

Community Planning Update 21st October 02

Over view of results from the Community Planning Exercise that took place at the Rawmarsh Funday and Sure Start Gala 2002.

Rawmarsh Funday

Method

A table top exercise gave people the opportunity to express what improvements they would like to see in the area over the next 10 years. This was done by asking people to write down one idea per "post it" note and sticking this onto the area of concern on a large scale detailed map of Rawmarsh and Parkgate. If others had similar ideas they stuck a green pin on the idea of concern, and if any one opposed the idea a red pin was used. To complement this a simple questionnaire was passed round asking people what their major concern was and this was also used to generate a contact list for those who wish to remain involved with the process. Ideas, views and concerns were then placed under the following themes: housing; crime and safety; community facilities and leisure; health; work, training and the local economy; traffic and transport; local environment.

Results

As you can see from the graphs over leaf there was an overwhelming response to improving community facilities in the area, and in particular this regarded improvements in facilities for children and young people. This was followed by issues relating to crime and safety, graffiti and substance misuse being issues on top of peoples thoughts. The local environment followed and issues highlighted included general cleaning up of the area and more litter and doggy bins.

What next

The information from these exercises will be passed on to the relevant agencies and presented to the community. However, it is important to note that a wide range of activities and exercises will take place throughout the area to encourage the formation of a local community plan for Rawmarsh and Parkgate and one for Kilnhurst. We are currently working with local community groups, and subgroups of the Rawmarsh and Parkgate Partnership to facilitate more community planning activities that will inform and help to develop the local community plan. In Kilnhurst it has been agreed with the Action Group to begin the process at their Christmas Festival on December 7th. Both plans will then feed into the area plan covering Rawmarsh, Parkgate and Kilnhurst – the first draft of this currently in the final stages of completion; and ultimately into the Rotherham Community Strategy.

Community Planning is an ongoing process and plans will be reviewed and updated on a regular basis.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the facilitation of the event at Rawmarsh Funday.

