



**Making the Norwoods more neighbourly**

# **Norwood Neighbourhood Association**

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## **Spring 2012 Newsletter**

**Welcome to the Norwood Neighbourhood Association Spring newsletter 2012.**

It is hard to believe that a year ago a group of local Norwood residents got together and formed the Norwood Neighbourhood Association. From the beginning our mission has been to *Make the Norwoods More Neighbourly* and over the past twelve months we have been talking, listening and working with local residents to see what can be done to make a difference.

We want to see a neighbourhood that is steadily improving and becoming an even greater place to live than it already is. There's a lot to be done and it will take a while but with your community support and involvement we can make a difference to the neighbourhood that we are all part of.

**Our first Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday April 1<sup>st</sup> 2pm – 4pm at St Margaret's Church Hall , Shipley Fields Road, Frizinghall BD18 2DH. Come along, have your say, elect a committee, eat, drink and be neighbourly! Anyone over the age of 18 who lives in the Norwoods has a vote!! Use it!!**

So what have we been up to? A lot thing! Here are just a few of them.....

### **Redbeck Gardens**

The overgrown Redbeck Allotments between the end of the playing fields and Norwood Terrace have been the site of several clean ups conducted by local residents and the community pay-back scheme, co-ordinated by the Neighbourhood Warden Rod Robertson.



The brambles have been cut away and the trees thinned. The council have now offered the land for use as a community amenity as it is surplus to their requirements. We have been talking to the Council about the options and if there is sufficient local interest to create some kind of community space maintained by local residents they are happy for us to use it.

We plan to hold some community consultations on how to best use the area for the benefit of all those who live nearby. Some possible suggestions have been a community garden or orchard. Anyone wanting to offer suggestions for the site or become involved in developing it, please contact Cathy on 01274 584082.

*Let's make this area of land useful once again*

### **NNA Winter Warm Up 2011**

The first NNA Winter Warm Up took place on 3rd December. We parked the HALE (community health) bus on Norwood Terrace between 10am and 12pm, and gave out warming refreshments including some excellent samosas, delicious cakes and barbequed marshmallows!

The bus provided a focal point for the event, allowing local residents to pop in for a cake and a cuppa and to chat to members of the NNA, Community Support Officers and meet new people.

We videoed local residents and asked them to tell us what's good, what's bad and what's special about living in the Norwoods area. We asked them what kind of improvements they would like to see and got some great responses – from working with older people, to cleaning up the streets and providing activities for young people.

The interviews will be edited together and made available on the NNA website soon.

The NNA would like thank all those who attended the first Winter Warm Up and particular thanks those who helped organise it. We hope to see you this year for a winter warming 2012!



## A Norwood Secret ....

How many people know about this wild life haven at the back of Norwood Avenue? This small reservoir (once used by the mill buildings below it) is fed by the Red Beck – which now runs underground for most of its journey through the Norwoods. It's a home for wildlife of all kinds and is an unexpected surprise when you find it.

*A hidden gem in the heart of the Norwoods*

## Neighbourhood Survey Results

Thanks to everyone who took part in our Resident's survey at the back end of 2011. There was a high response rate of over 50%. A copy of the full report is available on our website at [www.norwoodneighbourhood.org](http://www.norwoodneighbourhood.org). The report will also be available in print at our AGM on the 1st April 2012.

What did we ask? The survey asked questions about community spaces, appearance, crime and anti-social behaviour, planning and land development, traffic management and information requirements. You told us that your key priorities were:

- Litter and Fly-tipping
- Reducing Crime and Anti-social Behaviour
- Traffic Management, Road Safety and Speed Reduction

What Now?

As a result of the survey we have spoken to representatives from the local police and council who endorse the report. They have also agreed to work with us on a number of improvements as a result of the survey. Watch out as improvements are made over the coming months.

## Streetwise



We have begun to put together a strategy for the Norwood highways, called Streetwise. This will cover all sorts of things from speeding to safety, signage and road repair. When complete we will negotiate with the Council about improving our public highways. And how about starting with our pavements? How many of us have this sort of thing outside their front door? How long will it be before someone trips and badly hurts themselves?

**And finally.....**Don't miss the Big Jubilee Lunch in Northcliffe Woods. The Friends of Northcliffe are holding their Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 3rd June from 12pm near the model railway. Bring a picnic and enjoy the range of family activities on offer. From 2pm until the event ends at 4pm local acoustic duo Strid will be hosting an informal music session. If you'd like to join in just turn up on the day and take a turn entertaining your local community.

Further information from [www.friendsofnorthcliffe.org.uk](http://www.friendsofnorthcliffe.org.uk) and [www.strid.co.uk](http://www.strid.co.uk).

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