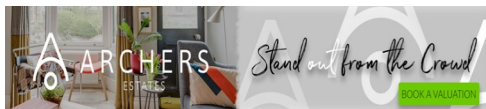


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ANNE MARIE MURPHY



We at the Crosspool Forum were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Anne Marie Murphy, an outstanding councillor, who died on the evening of Friday, December 23rd 2022, after losing her lifelong battle with illness. Anne was 'one of a kind', and will be remembered for her infectious smile and her determination to make both Crosspool and this city she loved, a better place for everyone. Anne was well liked, admired and respected by all councillors across the political spectrum and within the local community by the residents who she served so passionately.

Anne was born in Crookes and lived in the city for the best part of her life. She first became a councillor in 2014, when she was elected to serve the Crookes and Crosspool Ward. Between 2017 and 2018, Anne also served as Lord Mayor, a role which she suited so well. In 2021, Anne became councillor for Manor Castle, allowing her to fight for change for her constituents across a broader area of Sheffield. .

Throughout her time in office, Anne continued to live in Crosspool and could be seen around the precinct on a regular basis, helping out at the monthly litter pick and chatting away with local residents during regular visits to the shops. And, of course, She remained an enthusiastic and committed participant in Crosspool's summer fayres, festivals and street markets. Anne will be remembered for her commitment and relentless determination to make Crosspool a vibrant and attractive place to live, work, invest, visit and enjoy.

Whatever role Anne was asked to perform, she always gave it her all and did her very best for the people of Crosspool. She was greatly liked and respected and hugely committed to serving those whom she had the privilege of representing, whether in the community or within the Sheffield City Council.

During her time with the council, Anne sat on several cabinet committees and was one of the driving forces behind a successful campaign for one of the Royal Navy's eight new Type 26 frigates to be named after the city. She also tracked down the flag of HMS Sheffield, which is now proudly displayed in the Town Hall!

As chair of Sheffield Home of Football (SHOF) Group, Anne was an instrumental part of the drive for Sheffield to be recognised as the home of football. Anne once explained, "Football is more than just a game, the sport builds communities, encourages social cohesion, boosts

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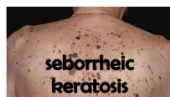
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SCHOOLS CLIMATE ASSEMBLY - A CALL TO ACTION

On the 20th October, over 1400 students and over 45 schools from across the country met at King Edward VII School for the second ever Schools' Climate Assembly. Chris Packham's passionate words fell upon young ears as he tip-toed the fine line between the harsh reality of global rising temperatures and the hope and determination that young people must share in order to fight it. With him, Miriam Turner, CEO of Friends of the Earth; Scarlett Westbrook, noted for her work in climate and education policy; Mikaela Loach, a climate justice activist; Megan McCubbin, a zoologist and wildlife TV presenter; Maxwell Ayamba, an environmental journalist; and Sile Sibanda, a spoken word performer and local radio host, shared their unique insight into climate change; the struggles they had endured, and the successes they had enjoyed. After listening to the speakers' words and engaging in workshops, it was clear to all the students who attended that climate change is real and could have unimaginable consequences, but it is a problem that can be solved.

Young people have the power to make real change.

The students then signed a banner that displayed our three demands, including immediate action, which four King Edward VII students, including myself, later delivered to the doorstep of 10 Downing Street.

Shabaz Khan, a Y10 student who also attended the trip to the House of Commons, had this to say about the Schools' Climate Assembly: *'I gained a lot of knowledge from the Schools' Climate Assembly as they taught me about the many environmental issues that occur due to us as humans such as transport, factories and energy. Moreover, throughout the assembly they gave us ways in which we can still save the environment and gave us hope for a brighter future.'*

Our visit to Downing Street coincided with the start of the COP 27 conference in Egypt. This means that we had a unique opportunity to make real change, and possibly influence the talks and decisions of world leaders at COP 27; a chance for young people to make an impact on a global scale. Following the Schools' Climate Assembly, we had three demands, composed in a letter, to take to Downing Street: 100% renewable energy by 2030; climate education across the curriculum, for everyone; and investment into jobs and apprenticeships that will tackle climate change. From here we hope that our demands will be considered by our Prime Minister, and possibly discussed at COP 27, allowing the young voices of the Schools' Climate Assembly and King Edward VII School to be heard.

