

Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish News

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Please complete the Questionnaire

THE Spring/Summer edition of this newsletter carried a report on how a group of residents called the Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Champions are working with the parish council to find out what you would like to see included in Sprotbrough's Neighbourhood Plan.

Neighbourhood Plans were introduced by the Government to let residents have their say on, for example, what type of developments you would like to see take place you live. They are important documents that, in our case, planning authorities like Doncaster Council will have to refer to when making decisions on changes that could have some impact on where we live.

The Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Plan, when it is written, is designed to cover the whole of Sprotbrough, so it's important that residents make their views known.

As Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish News went to press, the Neighbourhood Champions - pictured alongside - were putting the finishing touches to a questionnaire that will be delivered to every home in Sprotbrough.

It contains a range of questions that will inform the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, including what you think is good about Sprotbrough and what's not so good and what your thoughts are for the future.

Please complete the questionnaire and return it to one of the collection points listed at the bottom of this page. Alternatively, you can complete it online by visiting www.sprotbroughneighbourhoodchampions.co.uk

The closing date for return of the questionnaires is Tuesday 15 November, 2016.

If you are not physically able to return your questionnaire to one of the collection points or complete it online, please ring the parish council office on 01302 788093 and arrangements will be made to collect it from your home.

Please remember that this is a vital opportunity for you to make your views known on what is very important plan for Sprotbrough. Local children will also be encouraged to express their views as two members of the Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Champions Group - who are connected with the teaching profession - are hoping to visit local schools and engage in some lively discussions with pupils on their experiences of, and visions for, Sprotbrough.

Collection points:

- Hair and Beauty, 73 Sprotbrough Road
- Sainsbury's, Sprotbrough Road
- Goldsmith Centre
- Methodist Church Hall, Park Drive
- St Mary's Church
- Scott Practice doctors' surgery, Main Street
- McGills Pharmacy, Main Street
- Sprotbrough Country Club, Main Street



ASKING FOR VIEW

A COMMUNITY group that's looking to breathe new life into a popular playing field at Scawsby has been asking local residents how they would like to see it developed in the future.

The Friends of Barnsley Road Playing Field ran a consultation event on the field, asking local people to come along and answer a questionnaire that would hopefully give a steer on the kind of changes they would like to see introduced - subject to funding being available, of course.



The Group received 83 responses and lots of comments. Respondents said they:

- thought the park needed improvement and bringing up to date
- would like to see more shrubs and wild flowers planted
- would like more picnic benches
- preferred to see the hawthorn hedgerow removed from alongside the Barnsley Road entrance
- want more play equipment on the site
- had divided views on whether a skate park or BMX track should be introduced
- would like to see the park fenced and gated and used for more community events.



The Friends, in partnership with Brodsworth Parish Council, will now consider all the responses and look at their next steps.

You can keep up to date with developments by attending the monthly meeting of Brodsworth Parish Council; or, if you are on facebook, joining the Friends of Barnsley Road Playing Field group for regular news and details or meeting dates and times.

DONATION TO LOCAL GOOD CAUSE

PARISH councillors have awarded a **£300** grant to Doncaster charity, Victim Support, to pay for personal and home alarms for people living in the parish.

Victim Support exists to help anyone affected by crime, not only if you experience it directly, but also your friends and family. It is an independent charity, so you can talk to them whether or not you reported the crime to police, and their support is free and confidential. It doesn't matter when the crime took place - you can get their support at any time, and for however long you need it.

Victim Support's Doncaster Office can be contacted at 01302 365531

Keep in touch...

YOU can keep up to date with news from the parish council thanks to our notice board, which has been installed opposite the parade of shops on Main Street, Sprotbrough.

As well as our website - www.sc-pc.co.uk which has back copies of the minutes of parish council meetings and other useful information; please scan the **QR code** opposite to take you direct to our website, we're also active on our facebook and twitter accounts, so why not follow us?



Keep it clean

PLEASE help keep Sprotbrough and Cusworth tidy by not dropping litter and by cleaning up after your pets. All public waste bins can be used to dispose of bagged pet waste.

