



Tinsley Tribune

newsletter of Tinsley Forum

March 2011

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

Tinsley Community Organisations fight for Survival

Tinsley Forum, Tinsley Green Nursery and Tinsley Advice Service are currently fighting for survival. Victims of the Governments draconian cuts in funding. Below each organisation explains what's happening.

Tinsley Forum was established in 1984 and has worked since that time to offer the local community a variety of essential services aimed at improving the overall health, life skills, social and employability prospects of local people and worked towards tackling local issues and building a stronger community. Over the past 11 years Tinsley Forum has been successful in attracting funding to secure a 99 year lease on the Tinsley One Stop Shop, finance its renovation from a disused Church to a community building and pay for staff wages and running costs. We currently have funding to keep the One Stop Shop open and staffed until July



Home of Tinsley Green Nursery

this year, after which unless further funding is found the services Tinsley Forum offer to the community will cease and the Tinsley One Stop Shop will close. The closure of the One Stop Shop will have a knock on effect to Sheffield College, Tinsley Advice Service and all other users who would at that time have to find suitable alternative premises to run their services from or find the additional finances for the building to run. As it currently stands Tinsley Forum need to find an additional £50,000 from July in order to keep the building running and core staff in place within this financial year.

The nursery in Tinsley Green is facing large cuts to its funding in the coming year. The Council has informed the nursery that it will cut 25% from the funding this year and 100% in 2012.

Tinsley Parents and Children's Consortium (TPCC), the charity that delivers the childcare for up to 60 children, report that the cuts will inevitably lead to job losses and a reduction in the services for local parents. The nursery is the only provision in the area for working parents and parents who want to learn English or train for work and as over 100 children attend the nursery each week any loss in service will have a serious effect on many local families. If these cuts are imposed the nursery would also have to reduce the support it provides for families with children with additional needs and disabilities.

In addition to these severe cuts to the nursery provision the Children's Centre is also facing a 15% cut in funding for the other services that support local families. The combination of these cuts to frontline services will impact on the families most in need of support and could leave working families with young children with no local option.

TPCC has informed the Council of the impact of the cuts and has asked that they reconsider before vital local services are lost. To find out more about the cuts or to find out what you can do to support these local services please call into the nursery office at Tinsley Green.

Tinsley Advice Service (TAS) have operated since 1984, we support the local community and offer a city wide service for



Tinsley One Stop Shop Home of Tinsley Forum and Tinsley Advice Service

people and families who need information, advice and support. We are currently suffering from severe financial difficulties which could bring about a potential closure of our service. TAS is situated on the community doorstep in the Tinsley One Stop Shop with very easy to access for the local community. We hold the Legal Service Commission Awards in Welfare Rights and our work around Immigration, Nationality and Debts has contributed to us running a service that works with over 4000 clients and deals with over 6,000 enquiries per year. TAS generate between £250,000 and £300,000 per year into households in the local community for clients who come to us for help with benefit problems and debt advice. Currently TAS gets just £33k a year from the City Council with all further funding found through fund raising of which we have already raised over £1.5m in 20 years to pay for Advice and Reception staff and our running costs but this is getting harder and harder to do. If TAS closes, local residents will have to seek support from other services which are out of the local area. Residents will face transportation problems, language barriers and won't receive home visits. Currently the Advice Service needs to find another £80k to keep running until March 2012.



Highgate Surgery

Changes for NHS GP Practices in Sheffield

There are four GP practices in Sheffield that are currently managed by the Sheffield Primary Care Trust, these are:

- Mulberry Practice in the city centre (specialist services for asylum seekers)**
- Highgate Surgery in Tinsley**
- Darnall Community Health**
- Jordanthorpe Health Centre**

From 1 April 2011, there will be some changes to how the services are managed and the set-up of the practices.

From 1 April 2011, the practices will be hosted by a new organisation. They will be transferred to the **Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust** (SHSC). SHSC is an NHS organisation in Sheffield that specialises in health and social care, providing care to individuals, their families and carers. If you would like to know more about SHSC their website provides lots of information about the services they provide www.sct.nhs.uk.

From 1 April 2011, the 4 practices will be merging as one practice. This will mean very little change for our 15,000 patients registered at these practices.

