



Tinsley Tribune

newsletter of Tinsley Forum

September 2011

Our aim is to improve the quality of life for all the people of Tinsley

Tinsley Towpath improvements welcomed by Local Residents



Talking to local people using the tow path they are pleased with the improvements. Last autumn Tinsley Forum was successful in getting funding from Big Lottery Community Spaces for improvements to the canal towpath from Wharf Road Canal bridge to the bridge over to the tram stop and Meadowhall. We called the project Tinsley Canalside Access Project. Well we have now finished all the work which included cutting back vegetation, new lighting under viaduct, painting of railings under viaduct and on canal bridge, two benches, two interpretation boards one about the history of the area and the other the flora and fauna of the area, new signage, a new litter bin, a wildflower meadow (Not looking great this year should improve next year). The towpath was resurfaced by Sheffield City Council. The project came about because of residents concerns about overhanging trees and vegetation and poor lighting making people feel unsafe to use the towpath to get to the tram stop or Meadowhall. If you have not been on the towpath recently then please give it a try. You could use it to start a walk or cycle ride exploring other parts of the canal towpath towards the City Centre or Rotherham and the Five Weirs walk on the bank of the River Don to the city centre. On Friday 23rd September at 1.30pm the project will be officially opened by Julie Dore Leader of Sheffield City Council Tinsley residents are very welcome to attend this event.

Tinsley Forum invites Tinsley residents onboard the LB Hardfeet to celebrate the official opening by Councillor Julie Dore, Leader of Sheffield City Council of the Tinsley Canalside Access Project. Friday 23rd September 1.30pm, Canal Towpath near to Tinsley Tram Stop bridge. Refreshments available



LB Hardfeet



Joint Tinsley Forum & East Community Assembly Meeting



**Tuesday 20th September
6 pm**

Tinsley Community Centre Ingfield Avenue, Tinsley

Agenda includes: Sheffield Renewables

- Rob Pilling of Sheffield Renewables will attend to talk about the small scale hydro scheme on the River Don at Jordan Dam

Highgate Shopping Centre Update

- An update will be given on the Highgate Shopping Centre improvements.

Sheffield Futures

- A representative from Sheffield Futures will attend to talk about the Youth Work provision in the area.

The Older Wiser Warmer Project

Shelly Davis of Heeley City Farm will attend to talk about the Older Wiser Warmer Project, which supports older people within Sheffield to become volunteer energy champions within their local communities.

Councillors 'question time'

we aim to deliver to every household in Tinsley

East Community Assembly News

The first round of Small Grants was announced in June 2011. Local Councillors of the Assembly agreed to fund 14 projects in the Darnall Ward which covers Darnall, Tinsley and North Handsworth. Successful Groups in Tinsley this round were:

Women in Construction Arts & Technology £666 (free course in the area to learn construction skills)

Tinsley Over 60's Lunch Club £1000

Total for Tinsley in round 1 £1,666

Round 2 closed on Monday 5th September, there may be a third round open in October if funds are still available, otherwise it will restart in April 2012.

If you are a group or organisation and wish to apply for a small grant the [application forms](#) are available on Sheffield Council's Website on the East Community Assembly pages or contact the office on 0114 273 5708 and we will post a pack out to you.

Free Spring Bulbs



Sheffield City Council will be supplying daffodils and crocus bulbs again this autumn to groups who can plant them on the street scene and in green and open spaces across the city.

Bulbs are offered on a first come first served basis, so we urge you to **order as soon as possible by calling** 0114 273 4221 (9.00am – 4.30pm) or emailing the bulb hotline: lewis.pendleton@sheffield.gov.uk as stocks do go quickly.

Next Public Assembly Meeting

The next East Community Assembly Business Meeting is on Thursday 22nd September, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, at Stradbroke Community Centre, Richmond Road, S13 8TG. This is your chance to question your local councillors about local issues, and hear and question what the Assembly is spending its project money on before decisions are taken on the night in public.



Highways Improvements

The East Community Assembly has delegated to it a sum of money to spend in the area on agreed highways schemes.

Councillors of the East Assembly agreed to spend its allocated highways funding two ways. Firstly, large schemes that address child accident locations and secondly smaller schemes that the community ask for and have the greatest benefit for most people.

