Boot Sale.

Crosspool Festival; - Well Dressing 28th June, and activities throughout the week, culminating in the Summer Fayre 6th July, and Picnic in the Park on Sun 7th. Ian Hague would still like help for the Fayre and for the Festival.

The next Open Meeting will be Thurs, 25th July 2013. 7pm, St Columba's.

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Composting is a great way to create free food for your plants and something we have really focused on at Hillside Harvest. Darrell Maryon, Head Gardener at Wortley Hall Walled Garden came and shared his knowledge of composting at our February Open Day. Here are few pointers to get you started...

The two main methods of composting are the cool heap (the compost ingredients are put into a heap or container and then left until it has composted) and the hot heap (where the compost ingredients are mixed together, kept damp and turned over to allow air in to allow the aerobic microbes to work and heat the heap up). The hot heap method can speed up the process so compost is ready within 8-10 weeks.

Items that can be composted are referred to as green and brown items. Green items are nitrogen rich ones such as nettles, grass cuttings, raw vegetable peelings, tea bags, coffee grounds, young weeds and animal manure from herbivores. Brown items are carbon rich and slower to rot and include cardboard (such as cereal packets, egg boxes and tubes), waste paper (including shredded confidential papers) and newspaper, bracken, sawdust and wood shavings, egg shells and a small amount of wood ash. You should aim to have more brown than green. Some items cannot be composed such as meat, fish, cooked food, coal and coke ash and cat litter. We have found that poultry manure, guinea pig waste (with all the bedding included – newspaper, hay, sawdust) or urine can be added to speed things up.

Some websites provide very good information about the whole composting process:

www.whattocompost.com

www.garden-organic.org.uk

www.compostinginstructions.com

If you want to know more about Hillside Harvest and our next Open Day, visit our website (www.hillsideharvest.org.uk) or Facebook page, or contact Nick or Eleanor on 2301 406

Active8 Sheffield

The time has arrived! For the 6th year running, "Active8 Sheffield" will be hosting the annual charity fun day in support of Weston Park and Barnsley Hospice cancer charities on Sunday 14th July 2013.

Their previous days have been a raging success and have managed to raise over £7000 for these causes that are close to all at Active8.



This wide-scale event will once again take place at King Edwards Lower School.

The purpose of this is to make the event much more child centred, and base everything around the children. Active8 are planning to have fairground rides, face painting, animal shows, bouncy castles and much much more! They are also hoping to replicate the mammoth success of their charity children's football tournament that took place last year.



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