Our new name will be **Clover Group Practice**, however we will still retain each practice site name, so in Tinsley it will be

Clover Group, Highgate Surgery and the same for our other 3 practices.

Apart from a new name it will be business as usual. We're proud of our heritage and our values. We know our patients well and have found that the best way to provide health services is to treat every person as an individual. That's something we're definitely not going to change.

We aim to continue to deliver a patient centred service by providing continuing care with an individual doctor/clinician of your choice. All of the patients registered at each site, will continue to attend where they normally go and see who they normally like to see.

These 4 practices have already been working together for some time. We have recently recruited doctors that now work across some of our sites.

We are committed to improving our services to patients and the communities we serve. We will be inviting our patients to become members of our practice to get more involved with the running of the services by sharing ideas and suggestions.

If you would like any further information on the merge or would like to get more involved with our services, please contact:

Rachel Pickering
Business Development Manager
rachelpickering@nhs.net 0845 1222249

Tinsley Forum tackle Government on Air Pollution from Motorway

Tinsley Forum working with Clive Betts MP have been trying to get the Government department (DEFRA) responsible for air quality and the Highways Agency who manage the M1 Motorway to give a commitment that they will ensure that the levels of Nitrogen Dioxide air pollution from the M1 do not break European limit value laws. These laws are aimed at protecting peoples health.

The Government is currently trying to move back the start date for this law until 2015.

We have been particularly concerned about the close proximity of local schools to the motorway.

In a recent email The Highways Agency agreed that:

"Any required action to meet limit values (the law) to be taken by the Highways Agency will be discussed and agreed with DEFRA prior to May 2011 and detailed in the plans submitted for consultation by DEFRA. We are currently working with DEFRA to identify the scale and nature of any necessary interventions in respect of the strategic road network. Therefore, we are not yet in a position to identify the specific measures which may be considered to ensure DEFRA responsibilities in respect of EU limit values are effectively delivered. "

Tinsley Forum and East End Quality of Life Initiative have been told by Lord Henley the Parliamentary Under Secretary at the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) that they will be involved in the consultation exercise.

JOBS & TRAINING

Are you looking for employment or training opportunities? We provide a friendly and professional service where our advisor will provide support and information on improving your career prospects, employment, getting a qualification, volunteering and learning opportunities.

HOW CAN TINSLEY FORUM HELP ME?

We can address any barriers you may have which are stopping you from moving into employment. These barriers may be related to housing or childcare problems, debt issues, lack of basic skills or health issues. We have a skilled, friendly advisor with many years of experience and the know-how to listen to your problems and help you take the first steps towards getting a job.

Simply call 0114 2444887 or pop in and ask to speak to Anne

Your Darnall Ward Councillors



| Councillor Mary Lea | Councillor Mazher Iqbal | Councillor Harry Harpham |
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| Surgery: Darnall Library 2nd Saturday of month | Surgery: Darnall Library 3rd Saturday of month | Surgery: Tinsley One Stop Shop, 2nd Monday of month. Greenlands Court Community Rooms 1st Monday of month |
| Mobile number 07711917232 | Mobile number 07792127843 | Mobile number 07828440187 |

Tinsley Football Team Win Tournament

Green Electricity from the River Don moves closer



Tinsley Milan (aka Republic of Ireland for this World Cup simulation) coached by Nawaz, having won the East Blastoff football fives tournament organised by Activity Sheffield went on to win the junior City-Wide tournament held at Concord Sport Centre. A truly great Achievement. The toughest match was the semi final where we were winning one nil only for the USA to equalise in the lad

five seconds.. We beat them on penalties and so to the final where we won 3-0. the winners all received medal and a champions trophy together with a free tour of Manchester City FC (to be arranged in the Holidays). Thanks to Lee, Imtiaz all of the Activity Sheffield team and Tinsley Forum for their support.

Sheffield Renewables, a local social enterprise, has applied for planning permission for a hydro electric scheme on the River Don at the Jordan Dam weir at Blackburn Meadows. The project will generate enough green electricity for around 80 homes, contributing to city wide efforts to tackle climate change. It has also been designed with the river's fish in mind, with a fish ladder and fish friendly hydro technology.

