

Clean Green and Safe Bulletin Summer 2010

Fire & Rescue Service Consultation

A three-month public consultation is now under way, which is seeking the views of local people like you on the future of South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue. Like most other public sector organisations, SYFR expects to lose a significant amount of its Government funding over the coming years. They are asking for your views on some key issues around how they can continue to provide the high standard of services people expect, but with reduced money available.

You can read the consultation booklet by visiting www.syfire.gov.uk and looking for the "Public Consultation" story on the front page.

Alternatively, to receive a hard copy version of the booklet in the post, e-mail: press@syfire.gov.uk. Make sure you include your name and full address in the e-mail. Or text FIRE to 87023. Or write to Consultation, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue, Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3FG.

This consultation doesn't make any specific proposals or recommendations. Instead, it asks for your views on key issues to help contribute to the development of future plans. At the end of this consultation, SYFR will consider all the responses and use them to help inform the development of more concrete plans for the way it proposes to deliver services in 2011-14. They will publish those more specific proposals in autumn 2010 and there will be another public consultation then.

Once you have read the consultation booklet and considered your response, you can complete the online survey on their website or write your answers in the booklet and post it back to the address above. The deadline for responses in Monday 2nd August.

Please could you help publicise this to your local members. We also have a lot of posters and flyers available, which ideally we'd like to see go up in as many village/church hall type premises as possible. If you are able to help please contact Tel: (0114) 253 2410



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Victims Champion

Barnsley council introduces a new role in the Community Safety Service, the role is to offer support to victims and witnesses of anti-social behaviour.

A recent study and information from the Home Office shows that victims and witnesses of anti social behaviour would benefit with a single point of contact (SPOC) within the local authority when they need support. When Victims and Witnesses have the appropriate support they feel safer, know that they are not alone or isolated and if they attend court, give their best evidence. Whether they are victims of antisocial behaviour directed against them specifically, or residents who witness antisocial behaviour directed against the community, they are crucial to successful prosecutions against perpetrators.

Victims and Witnesses need to be supported the whole length of the witness pathway, from report to trial, remedy and beyond.

The Support Officer will offer a bespoke service which will include signposting to partner agencies and voluntary groups, providing one to one support to the most serious cases and vulnerable members of our community and providing support before during and after a court case. In addition, personal alarms, door and window security, life line alarms and smoke detector life lines are available.

The aim is to have a cleaner, safer Barnsley where people can live and work in their community without fear of anti social behaviour. The only way forward in reducing anti-social behaviour is by witnesses coming forward and voicing their concerns. To assist the witness, they will now have one point of contact to guide them through the processes that are involved.

The contact for the Victim and Witness support officer is Sophia Colton- BMBC Community Safety Service- telephone number 01226 774950 your call will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.





A few examples of how we the Community safety service can assist

QUESTION 1

My neighbour's dog is fouling on the pavement outside my house, what can I do?

ANSWER 1

Report it your either your local Safer neighbourhood team for your area, or tel the regulatory services at the town hall, who will arrange for some patrols in your area, you can also attend your area crime and safety sub groups, details of where they are appear on the police website.

QUESTION 2

I wish to report suspicious activity, near the rear of my house, it looks like drug dealing going off, who do I speak to I am nervous of repercussions.

ANSWER 2

You need to telephone your local safer neighbourhood team, contact numbers are on this leaflet, they will arrange to come and visit you at your convenience and put any safety measures in place, they will also discuss ways of you assisting with gathering evidence.

QUESTION 3

Youths are gathering at the bottom of my street, being loud and drinking and throwing rubbish, I feel intimidated when I walk past.

ANSWER 3

Report this to your local safer neighbourhood team office, they will arrange for patrols in that area for the local officers to have a chat with the youths.

WE WILL:

Place the witness at the centre of the process.

Provide victims and witnesses who are involved in protracted cases, with a Single point of contact (SPOC) within the local authority.

Undertake a witness/victim assessment in the first instance.

Ensure that all witnesses feel safe and secure.

Arrange bespoke safety solutions, by involving other partner agencies.

Ensure that the officers recognise the impact of anti-social behaviour on peoples lives and ensure that complaints are taken seriously at all times.

Treat all victims and witnesses with dignity, respect and sensitivity.

Ensure victims and witnesses have confidence in the practitioners to whom they report the information

Support the Victim/Witness the whole length of the victim witness pathway, from report to trial, remedy and beyond

WE NEED THE VICTIM/WITNESS

To report incidents

To provide evidence

To help police take enforcement action against perpetrators

To feel confident in coming forward

To actively engage with other methods of support i.e. local crime and safety sub groups.