For the large scheme this financial year, the East Assembly has agreed to look at improving crossing the road at the top of East Bank Road at the Hurlfield Rd junction, the location of child accidents. Ideas for the location and type of crossing improvements will now be consulted on with the public and



local residents living nearby.

Smaller schemes the Assembly have funded recently in the Darnall Ward include: Dropped kerbs at Leeds Rd, Worksop Rd, Bootle St, Jubilee Rd to help wheelchairs, prams and visually impaired people cross road junctions more safely.

Bollards on Prince of Wales Rd, Wellington Place and Greenland Drive to stop illegal parking

New path on Greenland Way and new handrails on Maple Grove and Retford Road. If you have an idea or need for a new highway improvement that would benefit more than one household, then please let us know about it so it can be placed on our list of requests. Please use the link to access an [online form](#) on the council's website or ring the Council on 2735907 to request a scheme.



A new community project for older people 65 yrs+ who want to get wiser about keeping warm and saving money.

Thanks to a 3 year grant from Comic Relief, South Yorkshire Energy Centre, can now offer a community based project to five lucky communities within Sheffield.

The Older, Wiser, Warmer Project will support older residents within Sheffield to become volunteer 'Energy Champions' within their local communities. The volunteers, once trained, will help other older people to take appropriate steps towards energy efficiency and affordable warmth in their own homes, for example the use of heating controls, getting the most from their energy supplier or accessing financial or other support available through local and national bodies.

Their involvement with the project will be for a couple of hours a week for approximately six months – We will be looking to recruit 10 volunteers every 6 months from within 5 different communities in Sheffield.

Seven Energy Champion volunteers have recently been trained in Uppertorpe/ Netherthorpe and are now getting active within their community. The volunteers are planning a community environmental day, and are in the early stages of setting up a new Community Charity Shop with Agewell Sheffield. The volunteers are ready to offer energy saving tips to their friends, family and their more isolated elderly neighbours. "The charity shop will be a great way for volunteers to make contact with local people; we want to pass on our wisdom of how to keep warm this winter," said Hazel.

The Older, Wiser, Warmer project be coming to Tinsley/Darnall next starting November 2011 It will be delivered in partnership with Local community organisations like Tinsley Forum, Community Health and Learning Champions. Shelly will be presenting the project at Tinsley Information Day 10 -1pm Tuesday 27th September at Tinsley Community Centre.

For further information please contact: Shelly Davis 0114 2584574 or Email shelly.syec@heeleyfarm.org.uk

Get the Energy Buzz as Hydro Power comes to Tinsley!

There's exciting news as Sheffield's first community-owned water power scheme has got the go-ahead - Sheffield Renewables has been granted planning permission for an Archimedes screw to generate electricity at Jordan Dam, Blackburn Meadows. This is a modern use for a machine originally invented by the Ancient Greeks to pump water uphill. Jordan Dam Hydro is the result of lots of hard work by committed, enthusiastic volunteers. In 2008 plans for Jordan Dam began in the front rooms of a handful of people that wanted more renewable energy in Sheffield. This would reduce the city's contribution to climate change and boost local energy supplies. In the past, Sheffield's rivers provided power for the city's industries, so they set up Sheffield Renewables and started developing water power.



Volunteer Abigail says "Out of all Sheffield's weirs, Jordan Dam can produce the most power. Each year it could generate enough electricity for 80 typical homes, saving approximately 150 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions."

To mark the arrival of hydro in Tinsley, 'Energy Buzz' offers different ways to get involved – including learning about and supporting renewable energy as well as saving money on your bills.

Sheffield Renewables and South Yorkshire Energy Centre are teaming up to run fun activities for children, a range of volunteering and learning opportunities, and a blitz on cold, draughty houses. It is planned that Energy Buzz and Jordan Dam Hydro will be part-financed by the European Union's European Regional Development Fund. Getting planning permission is a big seal of approval for Jordan Dam. The next big challenge is raising £250,000 towards building costs through a share offer open to individuals, organisations and businesses.



Artists impression of The Archimedes Screw

People can invest £250-£20,000 with a special scheme for those on benefits to pay in instalments. Investing in Jordan Dam Hydro is one way to get involved in Energy Buzz and there will be many more.

You'll soon start to meet the Energy Buzz team around Tinsley this summer and autumn – we look forward to meeting you!

Visit www.SheffieldRenewables.org.uk, www.syec.co.uk and email EnergyBuzz@syec.co.uk to get involved.

