

Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish News

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Can you help?

PARISH councillors are keen to support a major makeover of Sprotbrough's Anchorage Lane play area but they need the local community's views and help.

Following the successful modernisation of the New Lane play area around five years ago, which was spearheaded by a group of Sprotbrough people, the parish council now wants to back a similar approach to developing the popular Anchorage Lane play area.

Parish Chair, Coun Pat Haith, said: "The Anchorage Lane play equipment has served the community well for many years but it is now getting old and tired and exciting new designs are available which are much easier to maintain.

"We own four play areas in Sprotbrough and Cusworth and, following on from New Lane, we want to improve the other three. But we want local people to come forward and initially let us have their ideas on how we can bring Anchorage Lane into the 21st century.

"We're looking for local volunteers - young and old - who will be willing to help form a group called Friends of Sprotbrough and Cusworth Parish Council Play Areas that can work with the parish council to oversee the redesign of the play facility. It's an exciting opportunity to improve play and recreational facilities for young people in Sprotbrough.

"This is very much about being involved in the design, administration and public involvement side of the proposed re-development. We're not looking for volunteers to do the building work - that will be carried out by specialist companies following a tendering process.

"Redevelopment won't be cheap, the project is likely to cost hundreds of thousands of pounds, which will mean tapping into grant funding as well as the parish council's own financial reserves, but we have a vision to create a fantastic new play area that will last for many years.

"It won't happen overnight, the New Lane project took a couple of years to bring off the drawing board but the result was well worth waiting for. It's a great play area packed with imaginative equipment, including a zip wire. Crucially, it was conceived and driven by local people, with local consultation on the proposals and the support of the parish council."

● IF you want to be involved, or would simply like to find out more before making your mind up, please ring the parish council office on 01302 788093 during office hours.



PARKLANDS RECREATIONAL BOOST

DONCASTER Council is paying for a major improvement to the parkland it owns off Melton Road, adjacent to the parish council's New Lane play area.

As Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish News went to press, work had started on the site to create a number of new recreational attractions, as this drawing shows.

Included in the design are:

- A serpentine path with new trees planted alongside
- Footpath/dog walking trail
- Flowering trees and woodland bulb planting
- Jungle activity trail
- Arc of trees
- Stone circle and rock trail.

The project is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.



Artist impression of the proposals

Good causes Boost

EVERY year the parish council sets aside a small budget to fund the grants it awards to properly constituted community groups or registered charities. All applications are considered on the basis of if the funding will benefit either the parish or local people.

In the 2015/16 financial year, parish councillors awarded grants worth over **£2,000** to local community groups to support their work last year.

Benefiting were:

Don Gorge Group	£300	Sprotbrough Residents Group	£500
Sprotbrough Park Playgroup.....	£500	Sprotbrough Music Society	£250
York Road Scouts	£600		

SPROTBROUGH Park Playgroup and Toddlers put their grant funding towards the cost of installing metal railings around the Methodist Church Hall, on Park Drive, where they meet. The parish council match-funded the amount raised by playgroup organisers.

Sprotbrough Methodist Church funded the lion's cost of the fence, which has enabled the playgroup to provide a more secure outdoor play area for the children, toddlers and babies who attend.

The playgroup is a registered charity, rated 'good' by Ofsted, providing "high quality care with a warm, friendly approach". For more information about the range of sessions available for pre-school children, toddlers and babies, email Nichola

at sprotbroughpark@gmail.com.

Playgroup staff have organised an afternoon tea, bake-off competition, with cake sale and raffle on Sat 2 July, 2016, 2.30 - 4.30pm, at Sprotbrough Methodist Church Hall. Cost just £6 per person. Ring **07939 471805** for more information.

Please note: grant applications should be sent to the parish council at the address on the back page. Please include details of your group's finances; the number of people living within the parish who are members; or the number of residents within the parish that you have either helped or plan to help. Successful organisations can only be awarded a maximum of one grant in any financial year.

TOUR DE YORKSHIRE RACES THROUGH

SPROTBROUGH streets were packed up to 10 deep as thousands of people came to watch the world's elite male and female cyclists race by.

