

## Youth Works Proposal

The young people of Lozells will be benefiting from one of the most successful projects in the United Kingdom. YouthWorks Lozells will be a first of its kind project to be delivered in Birmingham.

Following consultation with young people, the local community and agencies that work in the Lozells area, there has been great backing for a project that aims to engage young people between the ages of 8 and 25 to reduce levels of crime.

A multi-agency steering group has been set up with over 25 representatives from many agencies helping make the decisions. The project will be delivered from a facility, which young people can access during the evenings, weekends and school holiday.

The idea of YouthWorks Lozells originated from Mr. Waseem Zaffar, the Chairman of Handsworth Recreation Group, who said, 'Growing up in Lozells, young people encounter many problems but there is a lack of support mechanism available to these young people. YouthWorks Lozells will hopefully help young people as well as reduce levels of crime in the local area. The beauty of this project is that it is a community initiative with the backing of many agencies.'

For further information regarding YouthWorks Lozells, please contact Waseem on **0121 5071777** or **07812 571978**.

### New WAB Membership for 2003/4

<b>Glynis Foley</b>	<b>Handsworth PCP</b>
<b>Charles Bates</b>	<b>St Peters R.A.</b>
<b>Byron Kennedy</b>	<b>HLB representative</b>
<b>Mahmood Hussain</b>	<b>Aston Triangle</b>
<b>Z.Ahmed Kazi</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Forum</b>
<b>Joyce Wright</b>	<b>Central Handsworth</b>
<b>Faizal Karim }</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Forum</b>
<b>Simon Baddeley-</b>	<b>Handsworth Park Association</b>
<b>Ken Brown</b>	<b>Elderly Residents Association</b>
<b>Raymond Coke</b>	<b>Youth representative</b>
<b>Iqbal Qadri</b>	<b>Kokni Muslim Association</b>
<b>Mohammed Saleem</b>	<b>Birchfield Traders</b>
<b>Barbara Petris</b>	<b>Birchfield</b>

Should you wish to comment on any issue raised in this newsletter or you wish to draw attention to forthcoming events please contact Derrick Taylor Ward Support Officer on 0121-464 8178.

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### Councillors operate a rota:

Every Wednesday of the month  
6.00pm - 7.00pm  
Seventh Day Adventish Church  
Hutton Road, Handsworth

### 1st and 2nd Saturday of every month 11.00am - 12.00 noon

The Broadway School and Leisure  
Centre (Music Room, The Broadway,  
Perry Barr



## Handsworth Ward

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## Westminster Road Development

Midland Area Housing Association and Focus Housing Association are working jointly on redeveloping part of Westminster Road between 71 and 113.

The proposal will require the demolition of 17 existing homes and building 30 affordable houses for sale. The Housing Associations original bid allocation was rejected by the Housing Corporation in April 2003, but following a recent walkabout with representatives from the Housing Corporation and City Council on 5 June 2003, the



Associations are quietly confident of receiving a positive outcome on their resubmitted bid.

Meanwhile, the Associations have reviewed its strategy for managing the empty properties, and will operate a rolling 4 weekly cycle of garden maintenance, repairs and other environmental issues such as dumping or graffiti to ensure the area remains tidy.

## Proposed Development for Victoria Jubilee Allotments

An new planning application proposing residential development, the provision of 80 allotments, provision of dual use playing fields, a children's play area has been submitted by Westbury Homes, to replace the existing site.

However the proposals have received some opposition from local residents and action groups such as Handsworth Allotments Information Group, who feel vital green space is being swallowed up by Developers in exchange for a few recreational amenities.

For full details of the plans or if you wish to express your views whether 'for' or 'against' the proposal, then contact Alan Orr, Constituency Planning Officer on **0121-303 1115**.

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# HANDSWORTH NRF

## COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECTS

<b>Tackling Burglary</b>	<b>£40,000</b>	<b>Year 3 project</b>
The Crime and Disorder Partnership Burglary Reduction Sub Group are targeting 8 Wards with the highest burglary rate. This project sets out to make physical improvements such as door/window locks, bolts, spy-holes and chains to around 160 properties in the North Lozells area. The project already has SRB6/Housing department match-funding of £50,000.		
<b>Handsworth RG</b>	<b>£1,635</b>	<b>Year 2 project</b>
The group laid on a wide range of sporting activities last year to engage youngsters during the weekends and school holidays. The events were received well amongst the community and concluded in an Awards Ceremony attended by the Lord Mayor.		
<b>Central Handsworth Practical Care Project</b>	<b>£42,250</b>	<b>Year 2 project</b>
The group received further funding to employ a second worker to increase their capacity to offer a home and garden maintenance service to the elderly, people who are housebound, people with a disability, or on low incomes. Anyone in need of these services should contact the Project Manager, Glynis Foley on 0121-523 5609.		
<b>Public Street Lighting</b>	<b>£39,530</b>	<b>Year 2 project</b>
Upgrade to public street lighting in Churchill Road and Church Grove.		
<b>Lozells Villa Traders Association</b>	<b>£10,500</b>	<b>Year 3 project</b>
The purchase of four temporary CCTV cameras with microwave technology to be fitted along the Lozells Road. In partnership with the Police and Birmingham City Council, the Traders have identified a number of hotspots as to where these cameras should be positioned.		
<b>Gating Scheme</b>	<b>£46,514/£50,000</b>	<b>Year 2/3 projects</b>
This programme has been devised to secure alleyways and garage areas to multi-occupation properties, as the programme was so successful a further funding has been agreed by the WAB.		
<b>Haile Selassie I Peace Foundation</b>	<b>£17,006</b>	<b>Year 2 project</b>
Provide a high quality DIY service to people, in particular, people with disabilities, elderly and single people on benefits. The project aims to reduce the fear of crime, build links for the young and old, provide training and support. The project can be contacted on 0121-331 4112.		

