

## ROTHER VALLEY SOUTH – 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2002 ASSEMBLY OFFICER REPORT

### APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENCE

The Assembly is advised of two applications upon which it may wish to comment.

- a) Nigel Hamilton: The Lord Conyer's Arms, The Square, Wales.

Consent is sought to conduct music, singing and dancing and any public entertainment of a like kind from Mondays to Saturdays from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

- b) Michael John Gazur: The Parish Hall, Ryton Road, North Anston.

Consent is sought to conduct music, singing and dancing and any public entertainment of a like kind and any exhibition, contest or display of any indoor sporting event to which the public are invited as spectators, from Sundays 9 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. and Mondays to Saturdays 9 a.m. to 12 midnight.

It should be noted that this is the first time the Assembly has been offered an opportunity to make observations of this kind and that the decision on any application remains with the Licensing Board of the Borough Council.

### FUNDING FOR VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

The South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB) with support from the Borough Council, has organised another information and advice event, this time at Kiveton Park Library, Wales Road on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November. It is important that anyone part of a group wishing to take advantage of the opportunity books a free place by telephoning 0114 249 4343.

SYFAB has also published its October issue of Funding News. It includes details of a wide variety of funding regimes which may be of interest to community groups and organisations in the Assembly Area. Funding News is free to voluntary and community groups from Jan Jarrold tel 0114 249 4343 or from the internet at [www.syfab.org.uk](http://www.syfab.org.uk).

### HERITAGE EDUCATION PROJECT

This is a new project sponsored by the Friends of Clifton Park Museum. It aims to stimulate a wider demand for heritage based learning through activities addressing skill development. There is a rural dimension to this project and workshops are planned for local libraries. The Project Officer is Abi Hackett tel 01709 382121, extension 3634. She would be pleased to address the Assembly on the project which runs, initially, to March 2003.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HOTSPOTS

Work has been ordered to repair pot holes in the access ways surrounding houses on Wales Road, Kiveton Park Centre.

Discussions are ongoing with Anston Parish Council and Dinnington St. John's Parish Council regarding the purchase and location of Dog Waste Bins.

This means that this year's monies are fully allocated. Other project ideas will be noted for attention in future years or as and when opportunities arise to tackle them by other means.

## COMMUNITY COHESION: OUR RESPONSIBILITY

I have received a copy of a briefing paper prepared by the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE) with the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureau (NACAB). It looks at what stakeholders are doing to foster a multicultural society in which each person enjoys equal rights while also sharing the responsibility for strengthening communities.

The paper was prepared following the official reports that followed the disturbances at Bradford, Burnley and Oldham. It is interesting to note the paper's view, that whilst the community cohesion debate has centred primarily on urban areas, it is important to recognise the role played by rural racism in community tensions.

Attention is drawn to a "no problem here" attitude and the alleged failure of rural institutions to offer appropriate services to their ethnic minority residents. It is suggested that they are rarely represented on local decision making bodies and that government agencies have tended to perpetuate a monocultural view of rural areas. The Assembly may wish to reflect upon these views in relation to local knowledge of the area and changes apparent in the composition of local populations. I have prepared a limited number of copies of the report which was published in September.

## AREA COMMUNITY PLAN

At the time of writing I am awaiting feedback on the requirement for a final version of the plan and hope to be able to advise the meeting of progress, verbally.