The Tour de Yorkshire (TDY) took its place in local history after a group of local people persuaded organisers to alter the route of the prestigious race to include Sprotbrough, signalling a day of party fun and festivities as local streets were closed to traffic for several hours, with live bands performing alongside other attractions.

Parish councillors backed the event by making the New Lane play area free to stall holders and paying for a children's entertainer.

The TDY brought a sense of community spirit as local people and visitors rallied round to support local shops and businesses that geared up to provide services on the day, together with many attractions at New Lane.

Bikes appeared in unlikely places around the area and local people took part in a variety of ways, including Janet Graves, who knitted a row of special TDY bunting for outside the scout hall on Main Street.



Before

● Ahead of the race, Don Gorge Conservation Volunteers (DGCV) organised a Clean for the Queen tidy up alongside the River Don at Lower Sprotbrough and Warmsworth. In just one day, 33 volunteers collected a staggering 150 bin bags full of rubbish - weighing nearly three tons - from the riverbanks and adjacent areas.

The Don Gorge volunteers meet every fortnight, working along the River Don between Conisbrough Viaduct and the A1

viaduct to maintain the area for visitors. New volunteers are always welcome.
Ring Liz Reeve on **01302 313030**
or email lizreeve@dongorgecommunitygroup.com



After

Ideas wanted...

A NEW action group has been formed to help improve the facilities on Scawsby's Barnsley Road playing field.

The Friends of Barnsley Road Playing Field include local councillors, parents and residents. They have their own ideas of what they would like to see added to the park but they also want to hear what local people think too.

As Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish News went to press they were planning to hold a public consultation on the playing field on Saturday 11 June, from 11am to 1pm.

Please let them have your views on the day or join the Friends of Barnsley Road Playing Field page on Facebook and keep in touch with developments.

64p a Year Rise

SPROTBROUGH & Cusworth Parish Council's precept for the 2016/17 financial year is **£167,381**.

This follows a two per cent increase in the parish rate on last year, an average increase of **64p** per household, or roughly the price of a tin of baked beans.

The precept funds the work of the parish council, including upkeep of the play areas and playing fields, two community centres and new developments like the outdoor gym and walking trails.

All parish councillors are unpaid volunteers.

Step Out on two new Trails



AS part of the parish council's commitment to create new recreational opportunities for local people to step out and regular exercise, two new parkland trails have been created and named after long serving parish councillors.

The Stephen Platt Trail covers one-third of a mile- or approximately 850 steps - in a circular route on the Anchorage Lane playing field, marked with specially produced green route signs.

It circles the outdoor gym which the parish council installed on the site last year and is just a short walk from the Pat Haith Trail, a half-mile - or 1180 steps - circular route at Newlands Park, which has specially produced red way markers.

Parish councillors incorporated improvements into the Newlands Park trail to combat the effects of flooding during the winter months and make the path more accessible.

Special information boards have also been installed alongside each trail to show maps of each of the routes.



The NHS says that walking 10,000 steps each day - that's just over four miles - will improve your health, build your stamina and burn excess calories.

PLEASE don't drop litter and clean up after your pets: that's the plea from Coun Haith and Coun Platt, who have been leading by example by collecting over 12 bags of rubbish during a Clean for the Queen tidy up at Cusworth. Take your rubbish home or use litter bins, which can also be used for bagged dog waste. Carelessly discarded cans and glass bottles are a danger to wildlife and children in particular.



A Zebra Crossing on Melton Road - what do you think?

DONCASTER North MP Ed Miliband has written to the parish council on behalf of a Sprotbrough constituent who is registered blind and would like to see a pedestrian crossing installed near the Ivanhoe pub, on Melton Road, so she and others can cross the road safely.

The lady lives on Melton Road and has been concerned about the increasing volume of traffic on the carriageway in recent years, which is making it difficult for people to cross easily.

She believes a pedestrian crossing would be a good solution. Mr Miliband has already contacted Doncaster Council on her behalf but was told that a crossing would cost around £80,000 and the suggested location is not on the district council's current priority list - which is based on the worst places in the borough for road safety incidents.

He has now asked the parish council if it could fund a

crossing instead. Following discussion at a recent parish council meeting, Mr Miliband was informed that the parish council does not have any jurisdiction over highways matters and consequently does not have a budget for such issues.