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

<b>Brightening up Handsworth</b>	<b>£65,750</b>	<b>Year 2 project</b>
A programme to be delivered during 2003/4 which consists of painting and repairing street furniture ie, benches, guard rails, lampposts across the ward. Plus a proposal to turn Calthorpe Road into a cul-de-sac.		
<b>Additional Special Street Collections</b>	<b>£3,500</b>	<b>Year 3 project</b>
To complement the Environmental & Consumers programme of Special Street Collections to ensure that all the roads in the Handsworth Ward receive one collection per year.		
<b>Bins &amp; Skips</b>	<b>£4,300</b>	<b>Year 2 project</b>
12 Greenhill bins have been installed along the Birchfield and Heathfield Roads, and a trial scheme to provide skips in roads for residents and voluntary groups use was carried out over a 12 week period.		
<b>Environmental Wardens</b>	<b>£44,600</b>	<b>Year 3 project</b>
Employment of 2 wardens with regulatory powers to specifically tackle the issues of; street litter, advancement of waste, the proper storage and disposal of commercial waste, dog fouling, and the promotion of waste recycling.		
<b>Mechanical Sweeper</b>	<b>£63,750</b>	<b>Year 3 project</b>
The project will provide an additional mechanical streetsweeper and operator for sole use within the Ward, focussing on those areas of greatest need - in consultation with the WAB.		
<b>Church Hill &amp; Arden Public Open Spaces</b>	<b>£110,000</b>	<b>Year 3 project</b>
To revamp the existing Play area to Church Hill Road and to install a Multi use play area and toddlers play area to Arden Road.		



Mechanical Sweeper



Gating Scheme



Public Street Lighting



Haile Selassie I Peace Foundation

# SPEND - YEARS 2 & 3

## Capacity Building

<b>HART</b>	<b>£60,000</b>	<b>Year 2 project</b>
To provide additionality to the HART Community Chest project, for the benefit of Handsworth Ward. The theme of this programme was aimed at Environmental projects, out of 18 applications, 6 were successful, those projects would be expected to perform their projects during April – July 2003.		
<b>Community Hall Study</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>Year 2 project</b>
To carry out a Handsworth Community Hall feasibility Study.		
<b>AYFN</b>	<b>£39,540</b>	<b>Year 2 project</b>
The group opened their Youth Café in Witton Road on 24 March 2002, the success of the project led to the WAB agreeing to further funding to enable the group to employ a Youth Development Officer and Administration Officer. The group will continue to run projects that will encourage youth to access a wide range of information, advice, assistance with problems, counselling, drugs counselling and referral service to all agencies		
<b>Improving Education</b>		
<b>Mayfield School</b>	<b>£1,387</b>	<b>Year 2 project</b>
To fund two translators to conduct workshops for parents to learn English and help them acquire skills that will lead to future employment. Also to provide creche facilities for the parents taking part in the workshops. Headteacher, Paul Jenkins, contact number is 0121-554 3354.		
<b>University of the First Age</b>	<b>£39,750</b>	<b>Year 3 project</b>
The programme contributes to NRF Thematic area of 'Making the difference through learning'. There are 5 elements, Out of Hours Learning, Peer Tutoring, Young Peoples learning for involvement, training opportunities for adults interested in working with young people. For further details, contact Val Taylor on 0121-303 2606.		

## Improving Housing

<b>Feasibility Study</b>	<b>£14,725</b>	<b>Year 2 project</b>
To enable a feasibility study to be carried out on the Birchfield and Penshurst estates to obtain ideas and engage with the community on how to regenerate the area. Further information can be obtained from Julia Martin, Joint venture and Development, Housing Department on 0121-464 1328.		

# HEALTH PROJECTS

<b>Heart Of Birmingham Primary Care Trust - Walk 2000</b>	<b>£4,500</b>	<b>Year 2 project</b>
Walk 2000 is a planned and posted walk of 2000 metres. It encourages local residents to rediscover their immediate environments. It also encourages a healthy and active lifestyle choices in the area through a walking programme. Promotes and supports creation of social networks within the area.		
<b>Age Concern – Befriending Project</b>	<b>£21,178</b>	<b>Year 3 project</b>
A team of visitors would befriend older people in their homes, chatting about their interests, listening to their problems and fears and trying to help the person resolve them. Mary Jordan is the Project Manager and can be contacted on 0121-358 0309.		
<b>ACSHO</b>	<b>£20,000</b>	<b>Year 3 project</b>
The continuation of redeveloping of 102-106 Heathfield Road, to build an alternative Health centre with conference facilities on the site of 102-104 and as 106 is the last James Watt building remaining in Handsworth this will be turned into a museum as a tribute to him. More in-depth information can be obtained through Bini Brown on 0121-554 2747.		
<b>COPE Black Mental Health Foundation</b>	<b>£40,000</b>	<b>Year 2 project</b>
To establish a Community Resource Centre on the Hamstead Road for African & Caribbean people. The centre will provide culturally sensitive and expert support to individuals, children & families in crisis. The centre will also provide 'generalist' information, advice and support facility for local people. For further details, ring Henderson Holmes on 0121-356 9494.		



Age Concern – Befriending Project



Improving Housing