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Crosspool Person of the Year Announced

Sheila Lomas was announced as this year's Crosspool Person of the Year at the Forum's October Open Meeting. Sheila has been volunteering within the community for many years, running fetes, fayres, and numerous garden parties during the 90's to raise funds for Tapton Congregational Church. Starting the Church's "Soup and a Roll" in 1997 with 6 invited guests, today almost 40 people get together every month for lunch, a natter and an afternoon of entertainment with Sheila still at the helm.

Councillor Anne Murphy had planned to be at the Open Meeting to make the presentation, but unfortunately Anne had to reschedule her diary a couple of days before the meeting. She has, however, kindly agreed to present Sheila with the award a little later in the year. Thanks go to everyone for taking the time to vote for this year's nominees and to the Crosspool Pet Supplies for accepting and counting the votes.



Sheila Lomas pictured at the Open Meeting with Forum members Angela Southward (Treasurer) and Steven Reynolds (Vice Chairman)

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Thursday 25th January 2018 7.00pm

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36th Sheffield Crosspool Scouts HQ upgrade

Many of you will have noticed the building work going on at our Scout HQ on Benty Lane. This is part of a project to improve and update the building and make it more user friendly for the Scout Groups and other community groups. In earlier work, we replaced the kitchen, boiler/heating and installed double glazing.

The current work consists of building an extension to provide a pleasant spacious waiting area with an accessible entrance for wheel-chairs and prams and better storage. The first two phases cost just under £30,000 which, apart from grants of around £3,000, we raised within the group. We need to raise another £65,000 to complete the current phase. In the next phases we want to improve the toilet facilities and upstairs areas.

The HQ was gifted to the group in the 1960s by a former Group Scout Leader. It can only be used for Scouting and associated (community) activities and cannot be developed for residential use. We view the HQ as a community asset that has been entrusted to us.

Given the large amount of money we need to raise, we are asking for help in the following ways:

1. Buy a Brick! If you are interested, we will email you with details of our 'Buy a Brick' scheme. We are asking for a minimum of £10 per brick (plus gift aid if you are eligible). For details please email secretary@ranmoorscouts.com or phone/text Clare Fowler on 07711500962.
2. Donate on our VirginMoneyGiving page at: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/finalCharityHomepage.action?charityId=1012737>.
3. Use the HQ! All the income from renting out the HQ goes back into the running, maintenance and improvement of the building. For details contact: - Group Scout Leader Michael Holmes on michaelfholmes1@gmail.com or 07802 860556.
4. Get involved in the group! Even if you don't have children aged 6-14 you can still be a leader or run a one-off session for us. Contact secretary@ranmoorscouts.com for details.
5. Look out for and come along to some of our fundraising events. Coming up - Bingo with Pie & Peas! We would also like to create a display for our new entrance hall including information about the history of the building and the Scout Troop. If you have any memories or photographs of the building that you'd like to share, please contact secretary@ranmoorscouts.com or Clare Fowler on 07711 500962.

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Holly Hagg Community Farm's open days are growing in popularity as this autumn's event demonstrated, many local families brought a picnic along and had a wonderful day with nature. The Alpacas were on their best behaviour and enjoyed the attention and limelight they received and it didn't take long for them to realise that the goody bags the children held, contained nutritious alpaca food and treats. Other activities on the day included pond dipping, scarecrow making, wandering around the community vegetable beds and fruit trees, the sale of handmade crafts, spinning demonstrations and the opportunity to spin an alpaca fleece. The Open day also had a surprise visit from the Radio Sheffield's Clueless Team. All in all, a great day was had by all.

A full winter programme of events is planned at Holly Hagg. In December our herd of trekking alpacas will be going on holiday to make way for 7 Peruvian Reinpacas – a cross breed between reindeer and alpaca which brings a whole new meaning to this year's Christmas Trekking days. Visit the Holly Hagg website for all the winter events or visit them on Facebook.com/hollyhagg or Twitter.com/holly_hagg.

More alpaca photos can be seen on the Crosspool Forum Facebook page.



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Crosspool Women's Institute is delighted to support local charity - Care in Crosspool. Several of our members are already volunteers, and in September, as part of our ongoing support, CWI presented Care in Crosspool's Co-ordinator, Elizabeth Mizzi, with a cheque for £500.

Crosspool Women's Institute has something for everyone and celebrates its 6th Anniversary in March 2018. CWI meets twice a month at, St Columba

Church, on the 3rd Monday (7-9pm) and Stephen Hill Methodist Church on the 4th Monday (1 - 3pm) of each month. Members can come to both or either meeting.