However, because this enquiry is of concern to parish councillors we would like to know what you think? Should a crossing be installed on Melton Road, near the junction of Thorpe Lane and Spring Lane.

Please let the parish council have your views. The contact details are on the back page of this newsletter, or you can let us know via our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Just search for Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council.

In the meantime, parish councillors have agreed to invite a highways officer from Doncaster Council to a future parish council meeting to discuss what options there may be to improve road safety at this location.

What will Sprotbrough look like in the future?

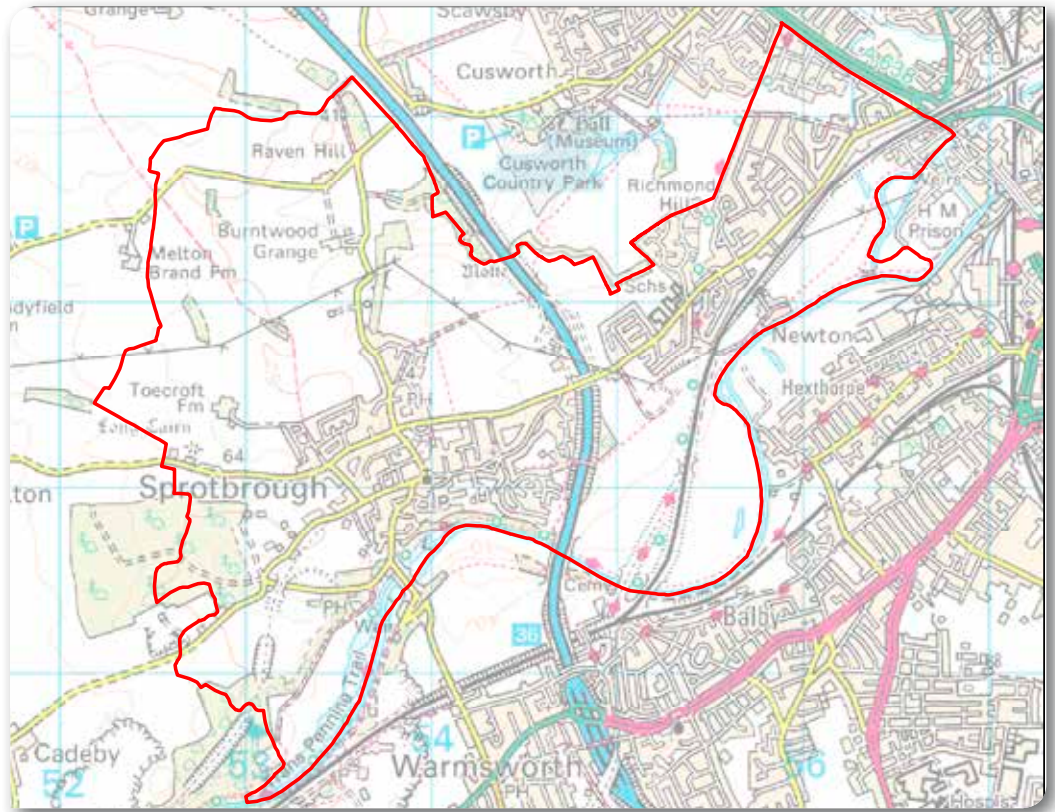
By Eric Mirfin, Chair, Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Champions.

Surely, Sprotbrough will benefit from the people who live here working together to let the Council know what we want Sprotbrough to look like in the future?

Housing, schools, shops, road safety - all of these things affect us all!

We need to put together a Neighbourhood Plan - a legally binding document.

A group of residents called the Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Champions are working with the parish council to conduct a survey to obtain your views on what the Neighbourhood Plan should contain, including what you feel is good about the village, what's not so good, and what your recommendations are for the future. When completed you will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not to adopt this plan. So it's important that it reflects your views and the views of other Sprotbrough people.





**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012
PART 2
NEIGHBOURHOOD AREAS**

Application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area - Sprotbrough

We have received an application for designation of a Neighbourhood Area from Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council. Designation of a Neighbourhood Area is the first stage in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. If approved, the Parish Council can then go on to prepare a plan for the area which, subject to examination and referendum, may become part of the statutory development plan for the area by which planning applications are decided.