Help to reduce crime by taking all security measures

To work with other members of the community in responding promptly with any evidence of any antisocial behaviour.

To feel safe and secure in their homes and community.

Victim and support officer Sophia Colton 01226 774950

Email sophiacolton@barnsley.gov.uk

Community Safety contact telephone numbers (Non Emergency number)

Central	01226 736395
Cudworth	01226 736592
Worsborough/Kendray	01226736387
Darton/Dodworth	01226 736395
Penistone	01226 736387
Royston	01226 736361
Wombwell	01226 736408
Hoyland	01226 736457
Dearne	01709 832138





Crime and Safety Group

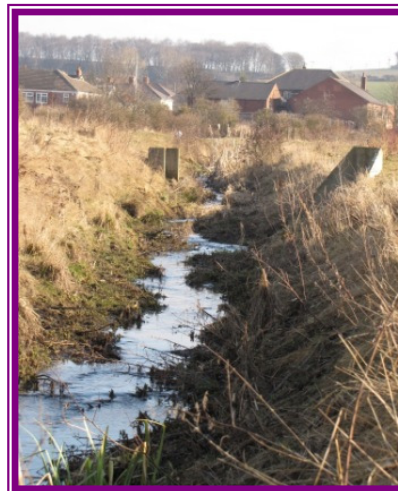
Grimethorpe residents recently highlighted anti social behaviour as a problem at their local Crime and Safety Group. Their concerns were referred through to Cudworth Safer Neighbourhood Team's (SNT) Partners and Communities Together (PACT) Meeting and this area was subsequently selected as a priority at the PACT meeting.

The River Tom runs through the middle of this area and has become a hotspot for fly-tipping and littering. As a collective, the group agreed to cleanse the locality with the assistance of South Yorkshire Probation Service's 'Community Payback' scheme. The project has evolved to include as many partners as possible and maximise resources in the neighbourhood.

Before



After



What were the results?

Representatives of Cudworth Safer Neighbourhood Teams Partners and Communities Together (PACT) meeting have been working hard in Grimethorpe making a difference in the local neighbourhood for the benefit of local people. In the last fortnight the River Tom has been reclaimed for the enjoyment of the local community.

- Approximately **48 tonnes of waste material was removed** form the River Tom and surrounding area. Skip after skip was filled by the clean-up team

including: 5 lawnmowers, 4 televisions, 3 vacuum cleaners, 2 shopping trolleys, 1 venetian blind

- South Yorkshire Probation Service (SYPS) worked in the area on the 3rd, 4th, 9th and 11th. During which time **offenders completed 175 hours of arduous work in high visibility orange tabards as part of their Community Payback**. Glyn Staves (SYPS) worked closely with locally based officers and community members to ensure that the project was a success.
- **14 young people from Willowgarth High School contibuted to the project** supervised by Janet Dalton and Nadine Roche.
- **Keepmoat Homes were extremely supportive** and the project would not have been possible without Site Manager Andy Poole working closely with the clean-up team.
- BIG THANK YOU to **Keely Johnson and all at Lifestyles for making everyone involved very welcome and providing a base for the project.**
- **Reassurance, Visibility, Education and Empowerment were all vital elements of the River Tom PACT Priority.** Important messages were delivered to the community during the course of the project, including: SNT's Crime Prevention, Responsible Waste Management and Responsible Dog Ownership. **South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service secured 60 requests for Home Fire Safety Checks.**

Rosie Adams, Cudworth SNT's Tasking Officer said, *"This has been a fantastic project to coordinate with visible results for the community. I have been inspired by everyone involved. A great example of partnership working. We hope that local people we look after the area and enjoy the spending time on the banks of the River Tom in the coming months"*





What happens now?

Willowgarth High school and Remedi hope to continue working in the area to keep the River Tom clean and tidy for the villagers of Grimethorpe. Cudworth SNT would like to thank residents for their continuous support. Such fantastic results would not be possible without the assistance of local people.

Local residents are requested to report any non emergency information to the Cudworth SNT Goldenline on: **01226 736592**. If you need to report crime please do so in the usual way to South Yorkshire Police: 0114 2 202020.

People involved included: North East Elected Members, Community Safety Service inc. Safer Neighbourhood Team, Grimethorpe Crime and Safety Group, Neighbourhood Watch, South Yorkshire Probation Service, North East Area Team, Keepmoat Homes, Lifestyles Community Centre, Neighbourhood Pride, Regulatory Services, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, Willowgarth High School, BMBC Waste Management, Saint Lukes Church & Hallsteads Nursing Home.