On the trip to London, we were eager to represent the young voices of the Schools' Climate Assembly and we met with numerous politicians to discuss our demands and COP 27. We first met with Ed Miliband Shadow (NetZero and climate change minister), (Sheffield Hallam MP) Olivia Blake and Nadia Whittorne (youngest MP), enjoying a productive and inspiring conversation, in which the Labour politicians displayed their passion for this issue and a genuine interest in what we had to say.

It felt like a great privilege to get to speak with the likes of Ed Miliband who was very intense, yet friendly and compassionate, suggesting that he would take our letter of demands with him to the COP 27 conference. We finished our day meeting with Liberal Democrats Deputy Leader Daisy Cooper who reassured us that climate change was a top priority amongst many politicians, and that our frustration around climate inaction is shared by many in parliament.

Students sign the Schools' Climate Assembly banner with the three demands for the government to act in response the climate and ecological emergency.

David Ogah, a Y11 student who was interviewed by BBC Look North and attended the trip to Downing Street had this to say: *"The event's purpose was to give a platform for the voices of us young people and to enlighten us about the severity of the climate emergency and what needs to be done by both the people and the government. Our visit to Downing Street was an extension of that as we were given the opportunity to let our demands be known and sent to our Prime minister and hopefully see changes via new laws that reflect our demands and aspirations."*

The highlight of the day was certainly our visit to 10 Downing Street. The strict security and police, casually boasting automatic weapons, echoed the importance and magnitude of the situation as we nervously approached the infamous door to hand in our letter of demands. The door was impeccably shiny and, after handing our letter to the doorman, it dawned on us that although the fight against climate change may at times feel impossible, scary, hopeless and untouchable, it is not. This is a fight that is worth fighting, a problem that is worth solving and it is the collective effort of many, just like the huge number of students who met on the 20th of October at King Edward VII School, that will eventually save our planet.

Jamie Rhodes, Y13





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OPEN MEETING BULLET POINTS

Chairman Ian Hague welcomed everyone.

- The 27 Oct.22 meeting minutes were agreed as a true record.
- Public bus meeting 28 Oct.22 at Crookes Social Club: no council report has been received as yet.
- Bamford's fruit and veg shop: Adrian is expecting to re-open soon.

Chairman's Report:

• Sadly Cllr. Anne Murphy passed away Friday evening, 23 Dec.22. Having had the good fortune to know Anne as a kind, caring and compassionate friend, Anne was always ready to give her help and support to those in need. Our local councillors paid their tributes. Anne was much loved and will be greatly missed. A celebration of her life is to be held at St Marie's Cathedral on 3rd February.

• The Plough public house has been demolished this week. The date stones have been removed for safe keeping.

• Precinct Christmas trees went up in early December and came down Sunday 8th January. These were then shredded along with those of local residents, to be recycled in due course. Donations received will cover costs etc.

• Children's Christmas party: this was very well received this year – Barney Baloney & Father Christmas doing their usual excellent roles!

• Wed. morning Tai chi class numbers are not yet back to their pre-pandemic levels - a Council grant is helping to keep this going. Tues. morning Easy Exercise now has good attendance.

• Manchester Rd fatality after a road traffic incident on Jan.16 - Police are seeking any dashcam footage to help their investigations...

• Mobile speed camera enforcement update – 61 notices of intention to prosecute issued in six months for speeding on (A57) Manchester Road near Den Bank Drive.

• Proposed imminent closure of the public collection office at Tapton Hill sorting office. There has been no prior consultation, a petition is going round to prevent its closure – the nearest P.O. collection office would be Pond St or Hillsborough.

Treasurer's Report: John Drinkwater informed that the Forum is holding its own, and we might make a small profit from the calendar sales & tree shredding. Please contact the Forum with your Crosspool improvement ideas.

Police Report :

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Councillors' Q & A's : Tim Huggan in person & Ruth Milsom via a report.

• Data for speeding is "shocking" – 71% drivers on Manchester Rd over the 30mph speed limit, & 73% on Watt Lane.

• As there is a funding stream for friends of

parks groups Friends of Lydgate Green may be able to tap into this through the Crosspool Forum.

