



AUGUST 2012 CHAIR'S REPORT

1. ONE NORBITON WORKING TOGETHER [ONWT] PROJECT

To prevent duplication I have duplicated below an excerpt from the latest report from Davinder Lail (Community Engagement Group Chair)

Having successfully held the mass meeting and recruited people to the Community Panel, the Community Working group need to think about the future priorities for engaging the community. These could include: continuing to get more people actively involved; reaching out to under-represented groups; social events to strengthen community spirit; visiting Balsall Heath to learn more about how they successfully engaged the community ,making use of our Community Panel; keeping people informed via the website etc. Any thoughts would be welcome on how we go about those things and whether there are any other priorities.

Progress is being made in other areas too. The Police & safety group are about to take the first steps towards starting up a Neighbourhood Watch in 'The 4 C's' (Chatham Rd etc.) and there are plans for a One Norbiton stand at our forthcoming Fun Day. The hope is that Dr Mike and Davinder can use the event to engage residents and determine what they consider to be priorities - especially when it comes to how a government fund ought to be spent.

Finally, we at last have a draft Governing Document which has been circulated to all CWG members. Hilary Garner from KVA and Dean Tyler (RBK Project Lead) will be at our 13th August meeting to help us through this item.

2. ESTATE MATTERS

a) **Play Scheme** - The working party met last Monday , 30th July, to consider the plans drafted by Proludic for both CRE and Cambridge Gardens - you should all have a copy by now (I will attach with this) but I will bring copies on Monday for those who are not on email. There have been a few changes to the original working plans to allow for comments made about use of play space near Shelford and there is a possibility that we may need to cut one of the fitness machines on Cambridge Gardens so that we remain within budget.

To add to the confusion a little, CRED (CRE Gardening Group) has folded so there have been some concerns expressed about proceeding with the plans for the Fordham area. After some debate via email the current plan is to keep true to the original idea and develop the area in to a family friendly space. From there we hope to offer a couple of activities to encourage local youngsters and their families to get involved.

The whole project is, by the skin of it's teeth, on schedule to be 'launched' at the Fun Day. Before then we have a few more consultation tasks to complete the nature of which is under debate today! Nearly there!

b) **Safer Neighbourhood update** - We have now been introduced to Simon Ross who is Lisa's replacement. He seems to be keen to get involved at Community Level. He has been to the Police and Safety meeting and also showed up at our Fun Day working group this week.

Unfortunately a young man was stabbed in Childerley the other weekend. Thankfully he is ok now but the incident triggered quite a reaction from local youngsters who are desperate for some activities - chiefly boxing.

- c) **Drugs** - This is a problem that persists and seems to have shifted slightly to the Madingley Area. We are doing our best to encourage residents to notify the police if they have new information but this is clearly not simple for fear of reprisals.
- d) **Madingley** - Quite a bit to report here. The matter of who to call in an emergency such as the recent lack of water remains unresolved. However, I am pleased to let you know that Sue McAuley got back to me about the fact that Madingley residents in one bedroom properties not only received that gas allowance two months late, it was also reduced from £6 to £1 with no explanation. The original £6 rate has been re-instated and the outstanding balance is being sent to the residents affected along with a letter explaining future allowance plans.
- e) **Site inspection** - Sue McAuley has also been a great help concerning the holes that have been dug all over Madingley Green. This has been done by a contractor looking for the end of gas pipes (don't ask!) The result was that the area was simply left with huge holes for several weeks. One of them was properly secured but one was questionable and the third simply a danger. It was located close to where the local children play and had open access to the hole. One of the holes has now been filled in and the others made secure - with any luck the work will be completed soon.

3. FINANCE AND ADMIN

Localgiving.com I have had a word with Sanja about this and she feels sure that we can scan a signed copy of our bank statement and send it electronically. You will recall there were concerns about sending our full banking information through the post.

Treasurer - We have been lucky enough to hear from a young man who is offering to become our Treasurer. Doreen plans to get in touch with him this afternoon. We have also been approached by to other people offering their services. They are being contacted too.

5. EVENTS

Enjoy a Ball - Raj has been booked and Piper Hall confirmed so there will be weekly Enjoy a Ball session for CRE youngsters from 5 - 9 years during the summer holidays. This is mentioned in the latest Newsletter and posters are up on the estate

Cook and Eat - Veronica Storey has been working to ensure that these sessions will go ahead. An update will be received on Monday

Piper Hall - Des has been in touch to discuss the fact that Piper Hall bookings are being reviewed in an effort to ensure that this Community Facility is accessible to more of the community. This means that he is consulting with groups who use the facility free of charge to outline future plans. I will hopefully be able to explain more about this on Monday evening

6. FUN DAY

Plans are well in hand for this year's event. I am still anxious to hear from as many volunteers as possible please so that we can work on who is working where. This will also have an impact on what t-shirt sizes are needed - these must be ordered by next week.

One of the generous raffle donations we received as a result of our 'begging letters' is 4 tickets for Chessington World of Adventures. A few of us have discussed this and hope that you will agree with our idea:- There were 2 issues with this prize. One is that the Fun Day is at the end of the Summer Holidays and this would not be the best time to hand over the tickets. The second matter that we were concerned about was what if the prize goes outside the estate? If it is part and parcel of the main draw then that is very possible - and rightly so. We have therefore come up with a plan to run a 'Summer Raffle' with all the proper tickets and regulations we would normally need. However, the tickets would be £1 each and only sold to CRE residents and the draw would take place on 14th August when we have Enjoy a Ball booked in to Piper Hall. Please let Dor and I know what you think.