Police work with pupils to crackdown on speeding

Hoyland Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) worked with children from Jump Primary School, Roebuck Hill, to tackle speeding with the help of 'Smiley SID'.

Members of the school council made up of two pupils from each year were worried about the issue of speeding in the area and the dangers it posed for them and their peers. They highlighted their concerns to PCSO Dean Hamer who attends their school once a week.

On Tuesday 18 May, PCSO Hamer arranged for the children to voluntarily take part in the road safety operation where a speed indication device (SID) was placed outside of the school on Roebuck Hill.

When motorists passed the site, SID displayed either a smiley face indicating the driver was within the 30 mph limit or a sad face meaning they were over it. Anyone caught over the limit was stopped by police and drivers were spoken to by the children who explained how they wanted their school roads to safe and free from dangerous driving. As well as catching offenders, the operation was to deter potential speeders whilst teaching children the dangers of speeding.

Approximately 100 vehicles passed through the site and 22 were found to be over the speed limit. **PC Hamer said:** "One woman stopped got very upset after being spoken to by the children. She said she has children herself and was ashamed of herself.

"Unbelievably, another speeding driver stopped was even the father of one of the children involved in the operation."

"Some people need to realise that speeding is wrong full stop, particularly around schools where the lives of such vulnerable and innocent people are at risk."

Photo: PC Martin Underwood (left) and PC Dean Hamer (right) with the children of Jump Primary School.



Green Next Practice programme


Innovation Exchange has launched its Green Next Practice programme, which will extend its work to cover the issue of the environment. The Green Next Practice programme will provide brokerage support to five or six high-potential third sector innovations that can help to reduce carbon emissions or build society's capacity to reduce carbon emissions.

NESTA's excellent Big Green Challenge showed that many of the most promising third sector innovations that can help to reduce carbon emissions can do so by providing direct support to citizens and growing through the market.

To complement and build on this work, Innovation Exchange will particularly focus on third sector innovations with the potential to green public services. These projects might:

- a) Seek to deliver public services;
- b) Work for public services; or
- c) Influence public service strategies to harness the potential of their innovations to reduce carbon emissions

Innovation Exchange is currently seeking high-potential third sector innovation projects that could be participants of this programme. To get



an idea of the kind of projects we would like to work with, check out the Waste Oil Recycling Project at <http://tinyurl.com/33sx9c9>. If you're a third sector project working to green public services and achieve at least one of the above three objectives then complete the application form by 5pm on Wednesday, 2nd June 2010 for the chance to participate.

We are also working actively to scan the horizon and to build relationships with communities of innovators. If you can help with this process or would like to recommend a project to us, we would also be delighted to hear from you.

For more information and to access the application form visit: <http://innovation-exchange.org/blog/next-practice-programme/green-next-practice-programme/>

SAFER SOUTH YORKSHIRE GRANT LAUNCHED

Unsung heroes working to help local communities are set for a cash boost thanks to a new partnership between South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and the South Yorkshire Community Foundation.

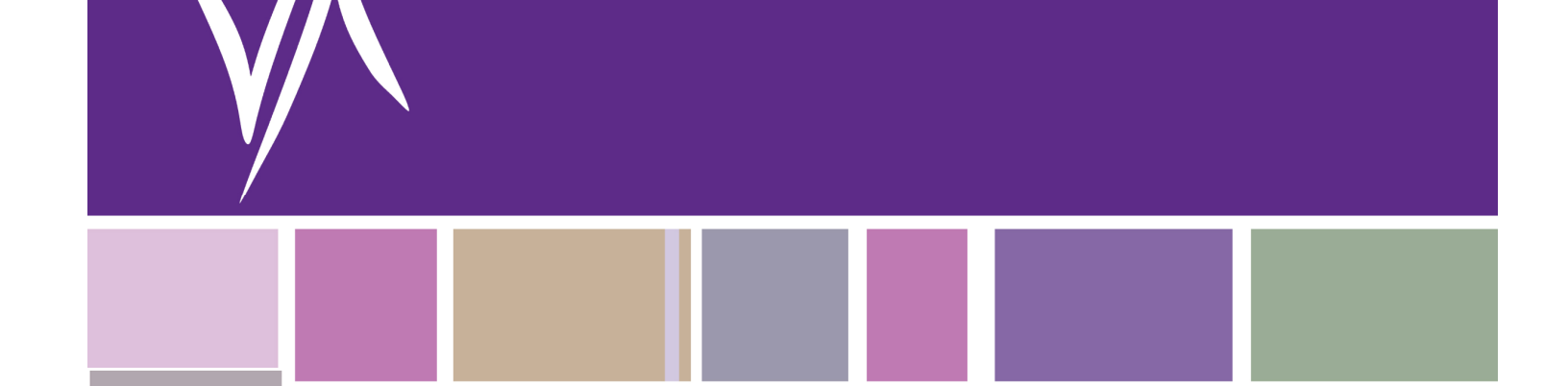
The 'Safer South Yorkshire' grant campaign will provide much needed assistance to the area's volunteer led projects, with **grants of up to £5,000** available for those making a difference in their area.