- Our SW LAC has funded a hand-held speed gun and is offering training for its use by the communities.

- King Edward's upper & lower schools have suddenly been deemed inadequate and placed in special measures. Local Councillors were eager for any parents objecting to this to contact them.

- A secret session meeting with Amey was not totally satisfactory. Amey do not have an adequate maintenance programme for issues such as zebra crossing repainting or filling potholes, which will only be addressed if reported (Allotment holders can no longer access the leaf litter to make leaf mould!) Cllr. Tim Huggan is trying to get further details on leaf clearance etc. – sometimes very slippery.

- The rotten and broken barrier at the Marsh Lane entrance leading to Clough Fields needs to be repaired/replaced. Cycles and motor-bikes are now using this footpath. This is to be chased up.

- Moratorium on the Ultra-Low Emission Zone ruling, requested by resident; workmen have not had the time to replace high emissions vans with compliant vans, saying the boundaries for the zone are "ridiculous".

It was noted that in a hilly city in bad winter weather there is not the luxury of going 'the long way round' to avoid an inner ULEZ zone, compounded by roads not being gritted etc.

- Clough Fields right of way; although Ruth had no up to date info. Roger Kite is attending a meeting on 25th February, at which he has been promised a definitive answer.

- Extended white H sign to help with the disabled attending Benty Lane Scout Hall. We are pushing for this.

- New public feedback initiative from the Police & Crime Commissioner – (southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk).

- Proposal to erect a memorial to Cllr. Anne Murphy in Crosspool – perhaps in Lydgate Green?

Events. Pictures please for the 2024 calendar! Thanks to the shops for selling this year's calendar.

- Crosspool Festival (Fri 30th June to Sat 8th July). Theme for the well dressing not yet chosen (– possibly new mon-archy?) Plans are well underway for the Street Market and Summer Fayre; stall-holders are already booking.

- Festival charities to be supported this year – S10 Food Bank and Assist (a local organization providing basic help to asylum seekers in Sheffield).

- In late autumn Hagg Cope had areas of grass scraped free and wild-flowers seeded.

- Next Open Meeting Thursday April 27th 2023.

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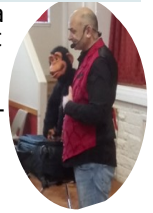
On Sunday 11th December the weather provided an enchanting white world as a back drop for the Crosspool Forum's 11th annual Children's Christmas Party in St Columba Church Hall.

Last year's numbers had to be reduced due to Covid lockdown restrictions being slowly lifted. This year, it was refreshing to have the numbers back to a full complement with a ticket sell-out.

Forty children brought along their mums, dads and grandparents for a magical afternoon of entertainment, fun and laughter. The ever-popular children's entertainer, Barney Baloney mystified everyone with his magic and juggling dexterity, before being upstaged by his furry friend, "Henry" the cheeky and mischievous monkey. After taking a short break for refreshments and nibbles the afternoon progressed with the children playing a variety of party games and excitedly drawing 25 raffle tickets for valued prizes, some of which had been kindly donated by our local Tesco.

At 3.30pm the jingling of bells heralded the arrival of a special guest in a red suit, white beard and black wellingtons. Yes, you've guessed it, Father Christmas had stopped off during his busy Christmas schedule to distribute presents to our young guests, and in return he received chocolates from the excited recipients.

We would like to thank the Crosspool Spar for their very much appreciated sponsorship of the event year on year, the Crosspool Pet Shop for selling the tickets, all the helpers and organisers that made this year's Christmas party so festive, and most of all to everyone who came along on the day to make this year's party a huge success, enjoyed by everyone. Without all your help it wouldn't be possible to host this very popular, fun filled annual event.



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Anne was also a big supporter of local charities - Sheffield Dementia Alliance - Vascular Dementia Charity - Artworks - the Renal Unit at the NGH and Sheffield RNIB.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Gavin and family and we will always remember the truly remarkable Anne Marie Murphy for what she did for our local community. RIP.