We have an exciting mix of events planned for our 2018 Programme, which will be available in print by the end of December 17. There is always something going on at WI... You will be able to pick up a copy of our 2018 Programme at either Stephen Hill or St Columba's Church or from NEST Cafe in Crosspool.

For more information check out our website -

www.crosspoolwi.moonfruit.com or follow us on **[facebook.com/CrosspoolWomensInstitute](https://www.facebook.com/CrosspoolWomensInstitute)**. Email us on **crosspoolwi@live.co.uk** Or simply ring or text our **Secretary, Marie Smith** on 0758 8572384. We look forward to welcoming you.....

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Crosspool Forum's Iron Chancellor

After recently taking on the role of assistant treasurer for the Ecclesall Diocese of Sheffield, Iron Chancellor, Angela Southward found it necessary to stand down from her role as Forum treasurer.

Angela joined the Forum Committee in April 2013. Volunteering to take on the role of treasurer in May of the same year, her previous maths teaching prowess came to the fore in keeping a tight rein on the Forum's accounts and financial responsibilities.

Although stepping down from her role as treasurer, Angela remains a committee member and a committed volunteer, as in previous years, helping with our many regular events and activities such as, the Summer Festival, Fayre, the Children's Christmas Party, Chairobics, Tai Chi, the precinct flower tubs, baskets and Christmas trees etc.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Angela for all her hard work and commitment during her time as Treasurer and wish her all the very best in her new job.

Plough Vigilance

After receiving unverified reports that the new owner of The Plough may be considering demolishing the building, save the Plough campaigners are asking people to please be vigilant and Email :-

plough-sandycgate@gmail.com or contact Planning Enforcement at the council, if you see or know of any suspicious activity on site .

Ben Curran, council cabinet member for planning and development said: "I don't know any more than I've read here, but it's probably best to assume the information is accurate. He intends to get the team on to this, with a view to preventing demolition.

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Hallam Cricket Club Needs Help

Hallam Cricket Club plays alongside Hallam FC at Sandygate opposite The Plough. We've been playing there for at least 213 years, which makes Sandygate probably the oldest cricket ground in continuous use in Yorkshire. The football club was formed by cricketers in 1860, however the ground has always been owned by The Plough. Indeed for the first 100 years we changed in the stables and had our meetings and social events at The Plough and the landlord often played. Until very recently we always had a short-term lease and were in no position to develop the ground but in 1989 we and the football club were able to negotiate a 99 year lease (from Whitbread's, now Enterprise Inns) and have enjoyed a little more security. Hallam FC have been able to upgrade their facilities, having been left two substantial legacies. We haven't.

The club has progressed apace and now runs five Saturday league sides and 14 junior teams, providing coaching all year round for over 200 youngsters, here and at Crimicar Lane. Our pavilion unfortunately has not kept pace. It was built for a very small sum nearly 50 years ago and is tiny, dilapidated and significantly lacking in basic facilities. Our 1st XI is now in the South Yorkshire Premier League and doing very well. We beat both Sheffield Collegiate and Sheffield United this year. But the league has condemned our pavilion and will only allow us to play if we use the football club's changing and social facilities, which they have kindly allowed us to do - but it's only temporary. The league aren't happy, the football club are missing out on income they could receive from holding functions during summer weekends and we need to use our pavilion every day of the week for juniors and seniors.

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their property. Once we were surrounded by green fields - not so any more!

We have planning permission to upgrade the pavilion but the cost is expected to be in excess of £300,000. We have a quote for ball stop netting along Sandygate Road that comes to over £40,000. And we have very little money of our own and no capital - the ground isn't ours to sell off a corner, the pavilion is too small to generate a significant bar income and Sport England have turned down our application for support because being situated where we are doesn't tick enough boxes for social priority.

However, we do have lots of well-wishers and senior and junior members and their families and we do have the support of the Yorkshire Cricket Board. We've set up a Fund-Raising Appeal and a Crowdfunder Page and we've raised over £11,000 in the first month. If we can get to £50,000 by the end of October and £90,000 by the end of April, we are hopeful we may get significant help towards the remainder.

We are a community club. Most of our senior and junior members live within two miles of the ground. We have helped literally thousands of local youngsters over the years to learn how to play and enjoy cricket and its ethos. With better facilities we would be very happy to share them with the community during the winter months. We would be tremendously grateful if local people and businesses would support us. We have set up a dedicated website - www.hallamcc.co.uk - which has all the details of how you can donate or sponsor us. Please help us.

