

**Community Planning Officers Update
For Wentworth Central Area Assembly meeting
Wednesday 24th September 03**

This up-date discusses the development of neighbourhood level community action plans that will show local people's aspirations and needs, as well as an action plan showing priorities for action, who will be involved and responsible for taking actions forward, and over what period of time. To avoid confusion with the area plan they are referred to as neighbourhood plans. The previous up-date in June gave an overview on what activity had taken place over the winter period and what activity was planned for the summer. This paper will provide information on on-going activity.

During July, the community planning officer has supported a number of groups/organisations to undertake community consultation activity. This has been with:

- Kilnhurst Action Group
 - To find out views, thoughts and ideas about Kilnhurst and the Meadow View area.
 - The main priorities for people on the day of consultation were:
 - To introduce traffic calming measures in certain areas of Kilnhurst;
 - To introduce recycling facilities and more use of skips
 - To improve the recreational facilities on the parks/fields
 - The information has recently been presented to Kilnhurst Action Group. Follow up work includes the organisation of two events to feed back to local people the findings from the consultation, what action is already happening, and to encourage local people to get involved with further project development and forming a neighbourhood plan for Kilnhurst. One event will be held at St Thomas base, the other at the Resource centre.
- Manor Farm TARA
 - To find out the views of people living on the Manor Farm Estate.
 - The main priorities on the day of consultation were:
 - To improve the tenancy arrangements on the estate, issue of placing young adults in flats occupied by older people;
 - There was a general concern about anti-social and criminal behaviour occurring;
 - The need to introduce traffic calming measures in certain areas on the estate.
 - Manor Farm TARA are currently in process of reviewing the information with a view to develop projects from the information collected specifically for the estate.
- Rawmarsh and Parkgate Community Action Group
 - To find out views and thoughts about the proposed Sandhill Park Phase iii development. This was a questionnaire survey undertaken to find out if people approved of a master plan developed from a previous consultation.

- This information has been passed onto the group, and Groundwork Dearne Valley, who are in the process of developing an Environmental Action Plan for the area.
- Youth Development Group
 - A brief has been produced to commission a piece of work that will look at improving young people's and children's facilities building on work currently being undertaken. A small steering group has been formed to manage this project and ensure that young people are involved throughout the process. It is envisaged the work will start in October. This piece of work is to be funded through the IDP and will therefore also cover the Kilnhurst area.

There is a considerable amount of consultation and research activity happening across Rawmarsh and Parkgate. It is envisaged that an event will take place in the new year, involving all stakeholders and interested parties, to report on progress of activity happening, findings from completed consultation activity, and to look into forming a neighbourhood action plan for Rawmarsh and Parkgate.

If your community, group, or if you as an individual, are interested in the neighbourhood plans and would like to know more or would like some activity to happen in your area then I am more than happy to come and visit you or your group.

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