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Palm Sunday	Apr 02 nd	2.45pm	Tapton Congregational
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Holy Week " " "	Apr 04 th	7.30pm	Stephen Hill
Holy Week " " "	Apr 05 th	7.30pm	Stephen Hill
Maundy Thursday " " "	Apr 06 th	6.30pm	Tapton Congregational
Good Friday Vigil	Apr 07 th	12pm-3pm	St Columba's
Good Friday Service	Apr 07 th	10am	Tapton Congregational
Easter Sunday Celebration	Apr 09 th	10.30am	St Columba's
Easter Sunday Celebration	Apr 09 th	2.45pm	Tapton Congregational

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On the 21st of February 3.00pm till 4.30pm St Columba will be having a Pancake Day drop in. All Welcome Bring your own topping.

Special All Age Cafe Church on the 5th of March with guest visitor Compassion Uk coming in and speaking with us about how we can help children in other countries. It starts at 10.30am at St Columba, all welcome to join us for this service.

Family Fun Friday Early Easter celebration 3rd of March Stephen Hill Church at 6.30pm. All welcome to come and enjoy lots of Easter activities and an Easter Film. Easter Egg Hunt around Crosspool from the 1st to the 10th of April. Pick up your activity sheets from St Columba and Stephen Hill Church from the 13th of March.

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The café gives carers a chance to meet others in a similar situation for an informal chat and to make new friends.

We will occasionally have speakers on topics of interest or have a walk or a meal together. Most of all, we hope to give carers a chance for some time out from their caring role in a friendly and supportive environment.

The February café will take place on Monday 27th at 10.30am when we'll catch up and look at your ideas for future meetings. We have invited Leigh Purdy from Lawson Legal to our meeting on March 27th and she'll be able to talk to us about some of the legal issues that arise when we're looking after someone.

Please come and join us and if you know someone - a friend or neighbour - who is a carer or former carer, bring them too. For more information, contact Jan Outram jan@sheffieldcarerscentre.org.uk tele: 0114 278 8942

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The church reception forum area is open for coffee on Monday and Friday mornings from 10am and is also accessible at other times.

THE WRITE LINES ...

Following the successful launch of his first novel, *Stuck in Traffic*, we are delighted to announce 'An Evening with Mark Kennsson' @ 7 p.m. Thursday 9th March in Nest Café, Sandygate Road, Crosspool. Come along and hear Crosspool author Mark describe the trial and triumphs of becoming a published author, along with the chance to hear readings from the book and sample Nest's legendary cakes and drinks. Entrance is free and there will be the opportunity to ask questions and purchase signed copies of *Stuck in Traffic*. However, space is limited and we are advising people to book asap. This can be done either at Nest, via Mark's website, markkennsson.co.uk, or by messaging Mark directly on 07940658303.



Publishing *Stuck in Traffic* has led to Mark's greater involvement in the Crosspool community and after attending the open meeting of the Crosspool Forum on 26 January, he commented, 'Stuck in Traffic was my way of trying to celebrate our wonderful city, its beautiful surroundings and most of all, its generous and warm-hearted people. Meeting the members of the Forum and seeing how much they do to enhance our lives has only served to confirm that I'm on the right lines. There is so much to celebrate about our community and city and hopefully *Stuck in Traffic* goes a little way to drawing people's attention to this when at times things can seem darker than we would wish.'

Stuck in Traffic has been described by readers as, 'beautifully written', 'wholly engaging' and like 'getting to know new friends'. You can pick up your copy either from the website, markkennsson.co.uk, where Crosspudlians can benefit from free local delivery, or from the lovely people at Charisma Cards; perfect for Mums and Valentines. And don't forget to book early!

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If you have any articles, local stories or ideas for what you would like to see in the next Clarion, please contact Ian Hague or Steve Reynolds Email: crosspoolforum@gmail.com or speak to any member of the Forum. We always like to hear local news stories.

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CHRISTMAS IN THE PRECINCT



On a cold and dank Sunday, the 4th December, as Christmas was approaching the Crosspool Forum worked in liaison with our local businesses by providing the traditional precinct Christmas trees. This year we had extra helpers on hand to decorate and erect the trees, making it light work for all involved. Thanks also goes to Richard and the team at Valleyside Garden Centre for supplying the trees year on year.

After 5 weeks of festive twinkling lights greeting visitors who passed through our precinct, our team of volunteers returned on Sunday the 8th January to recover the pre-

cinct Christmas trees before helping out marshalling at the Crosspool Christmas Tree Shredding morning which has become an annual community event, where local residents are encouraged to drag down their discarded Christmas trees for recycling.