Sheffield Renewables is led by volunteers and is run on a not-for profit basis so surplus revenue will be re-invested to support other local green initiatives. Sheffield residents will be able to invest in the schemes by buying shares, and so help to make the city greener whilst earning a modest rate of interest.

Alongside the Jordan Dam hydro scheme, Sheffield Renewables is hoping to support work by South Yorkshire Energy Centre to help Tinsley residents make their homes warmer and more energy efficient.



Grow your own fruit and veg at Tinsley Community Allotment!

As spring approaches, Tinsley Tree Project is pleased to announce that Tinsley Community Allotment will be open again on Friday mornings between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m., thanks to the support of British Land and the East End Quality of Life Initiative.

We will be planting seeds and other crops, improving soil and maintaining raised beds, watering and weeding in order to grow a large range of produce throughout the summer and early autumn. All produce is regularly shared amongst volunteers.

Jo Townshend, our allotment worker, will be on hand to provide expert advice and guidance.

If you are interested in getting involved, please call Rodney on 07775 852 667 or 0114 236 3500 or just come along on the day to the allotment, which is situated at the rear of Tinsley One Stop Shop on Bawtry Road.

Please wear stout shoes and bring wet weather clothing if you can. We'll look forward to seeing you.

Tinsley School raises Trout for Sheffield Rivers

Tinsley schoolchildren are raising a crucial species of trout for release into the River Don.

They are taking part in the Windows to Waterway Wildlife project which encourages pupils to learn about river wildlife. The project, run by environmental charity Groundwork Sheffield, also aims to boost Brown Trout levels which are vital to the rivers' ecosystems. Last month fish tanks containing up to 150 tiny Brown Trout were installed in Tinsley Nursery Infant School, as well as 4 other schools in Northern Sheffield, and will remain in the classroom. The pupils have been introduced to the fish by Waterways Education Officer, Matthew Ross. Mr Ross said: "The pupils will watch the fish grow in a calm, secure, clean environment and help to care for them. When the trout grow to 7-10cm long they will be returned to the river. At this size the trout will have a better chance of survival as they will be less vulnerable to predators and varying water temperatures. Fully grown trout can reach 50cm in length." Brown Trout are an important 'keystone' species in rivers, providing food for species such as Pike.

Groundwork Sheffield is running education sessions alongside the project, and the fish will be released into the river in late March. Windows to Waterway Wildlife is funded by the National Lottery through Awards for All (www.awardsforall.org.uk) **contact:** Matthew Ross: 07807 918 366.

Michael Johnson
Sculptor

A new artwork for Tinsley

The sculptor Michael Johnson has been commissioned by Sheffield City Council to make a work of art to be sited in the new public square at The Highgate Centre.

He will be looking at the history, environment and communities of the area to provide the themes for the artwork.

To learn more about how the artist works and how you can contribute to this new work, an illustrated talk will be given by Michael which will show his work and how other communities have been involved in previous commissions.

venue:

Tinsley Green Centre

Tuesday 15th March 3.30pm until 5.30pm

Illustrated talk at 4.00pm followed by discussion session

Free entry. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information telephone Tinsley Forum on 0114 244 4887

www.michaeljohnsonsculptor.co.uk



Tinsley Forum Meeting

Thursday 10th March
7pm

Methodist Church Ingfield Avenue

Agenda

Census Information

A short presentation to inform people of the process for the upcoming census data collection

Highgate Shopping Centre Update

Alex Shilkoff from SCC will attend to give a brief update on Highgate Shopping Centre

Highgate Shopping Centre Artist

Artist Michael Johnson will give people an opportunity to discuss proposed artwork for Highgate Shopping Centre

Funding Update

An update on funding from local organisations: Tinsley Forum, Tinsley Advice Service and Tinsley Parents and Children's Consortium

Councillors 'question time'

A chance for people to ask any questions relevant to Tinsley

P.A.C.T. (Partners and Communities Together)

ALL Welcome

Looking For Help to get into Work? Look no further get down to see Anne Salah at Tinsley Forum

Call into Tinsley One Stop Shop 120-126 Bawtry Road
or telephone 0114 2444887



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

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 Tinsley Forum. **All comments will be kept confidential and passed on to the relevant services if necessary.**

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