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Open Meeting and AGM—26th October 2017

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Steve Reynolds welcomed everyone and gave Ian Hague's apologies before reading out Ian's 14th Chairman's Report, which among other things referred to, "meeting the needs of the neighbourhood since 2003, thanking Bickerton Skoda, Spar, other donors and the committee for their support this year".

TREASURER'S REPORT

Angela Southward (standing down as treasurer) said the Forum is "really short on volunteers" so put out a plea for help. This year's income and expenditure balanced nicely leaving a healthy balance for next year. One large donation went to funding a community defibrillator, located

on an external wall at St Columba's, and two other donations for Hagg Copse benches. The Festival made £1000 to go to the Lord Mayor's charities and the Fayre made £588 for general use in the community.

COMMITTEE

There were no resignations this year but there are still 2 vacancies. The floor was asked if they would continue to support the Committee in running the Forum; there was a unanimous show of hands.

CROSSPOOL PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Thanks to Robert and staff at Crosspool Pet Supplies collating & counting votes for eight nominations. Sheila Lomas was pronounced winner (for her work over the years at Tapton Congregational Church).



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First for your health

Angela presented Sheila with her award.

Having sent her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting, Lord Mayor Anne Murphy had extended an invitation for Sheila and a Forum delegation to attend the Town Hall in December - to officially present Sheila with the Award and to accept a cheque, raised from Crosspool Festival, for the Lord Mayor's charities.

PCSOs REPORT

Angela read out a brief emailed report: 27th July to 25th Oct there were 8 burglaries (sheds & garages), increase in theft of push bikes (some very valuable), 12 car crimes (theft of & from), and 12 cases of antisocial behaviour, in this area. (It was noted that the Tipton teachers are now monitoring the bus stops at school leaving times and lunch breaks).

AMEY STREETS AHEAD REPORT.

As the main work in this area has been completed, Claire Tideswell has now moved on, so maintenance issues, such as the collapsing stones round the verge embankment outside the Crosspool Tavern now need to go to another team. Using the website 'Fix My Street' was suggested.

Two recent traffic/highways issues were raised – vehicle speed on Selborne Rd, latest car crash early October. Vehicles ignoring speed restrictions on Back Lane. This little lane, which has now become a major road between Hillsborough/Crookes and Crosspool, urgently needs an upgrade. It was agreed to pass these concerns on to Highways.

BENTY LANE - 36th Scout troop

Clare Fowler gave a presentation about the building work to allow easier access - disabled toilets & better storage at a cost of £55k, The Hall is used for an after-school club, baby sensory classes, contact sports, physical exercise classes, parties etc.

Grants, donations and help to raise funds are needed to complete this essential work. Contact: clare.fowler74@gmail.com

VEOLIA WASTE MANAGEMENT

Nichola Baker spoke about the six different materials that are recycled at the moment in Sheffield - glass & plastic bottles, jars, tin cans, paper & card. The two blue bins supplied to each household must be used correctly, with the waste kept separately for collection by the 'Twin Pack' Lorries.

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EVENTS

- 1/ 2018 Crosspool Calendar is now on sale at Cocker & Carr, Charisma, GT News, Enhance, Crosspool Pet Supplies and Nest.
- 2/ Festival team meeting - Nov 8th (8pm) at the Ember inn - please come along and join in!
- 3/ Forum's children's Christmas party, 10th December, 3-5pm, St Columba's church



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4/ Chairbobs, Tuesdays 10:45 am, Benty Lane scout hut - not just for elderlies - can help with post-baby tummies too!

5/ Christmas trees - these will go up as usual early December.

6/ Hagg Copse - new benches, thanks to a couple of donations. A request was made for any photographs showing where a bench used to stand on the Dransfield Rd/ Watt Lane triangle, as the Forum is hoping to replace the bench.

7/ Defibrillator - thanks to a large donation from a local resident, coupled with a council grant - this has been installed on an exterior wall at St. Columba's by the Forum, and is now active.

AOB

1/ Attendees expressed great disappointment at the lack of attendance of ANY councillors at the meeting.

2/ Any news on the Crookes Cemetery Chapel - was a Friends group started?

3/ Grating/gulley in need of clearing out on road in Cemetery, near to Mulehouse Rd, next to the allotments.

4/ Proposed closure of RHH Minor injuries & Walk-in Centre - how do we object and for how long?

5/ Replacement hardware shop needed in Crosspool, not another Café!

6/ Reporting of treacherous pavements (e.g. Tapton Park Rd) - pine needles & leaves, this must be done through the Council.

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