Tree Surgeon Andy Clayton and his team worked so diligently reducing the considerable amount of trees to chippings which are used as mulch, outdoor firewood, animal bedding and pathways locally. Pine needles could be seen on pavements around Crosspool for days afterwards.

Thanks go to Paul Rushby at Direct Travel for allowing his concourse to be used for this annual event, Andy Clayton and his team, Hudson's Café for supplying coffees during the morning, the team of Crosspool volunteers, who kindly donated their time and the local community, who brought along their trees and got into the spirit of the event. The Crosspool Forum was able to do their bit and help our community and the environment.

Proceeds/donations collected on the day go towards the Forums work around the precinct.

Thank you all.



FRIENDSHIP LUNCHES

Following the huge success of the Friendship Lunches at the Crosspool Tavern, the Ball in Crookes and the Shepley Spitfire in Totley, a brand new event has been launched at the Shiny Sheff in Lodge Moor. Sheffield City Council kindly sponsored 50 free places at the inaugural event in January, via its Local Area Committee Welcoming Spaces' Fund and guests were treated to a delicious 2 course lunch and live entertainment with the fantastic Oliver Harris. The event was supported by Age UK Sheffield and People Keeping Well.

Kathy Markwick, Freelance Community Consultant, who launched Friendship Lunches in South Yorkshire 9 years ago said, "I am delighted with the success of these events which are a fantastic tool to help combat/reduce loneliness and social isolation. They are aimed predominantly at the elderly, lonely and/or socially isolated. They are also 'dementia friendly' and therefore ideal for those living with dementia and their families/carers. It may be that the person with dementia does not remember the event the next day but they undoubtedly enjoy the moment and that is hugely important for them their families/carers".

Jo Woodward, Community Development Officer for Age UK Sheffield said, "The Friendship Lunches across the South West of Sheffield have been a huge success thanks to the work of Kathy and the commitment of local pubs to do something great for their community. The lunches give people the opportunity to meet new people and build new networks, as well as enjoying brilliant entertainment and a meal. We hope to continue increasing the number of lunches across the area so everybody has a local lunch they can enjoy." For queries, please contact Kathy on 0772 9528844 or kathymarkwick@gmail.com

The Friendship Lunches at the Ball are on the first Tuesday of the month, Crosspool Tavern second Monday and Shepley Spitfire last Friday.

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LET'S KEEP COLDWELL PARK LITTER-FREE

In the two and bit years that my family and I have lived in Crosspool we have found Coldwell Park & Sports Field a fantastic place to relax and have fun. It has a children's playground, plenty of space to play games and for dogs to run around, and there's even a tennis court. Not to mention the versatile sports hall.

It's a shame that often there's quite a bit of litter around the park & sports field. Most commonly sweet wrappers, crisp packets and plastic drinks bottles and sometimes glass beer bottles. This shame is greater considering children and animals use the park and sports field.

When glass bottles are among the litter, they sometimes get broken into pieces which are extremely dangerous. Sadly it seems glass is occasionally deliberately shattered. From time to time I find broken glass near the top of the large slide, which my young son loves to play on.

At worst, last summer I had to use a dustpan and brush to sweep up numerous small shards of glass all around the new climbing frame and slide that is within the fenced play area, regularly used by young children.

Rather than become bitter about incidents like this, I would prefer to hope that a change in attitudes could see everyone help to look after this local asset.

Coldwell Park & sports field belongs to Crosspool and District Youth Sports Trust (CDYST); hence it is not a site with bins emptied by Sheffield City Council.

Having contacted CDYST to seek how to address the litter problem, I understand that litter has been a continuous issue and they have attempted many solutions. In the past bins have been placed around the park only to be often ignored and sometimes vandalised.

I spoke to, Dave Bolsover, the CDYST Chair Trustee who said they are very appreciative to have goodwill of volunteer litter pickers (including my young son and me) alongside the CDYST cleaner and trustees that currently help to clear litter from the park and sports field.

As a community, let's work together to keep Coldwell Park and sports field a space to be proud of. I imagine the majority of park users don't drop litter (it's rare to find dog mess there). Let's encourage those who may be tempted to drop litter, not to do so (parents having a word with their youngsters if need be). Thank you.