Path OPENS UP New PaRK

A RANGE of improvements have been completed at a Sprotbrough park to make it more accessible to users, as these photos show.



Doncaster Council has funded the boost to the parkland it owns off Melton Road, adjacent to the parish council's New Lane play area.



Centrepiece is a new hard surface 'serpentine' path - with trees planted alongside - which winds along close to the perimeter of the field, allowing visitors to enjoy a walk in the park in all weathers.



Other additions include a footpath and dog walking trail, flowering trees and bulb planting, jungle activity trail, arc of trees, stone circle and rock trail

Sprotbrough Library Needs You

SPROTBROUGH library, which is undergoing a major overhaul, is looking for volunteers who can spare a couple of hours each week when it re-opens in mid-November.



The volunteers are needed to help out with these activities:

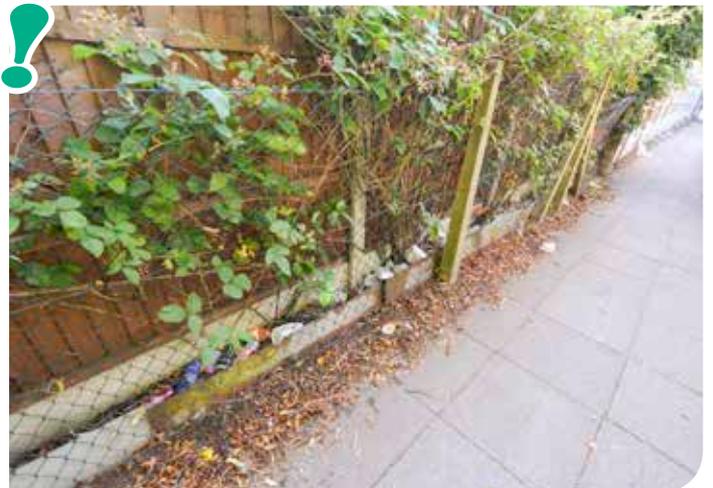
- Children's weekly activities (around one to two hours each week) for primary school age children - including reading, games and crafts.
- Library - lending and counter services, requiring administration, computer and customer facing skills.

The library team is looking for 'team players, who are reliable, efficient and organised, with 'front-of-house' skills to deal with customers and visitors. Full training and on-going support will be provided.

Clean up!

THE parish council is set to tidy up a litter hotspot that is blighting an area of the Scawsby.

The parish council owned public footpath that runs between the surgery and new parade of shops on Barnsley Road is proving difficult to keep clean as litter waste is getting trapped in a chain link wire fence that runs alongside a section of the route - as this photo shows.



So councillors have decided to take down the fence which will make it easier for the parish council's caretaker to make regular clean up visits along the path to keep it tidy. Litter, though it is a man-made problem, continues to be one of the most complained about problems in local communities like ours. Please dispose of your waste in a bin and help keep the parish tidy.

Activities at the Goldsmith Centre, Sprotbrough Road

MONDAY

Activity	Time
Slimming World Contact: Amanda Houseman 07875 075602	8am - 12.30pm
Scottish Dancing Contact: Deborah Hammond 07905 671921	7.30pm - 9.45pm

TUESDAY

Activity	Time
Playgroup Sprotbrough Starz Contact: Mrs Kirvan 01302 780654	8.15am - 11.15am
Tuesday Club (retired persons' club) Contact: Mrs Kirvan 01302 780654	1.30pm - 3.15pm
Painting Group Contact: Mrs Kelly 01302 783070/07754 142202	1.55pm - 4.00pm
Family Fitness Contact: Dean Kirkham 07766 164919	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Methodist Church Contact: Rev Stevens 01302 852069	7.30pm - 9.00pm

WEDNESDAY

Activity	Time
Age UK Contact: A Smith 01302 812345	9.30am - 3.30pm
Methodist Church Contact: Rev Stevens 01302 852069	10.30pm - 12 noon
Taekwondo Contact: Kathy Hook 01302 302424	6.00 - 7.00pm

Keep Fit Contact: Mrs Brooke 07757 758274	8.00pm - 9.00pm
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THURSDAY