In accordance with Part 2, Regulation 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 the Parish Council have submitted:

- a map which identifies the area to which the area application relates;
- a statement explaining why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area; and
- a statement that the organisation or body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

All the documents can be viewed online at:
<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/planning/neighbourhood-plans>

If you have any comments on the application, please respond in one of the following ways:

- Email: ldf@doncaster.gov.uk
- Postal address: Local Plans Team (FAO Jonathan Clarke), The Civic Office, Waterdale, Doncaster DN1 3BU.
- By hand to: Local Plans Team (FAO Jonathan Clarke), The Civic Office, Waterdale, Doncaster DN1 3BU

If you need any more information, or if you would like to discuss the application, please contact Jonathan Clarke.

The deadline for representations is 5pm on Monday 20th June 2016.

To know more about how you can influence the contents of the Neighbourhood Plan, watch out for our leaflet dropping through your door, our adverts in the Sprotbrough Arrow and this parish council newsletter. The group are developing their own website too, which will soon allow them to provide you with updates on the group's progress and other important details :

www.sprotbroughneighbourhoodchampions.co.uk

IMPORTANT

Are you aware of the plans for new residential development in Sprotbrough over the next 15 years?

Recently, over 500 acres of land around Doncaster were offered to Doncaster Council for residential or industrial development. The Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Champions are working with the parish council to Influence Doncaster Council's thoughts on these developments in our area. We will be attending public events in Sprotbrough so please come and talk to us in person, give us a chance to explain to you in more detail about who we are , what we're doing and what we want to achieve on behalf of everybody who lives here.

We need you to volunteer and / or give your opinions please

The Neighbourhood Plan is designed to cover the whole of Sprotbrough, therefore we want to be in a position soon where we have residents from all over Sprotbrough represented on our group.

If you're interested, please feel free to speak to us in person or contact us at enmirfin@gmail.com for more information.

Local Activities

THERE are plenty of activities taking place at Sprotbrough's Goldsmith Centre and Scawsby Community Centre. Find out more at www.sc-pc.co.uk/communitycentres

Sprotbrough's Tuesday Group's 25 members meet weekly 1.30 - 3.30pm at the Goldsmith Centre to enjoy a fun afternoon and new joiners are always welcome.

Pictured are Mick Smith, Rita King, Bob Jones, Doug King, Janet Cooper and Jean Scott.

Residents from Richmond Care Home join in with the group.



On Tuesday 7th June, Singing Major Keith Tomlinson will provide the entertainment.

Admission is just £1 and includes refreshments. Ring **01302 782103** for more information.

The Painting Group - pictured - also meet on Tuesdays at the Goldsmith from 1.55 - 4pm.

Contact : **01302 780654**

Fun-filled days

SPROTBROUGH 67th Scout Group will hold their annual fund-raising gala weekend 11 - 12 June 2016 at New Lane playing field.

Live band The Torn will play during the Party in the Park on Sat 11 June, 6pm - 10pm, when other attractions will include a rodeo bull, children's disco and refreshments.

The 6.5km fun run and family gala will take place on Sun 12 June, 1pm - 4pm, with the fun run starting at 2pm. More information about the weekend activities at www.sprotbroughscouts.co.uk

Tea anyone?

THE Marie Curie charity is encouraging Sprotbrough and Cusworth folk to raise funds for their work by holding a Blooming Great Tea Party between 20th and 29th June, 2016. Find out more at www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty.



CLEVER STUFF

RIDGEWOOD School pupils are top of the class when it comes to being business savvy.

The youngsters' Green Bean Co has won the South Yorkshire heats of the Young Enterprise award scheme after beating 40 other teams - including Hill, House and Sheffield High School for Girls - and now goes forward to represent South Yorkshire at the Yorkshire and Humber regional finals in June.

The team recycle old coffee grounds to make eco friendly organic herb growing kits.

NEXT STOP

DONCASTER Bus Partnership has introduced changes to services affecting our parish. The No. 49 shuttle from Doncaster to Sprotbrough has been withdrawn and bus travellers are being asked to use the 219 and 219A as an alternative means of transport. The routes take in Sprotbrough Road, Melton Road, Main Street and New Lane. You can find out the stopping points and times at www.travelsouthyorkshire.com or via the parish council website www.sc-pc.co.uk.

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