Rob Barnett, submitted with the support of Crosspool and District Youth Sports Trust (CDYST).



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MEET YOUR LOCAL BUSINESS

A quarterly spotlight on Crosspool businesses

This quarter we caught up with Alexa and Jane at the Aesthete Café

How long have you been trading in Crosspool?

- * We have been trading since Summer 2022.

How many staff do you have?

- * We employ 9 staff, all from the local area

Do you have a big turnover of staff?

- * No

What makes your business special?

- * All our dishes are cooked fresh to order. We pride ourselves on our home cooked specials, bread, cakes and bakes. Friendly staff in a beautiful place which welcomes dogs as well.

What has been your favourite moment so far?

- * That Crosspool has welcomed us warmly.

What is your favourite season?

- * We are looking forward to Spring and Summer where we can welcome customers into our garden and front courtyard.

Do you think local business is good for the community?

- * It helps create a community where people are proud to live and support and provides places to meet.

What makes Crosspool special?

- * The variety of shops, offering everything you could possibly need from cafes, sausage specialist, butchers, pet shop, restaurants, chemist, post office, fresh bread, take away restaurants.

What plans do you have for the future?

- * We plan to make the back garden into a beautiful relaxing sanctuary.

What would you like to see improve around Crosspool?

- * I believe that the junction outside Aesthete should have traffic lights; there are too many near misses between cars as it is a very dangerous junction with multiple crossings and roads coming into one.

Additional comments ?

- * We would like to thank the community for their custom & support in our first year.



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Several premises under renovation, various tools stolen.

MO via garages/smashed windows and doors.

Attempt Burglaries x2

Moorbank Close and Manchester Road.

MO via garage doors

Theft Of Motor vehicle x 2

Sandygate Grove and Barnfield Close

Theft from Motor vehicle x 1

Manchester Road Catalytic convertor

Anyone wanting a security assessment on their property to contact the North West Policing team using the email address

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*Op Park safe still ongoing if anyone wants the link get access via SYP website. So far we have submitted over 600 fixed penalty notices for submission regarding various parking offences. Note the law about obstruction to a private drive has changed – any vehicle preventing the householder from exiting or accessing their drive can be removed. Pam & Phil are often at the Nest Cafe on Thursday mornings.

***Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) Statistics**

The data from the Vehicle Activated Signs is now available from the following locations. Manchester Road (between Den Bank Drive and Hagg Lane): 61.7% of drivers were driving over the speed limit of 30MPH. Watt Lane: 73% of drivers were driving over the speed limit of 20MPH.

Lydgate Lane: just 0.1% of drivers were driving above the speed limit of 30MPH.

I am trying to clarify this data, so watch this space.

***Community Speed Watch**

The West Local Area Committee, that covers this part of Sheffield, has invested in a Speed Watch gun that can be used by local Community groups who wish to help reduce speeding in their local neighbourhood. Training by the Police will be included. If you wish to find out more, Email:

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Information can be passed to police using online live chat, the force's online portal, or by calling 101 and quoting incident number 411 of January 16, 2023.

Dashcam footage should be emailed to enquiries@southyorks.pnn.police.uk with the incident number in the subject.

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Plots 2 and 3.
Back Lane.
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Currently we meet on Tuesday and Friday mornings

We have two plots imaginatively named Plot 2 and Plot 3. We currently have 13 adult members and several school age children as members of the group.

Plot 2 is a large area gardened before us by Richard Clare. The plot benefited from Richard's pioneering ideas regarding the use of organic growing techniques. Sadly, Richard passed away in 2013. Subsequently the group was formed and with the support of the National Trust took over the plot though we are now entirely independent.

This plot has a mature orchard and soft fruit as well as vegetable beds, composting bins, a secure shed, small polytunnel and water supply.

Plot 3 which came under our care in 2021 has soft fruit, a small orchard, grape vines, asparagus, a secure shed and water tank.

Consequently, we have some years of experience gardening and maintaining the soil health. We share our knowledge and skills and as a result have all become better gardeners.

Any surplus produce is donated to Foodbanks and Foodserve. In recent years we have also welcomed school groups onto the site for environmental visits. Membership is currently £40 per person per year. This covers rent, insurance tools etc.

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