Activity	Time
Playgroup Contact: Doncaster Council 01302 788621	8.45am - 11.30am
Thursday Club (Retired people) Contact: Mrs Fryer 01302 783974	1.30pm - 4.00pm
Ridgeway Dance Class Contact: Mrs Hall 01302 710889	4.45pm - 9.15pm
Ladies Circle (Fortnightly) Contact: Mrs Farouqi 01302 391480	7.15pm - 9.30pm

FRIDAY

Activity	Time
Tea Dance Contact: Mrs Duffield 01302 831962	1.00pm - 4.00pm

SATURDAY

Activity	Time
Ridgeway Dance Class Contact: Mrs Hall 01302 710889	9.00am - 4.00pm

SUNDAY

Activity	Time
Sprotbrough Methodist Church Contact: Rev Stevens 01302 852069	10.00am - 12 noon

Activities at Scawsby Community Centre, Scawsby

MONDAY

Activity	Time
Play Group Lesley Broadbent, Tel 07914 344660	9.30am - 12.00 noon
Dance Fitness Mix Yvonne Parker, Don 782406	6.00pm - 7.00 pm
Art Group Arnold Edson - 01302 873053	1pm - 3pm

TUESDAY

Activity	Time
Play Group Lesley Broadbent, Tel 07914 344660	9.30 - 12.00 noon
Scawsby Wives alt. Tues, Margaret Wilson, Don 784646	7.30 - 9.30 pm
DMBC councillors' surgeries 3rd Tuesday of the month	7pm - 8pm
Get Together Isabelle Thorpe 01302 784309	7.30pm - 9.30pm

WEDNESDAY

Activity	Time
Play Group Lesley Broadbent, Tel 07914 344660	9.00 - 12.00 noon
Craft Group 2nd Wednesday every month - Paul Walters, Don 810608	7.00 - 9.00 pm
Winemakers Society Every two weeks - Ron Thew, Don 785927	7.30 - 10.30 pm

THURSDAY

Activity	Time
Mums & Tots Lesley Broadbent, Tel 07914 344660	9.00am - 12.00 noon
Senior Citizens' Group Elsie Garth, 01302 785304	12.30pm - 3.45 pm
Scawsby Independent Women WI 2nd Thurs every month Margaret Wilson 01302 784646/Ann Doyle 01302 781308	1.00pm - 3.30 pm
Brownies (Term time only) Katie Ford 07581 245862	6.00pm - 7.30pm

FRIDAY

Activity	Time
Play Group Lesley Broadbent, Tel 07914 344660	9.00am - 12 noon
Tae Kwon Do Diane & Peter Southall, 01302 711573	6.00pm - 8.00 pm

SATURDAY

Activity	Time
Drama Katie Adams/Sarah Thomas 07504 523512	9.00am - 12.30pm
Dancing Ian Sadler 01302 311636/07752 579791	6pm - 11.59pm

SUNDAY

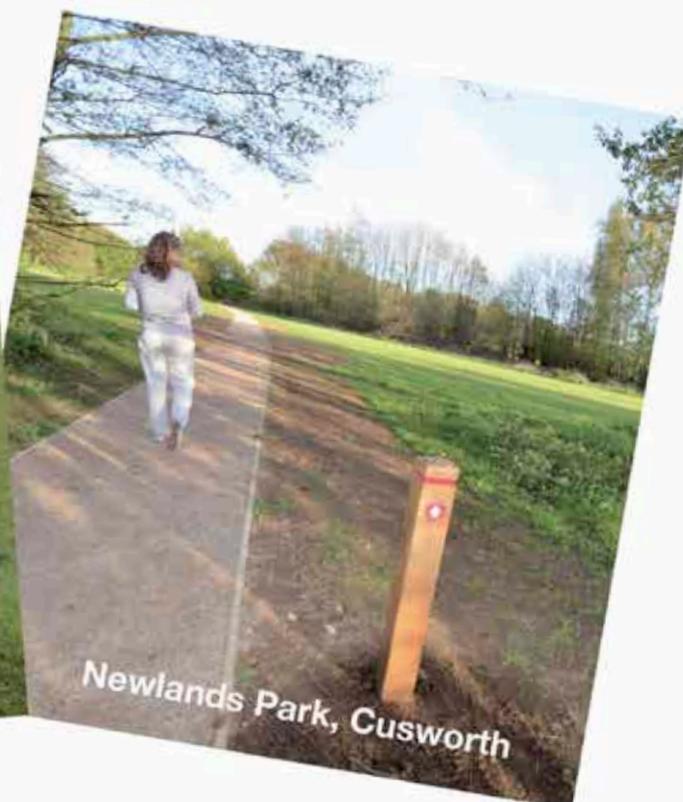
Activity	Time
House of Peace Faith Group Faith Chakka 07832 411183	10.30am - 2.30pm

Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council

FREE outdoor gym and fitness trails in Sprotbrough and Cusworth



Anchorage Lane, Sprotbrough



Newlands Park, Cusworth

Step out in the Parish

Mid-teens and above - keep fit any time on the five pieces of outdoor gym equipment at Anchorage Lane

Any age or ability - enjoy a walk, jog or run along the fitness trails at Anchorage Lane and Newlands Park

Explanatory boards to guide your fitness plans

More information from the Parish Council office on
01302 788093

Baby fun time

NEW Baby Sensory classes have been launched at Sprotbrough's Goldsmith Centre following successful sessions at Cantley.

Baby Sensory Doncaster offers parents and babies the opportunity to experience a warm and inviting learning climate with a wide range of activities and sensory experiences from birth to 13 months, including baby signing, dance, games, singing, music, massage and social play, magical light shows, puppets and water play within a welcoming social setting.

The sessions are run by Sally Millar, who has initially booked two classes every Monday from 9.30am to 10.30am for ages 6-13 months and from 11am to 12noon for 0-6 months.

As Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish News went to press the classes had started and are scheduled to finish on 15 November, 2016. But if you would like further information about potential future sessions please contact Sally on **07843 922490**, email Doncaster@babysensory.co.uk or find them on Facebook at Baby Sensory Doncaster.



Unwelcome Visitors

MEMBERS of the Don Gorge Community Group have been targeting unwelcome visitors that have set up home on the banks of the River Don.

The Group organised a day out to go 'balsam bashing' - rooting out clumps of **Himalayan Balsam** (*Impatiens glandulifera*).

The plant is a relative of the Busy Lizzie but reaches well above head height and is a major weed problem, especially on riverbanks and wasteland but can also invade gardens. It grows rapidly and spreads quickly, smothering vegetation as it goes.

Anyone who would like to help get rid of this invasive plant is welcome to pull a bit out as they enjoy a walk in the area of the fish pass near Sprotbrough Falls, or anywhere else they see it. It generally pulls out quite easily and can be left on the ground to rot away.

Liz Reeve, secretary of the Don Gorge Community Group, has sent the adjacent photo to help you identify the culprit. She says that if it gets to the flowering stage - as shown in the photo - it throws out thousands of seeds, all of which are likely to flower the following year.



- Join us?: If you would like to become a Friend of the Gorge please ring Liz Reeve on 01302 313030 or email: lizreeve@dongorgecommunitygroup.com
- Calendar: The Group have produced a 2017 calendar that depicts all aspects of the Don Gorge in full colour. Full price is £5 but buy in advance for just £4, complete with envelope to post to friends and relatives. Contact Liz.
- Information leaflets: Three leaflets are currently available - The Don Gorge, Visitor's Guide, and Walks from Warmsworth - which can be downloaded from the Visit Doncaster website. The Group want to produce more on particular topics and would like to hear from anyone who has expertise on, for example, trees, flowers, birds, geology, butterflies and moths, who would be willing to help produce future leaflets. Contact Liz.
- **The River Don from source to Sea:** Great book for anyone interested in or living along the length of the River Don from Penistone to Goole. Available from Liz for **£13** plus p&p.

Public welcome

SPROTBROUGH & Cusworth Parish Council meet on the third Thursday of the month at The Goldsmith Centre, with the exception of March and September, when the meeting is held at Scawsby Community Centre. No meeting is held in August. For more information visit : www.sc-pc.co.uk

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