Get Active with Activity Sheffield

Adults

Thursday 11.00 am - 12.00 noon

Women's Gym Session

Tinsley Green

£1.00

Young People 8-16's

Tuesday 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Street Dance

Tinsley Green

£1.50

Thursday 22 Sept - 27 October 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm

Blastoff Football

Tinsley Green

FREE

October Half Term

Thursday 27 October 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Multi-Sports

Tinsley Green

FREE

October Half Term

Tuesday 25 October 9.45 am - Pick up at

Tinsley Green 2.45 pm Drop off at Tinsley Green

Football Camp

Davy's Sporting Club

£5.00 - Must ring 0114 2734266 to book



Men in Tinsley

New Gym Session

For men over 40

4.30pm—5.30
at Tinsley Green

Opportunity to increase your levels of physical activity

Qualified and friendly instructor

Adults should aim to be active daily. Over a week, activity should add up to at least 2½ hours per week. For those who are currently inactive, doing some physical activity, even if it is less than the recommended guidelines, will provide health benefits.



Starts Monday 03 October 2011

Contact Martin 0114 2444887 or

Lyn 0114 3051060 for further details

**£1.00
per session**



**NHS
Sheffield**

Healthier Tinsley are organising the 2011
Tinsley Health and Community Information Event

To be held in Tinsley on Tuesday 27 September
 10.00-1.00

at Tinsley Community Centre,
 Light Refreshments and Taster Therapists

Come and find out what on offer in Tinsley

Information will include

- The New Older, Wiser and Warmer Project in Tinsley
- Tinsley Health Trainers and Cancer Awareness
- Community Stop Smoking
- Sheffield Renewables
- Tinsley Forum
- Activity Sheffield
- Police Community Neighbourhood Team
- Fire Service and Community Safety
- Mental Health Services
- Sheffield Homes
- Tinsley SureStart
- Dental Health
- And more

**Free Blood Pressure Checks from Highgate Surgery
 Mobile Podiatry Unit on site for foot health checks**



New Tinsley Forum Opening Times

Due to a lack of funding, and staff shortages, Tinsley Forum are now working on a reduced schedule.

From Monday 19th September the new opening hours will be:
 Monday 9.00am – 3.30pm
 Tuesday 9.00am – 3.30pm
 Thursday 9.00am – 3.30pm

Tinsley Green Childrens Centre

Parents and Carers

A monthly drop in for parents and carers to come together.

Monday 10th October 2011: 9:30am - 11:30am

Fire Safety

Monday 7th November 2011: 9.30 - 11.30am

First Aid and Resuscitation

October Half Term Holidays

Tuesday 25th October – The Hungry Caterpillar! Including story telling, puppets, crafts, games and a visit from Bookstart Bear!

Time: 1pm-3pm Tinsley Green Activity Room.

Thursday 27th October - Trip to **Monkey Bizness** – Leaving Tinsley Green at 11.00. Staff will be returning for 3.15pm but families can stay longer if they wish.

Entrance fee: (with Sure Start Staff) £4 per child (adults free)/ Under 1s – FREE

Make and Take

Make and Take: 7th October
 10am - 11am

Creating Paper Flowers

Make and Take: 14th October
 10am - 11am

Creating paper Mache masks

Make and Take: 21st October
 10am - 11am

Creating clay pots

Please ensure that your children wear old clothes that you do not mind getting damaged!

Please contact Hilda on 284 1808 for further information or to book on the course.

Family Learning:

NEW – Starting 9th November – 7th December 2011

For further information please contact Fiona: 284 1808

Praise or Grumble

This is your opportunity to let us know if you have anything you wish to tell the Forum. Please fill in the slip below if you wish to inform us about:

- Complain, (local rubbish collection, nuisance neighbours, traffic etc)
- To report an incident anonymously (racial abuse, concerns about car/house/ street crime)
- To praise or congratulate (Awards/successful funding bids, positive community involvement).
- General comments

Name (optional).....

Address (optional).....

Comments

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Please drop your slip at the Tinsley Forum. Or post to Tinsley Forum 120 – 126 Bawtry Road, Tinsley, Sheffield, S9 1UE

Or if you wish to put an article in the next Tinsley Tribune please contact Anne Saleh at the Tinsley Forum. All comments will be kept confidential and passed on to the relevant services if necessary.