The funding has been made available through SYCF's Grassroots Grants programme that offers grants to community groups throughout Barnsley, Rotherham and Sheffield, and a bumper pot has been made available through the South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Pauline Grice, chief executive of SYCF, said: "We are absolutely delighted to have teamed up with South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue for this fantastic grant campaign. Many community groups and projects in the area are having a positive impact on the fire service's priorities without even realising it, and we're confident that through the 'Safer South Yorkshire' campaign we can help them with the great work being done."

Groups who require smaller amounts of up to £700 can apply through a fast track process, and SYCF encourages potential applicants to contact them to discuss their application.

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue is committed to bringing down the number of fatal injuries caused by fire, reducing arson, protecting the environment and promoting health and wellbeing.



Through the Grassroots Grants programme, SYCF has been tasked with identifying those groups in Sheffield communities that are in the greatest need of receiving a cash boost.

Applying groups must have an **annual turnover of no more than £30,000**, be volunteer led and be addressing a community need. A full set of eligibility criteria is available on our website. Applicants should read all the information available before filling in their form.

Groups who have already used the fast track form to successfully apply for an SYCF grant must fill in SYCF's full application form. Call the grants team on 0114 2424294 to discuss your application further.

To apply for a slice of cash from the 'Safer South Yorkshire' grant campaign groups should apply online at www.sycf.org.uk in the Grant Campaigns section.

Applications must be sent to the SYCF office (Unit 3 – G1 Building, 6 Leeds Road, Sheffield, S9 3TY).

The Network – a new voice for residents across the City Region

Giving local people a say in the things that really matter

The Network has been set up by Leeds Tenants Federation to give people a voice about the things that really matter. We want to help people share their concerns, ideas and experience and allow them to reach the ears - and wallets - of the decision-makers.

Posters, leaflets and sample newsletter articles have been sent out to all landlord organisations and tenant federations in the Leeds City Region for disseminating to tenants and residents. The idea is to encourage them to register with The Network – a database of individual tenants and residents who want to share experience and concerns on housing, transport, employment, skills, regeneration and other public services.

The Leeds City Region covers:

**Barnsley
Bradford
Calderdale**



**Craven
Harrogate
Leeds
Selby
Wakefield
Yor
North Yorkshire**

This is a vast area covering rural and urban communities.

What is The Network about?

Good policy in all these important areas depends on listening to and engaging with local people. So Leeds Tenants Federation has set up **The Network** to give residents a real voice in these crucial areas.

The Network connects residents right across the Leeds City Region. It is hoped that residents in rural areas as well as those in cities will join The Network to make contact with others living in similar communities. By sharing views, ideas and experiences, it helps to make sure that decisions and plans truly reflect the needs of local people. Members represent no-one but themselves – tenants and residents join as individuals or residents group.

What will The Network do?

Leeds Tenants Federation has appointed consultants, The Bridge Group, to help establish The Network, by reaching out across the region to individual residents and residents groups who want to have their say.

Through the summer there will be:

- Formal launch of **The Network** at a conference on 7th July in York. Network members will be able to share concerns, ideas and information on their areas and hear about what is happening to tackle the big issues throughout the city region, both urban and rural.
- Two visits to very different areas, so that Network members can hear about developments around affordable housing, transport and jobs put together by different organisations and authorities working in partnership. We will try to explore how these have been influenced by local people's priorities and how what is happening fits into Leeds City Region priorities. We will aim for a mix of urban and rural projects to visit.
- Work with residents to lobby councils and other public agencies to give **The Network** a seat at the table for all future decisions about housing and regeneration throughout the city region.



Who can join The Network and how?

Any tenant or resident can join The Network if they live in one of the local or county authority areas covered by Leeds City Region.

Join **The Network** now – no cost, no commitment, just share your views about what you want to see happen in your area. The 500th member to sign up will receive £50 of High Street vouchers.

You can register now by calling The Bridge Group FREEPHONE 0800 988 2823 or to find out more. For more information email Rachel Burkitt at r.burkitt@bridge-group.co.uk

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