

# Neighbourhoods *matter*



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April 2008

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CHARNWOOD Together are consulting with people within Charnwood's Priority Neighbourhoods to find out how they feel about the neighbourhood where they live and what their priorities are.

Following other activities, including Picture Your Neighbourhood, we will be posting out a questionnaire to addresses across Loughborough, Thurmaston, Syston and Mountsorrel in late April and early May.

The questionnaire will be based on the new national Place Survey that all Council's in England will be required to carry out every two

## Knowing your neighbourhood

years from Autumn 2008.

The Place Survey focuses on satisfaction with the local area where they live. This makes the survey ideal for testing the mood in the priority neighbourhoods.

It will ask questions on what matters most to local people, local priorities, local decision making, community volunteering, Anti-Social Behaviour, health, accommodation and local services.

These topics are relevant to a

variety of public bodies including Councils, Police, Fire, Health and voluntary sector and the results will be shared with them.

The survey will provide us with valuable information that will be fed into our action plans for the priority neighbourhoods.

It will allow us to test the validity of the data we already have on priority neighbourhoods and identify whether the priorities we have set reflect those of local

people.

It will also demonstrate that listening to people's concerns and ideas is at the heart of our commitment to communities.

If you have any questions or concerns about this survey please do not hesitate to contact us on (01509) 634 705 and we will be happy to help.

Alternatively you can send an e-mail to us at [consultation@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@charnwood.gov.uk)

# Explaining the work of area forums and NATs!

**A** KEY part of the Neighbourhood Management work is the involvement of residents and interest groups to ensure that we are addressing issues which matter most to them.

A means to achieve this in Charnwood is through the development of Forums.

For the Priority Neighbourhoods in Loughborough, the Area Forums will act as the Neighbourhood Forums due to the generally coterminous boundaries.

These Area Forum meetings have already begun and received updates on the Neighbourhood Management work in the area. Issues raised at these Forums are also fed back to the Neighbourhood Manager for action.



**PLENTY TO DISCUSS:** Some of the representatives that attended the first of the Area Forums in Loughborough East.

Picture courtesy of the Loughborough Echo.

In the Mountsorrel and Charnwood South Priority Neighbourhoods the wider geographical spread of

settlements making up the Area Forums has meant it is impractical to use them as Neighbourhood Forums.

Instead written updates are presented to the relevant Area Forums.

There are place specific Neighbourhood Forums for each of the Priority Neighbourhoods.

Neighbourhood Forums seek to involve local people and their elected representatives in influencing the work of agencies in improving the Priority Neighbourhoods.

These are supported by Neighbourhood Action Teams (NATs) which make things happen in the locality.

The approach adopted for Loughborough is to select a high IMD ranking Priority Neighbourhood and address the issue with view to improve the ranking.

The area selected in Loughborough is the Peel Drive area.

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**COMMUNITY PRIDE:** Children and their parents who were involved in making a glass plaque that has been put up on the Warwick Way estate.

## Taking pride in the community

**R**ESIDENTS have braved rain and cold weather to celebrate community spirit and show pride in their locality.

The Warwick Way Community Event took place on March 16 and was organised by Warwick Way Community Association and Loughborough Youth Affairs.

The event included planting new shrubs, a community Barbecue and Chainsaw Wood Carving.

It was hoped that local children would create personalised glass tiles that would be placed on a repeatedly vandalised wall with a view that they would take ownership and prevent further vandalism.

However, the bad weather meant that this could not go ahead on the day and will be rescheduled for a future date.

### Loughborough West

LOUGHBOROUGH Youth Affairs run the Keats Way Detached Youth Project, which is a group that meets every Thursday evening from 6pm until 8pm on the Warwick Way estate.

Usually meetings are held on the car park on Lewis Road for young people aged 11 - 19 years of age.

The programme is designed by and for young people who take part, including arts, cooking, residential trips, team building activities, sports and much more.

To find out more, contact Andrew Hulley, Mountfields Lodge Youth Centre, Epinal Way, Loughborough, LE11 3GE. Telephone: (01509) 236 043.



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## Factory working is helping to improve community life



**OUT AND ABOUT:** Street-based youth club The Factory is aiming to increase the active participation of Asian young men in the work of the Leicestershire Youth Service and they have taken part in a number of activities including outdoor pursuits (above).

**T**HE Factory is a street-based youth club which meets up with Asian young men who live in Loughborough.

Set up in 2000, it works with young men aged 11- 25 years of age.

It aims to increase the active participation of Asian young men in the work of the Leicestershire Youth Service.

It was founded by two detached youth workers and a small group of young people who meet in a derelict warehouse, which gave the

### Loughborough West

group its name.

The young people have taken part in lots of activities including discussions with the police, improving the service by working better with the community, having debates, challenging racism, campaigning or education workshops about health, relationships, drugs, alcohol and family.

Outdoor pursuits, camping, visits to museums and places of

interest, film making, helping young people to get jobs working in partnership with other agencies, support & advice on getting back to school or college are also available.

"It was really good fun," said one of the Factory members. "I enjoyed every bit of camping and I wanted to stay as the group was part of my family - we were all brothers.

"We had our ups and downs

and we learnt from our mistakes and understood how to avoid conflicts. I learnt to participate and work in groups and teams, developing trust in each other"

#### Contact Us

Want to know more and how to get involved? Contact the Factory Staff Team - Andrew Lake, Abdul Kasem Choudhury or Akkas Miah - at: The Factory, Mountfields Lodge Youth Centre, Epinal Way, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 3GE. Call or fax (01509) 267796.



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**FORUM VENUE:**  
Mountsorrel Library.



## Forum looks to increase activities for youngsters

### Mountsorrel

**T**HE first Neighbourhood Forum was held in the village on 20 March at the new Library and was used as an opportunity to discuss the amount of youth provision in the village.

It is hoped that there may be some more activities organised for the summer. Staff from Charnwood Borough Council's Leisure Services department are currently looking into what can

be provided.

The event was also used by Leisure Services to provide free Wild Cards (the Borough's Leisure Pass Scheme) to young people in the village.

If you would like to find out more about the Wild Card please contact Will Blanche on 01509 634966.

### South Charnwood

**Thurmaston (Zone One)**  
A visit to the Priority

Neighbourhoods of Thurmaston was undertaken by Cllr Richard Shepherd, the Leader of Charnwood Borough Council, at the invitation of one of the village's Borough Councillors, Cllr Brenda Seaton.

A number of issues were identified and have been actioned including working towards clearing a footpath and overgrown bushes from Melton Road through Norman Road industrial estate to Watermead Park.

Leicestershire County Council Highway's Department were contacted and are undertaking

the clearance along with the remarking of the path itself.

### System (Zone Two)

The first Ward Walk for any of the Priority Neighbourhoods is due to take place on 21 April in System and will link into the Environmental Action Day which has been organised by Angela Fielding at System Police Station in partnership with the Borough Council and other agencies.

Walkers Snack Foods are providing over 40 volunteers for the day with the aim of a large litter pick and other activity by agencies such as the Fire Service, Police and Councils.

