

The Sandy Lane Forum Newsletter



The Sandy Lane Forum the story so far

The Sandy Lane Forum have been very busy this year and have had tremendous success in helping to improve the Sandy Lane Area. The Sandy Lane Forum may be new to you, but we bet you have seen the changes or heard about the activities they have helped organise in the area.

The forum was set up to meet the needs of everyone living and working within the Sandy Lane area and this year they have had some major successes, but what is the Sandy Lane Forum?

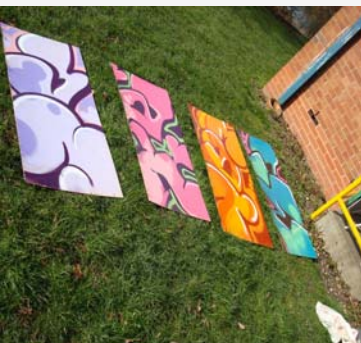
The forum is a group made up of residents, community workers, A1 Housing representatives, Police, antisocial behaviour officers, local councillors, members of St. John's Church, representatives from the Sure Start Children's Centre and anyone who is interested in trying to improve the area.

The forum organise and raise funds for the annual Sandy Lane Forum Fun Day, they continue to campaign for local play facilities for all children and young people, they tackle the issues that are important to people living and working in the Sandy Lane area and are always looking for ways that they can make improvements or offer solutions to problems.

So have a look at this years success stories and the Forums plans for the future.

Kids just wanna have fun

The Sandy Lane Forum were successful in applying for funding to arrange arts projects in the Sandhills Adventure Base during the winter months. On Saturday 9th February Pete Barber and Paul Davies got creative with young people to produce their own masterpieces! The projects run until the 22nd March and anyone interested can contact Nikki Loydall, Detached Youth Worker and her team for more information on 01909 500219.



This is a great way to get young people off the streets and into a safe environment where they can have fun and learn new skills such as Djing/MCing/Beatboxing, Graffiti/Spray Art, Street dance/breakdancing, photography and music. The dates for the next event is:

22nd March

Sandy Lane Fun Day

At the time of going to press the Sandy Lane Forum were hard at work organising this years fun day, which will take place on the **17th May at 11am till**



3pm.

As the Forum are unable to use the usual site to stage the event Redland School have kindly



donate the use of their facilities for the day.

This year the Fun Day will be bigger and better and just some of the attractions on offer will be; laser quest, a stilt walker, circus performer, balloon modeller, a graffiti artist, bouncy castle and the dreaded stocks.

Anyone wanting to join the organising committee or who can offer their services on the day as a volunteer should contact Amanda Needham on 01909 533203 for more information.

**Remember the Fun Day is the
17th May @ Redlands School
11.00 am - 3.00 pm**



Estate Inspections—we want you for a New Recruit

A1 Housing carry out Estate Inspections in every neighbourhood where it has properties. In the Sandy Area we hold three Estate Inspections in the months of February, June and October focusing on and around Sandy Lane and Godfrey's Court.

At the inspection in February 08, Councillor David Presely joined officers from A1 Housing, Bassetlaw District Council, A1 Board Members and Local Tenants and Residents Groups to walk around the estate checking that the area is well kept and to action any graffiti or vandalism they found.

During the three inspections carried out during 2007 four categories were highlighted as receiving a good rating and these were; Outside areas, Lawns and Planted areas, Internal Communal areas, and Overall Standard of the Estate. Look out for the next Estate Inspection and come along and make a difference to your community.

The Way We Were

Redlands Primary and Nursery School (formerly known as the Crown Street School) is the centre of an exciting community project to recognise and celebrate the heritage of the Crown Street area... but they need your help.

Do you have any photographs or articles featuring the Crown Street area or the school from any period between 1906 to the present day? They need your memories and stories about the area, the quarry or your time at the school, if you'd like to get in touch we can jot them down for future generations to experience.

Nottinghamshire County Council's building better community's scheme and Defra's Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund are funding the project.

Working together Redland's Primary and Nursery School and the Sandy Lane Forum are providing the children, their parents/guardians and visitors to Redland's with a display in the reception area of the school that celebrates the area and its people.

If you can help us with any photographs (we can arrange to scan them in your presence and return the original straight to you) or with any stories, please write to me at: Peter Pearson, Country Parks and Conservation, Trent Bridge House, West Bridgford, Nottingham. NG2 6BJ. Email me at peter.pearson@nottsc.gov.uk or call me on 01623 821341.



Safer Neighbourhoods Team



The people who are committed to making the area a safer place to live are PC1215 Stephen Bolstridge, PCSO 7400 Beverley Drabble and PCSO 8140 Stacey Deakin. If you have anything you would like to discuss they are on hand to offer advice and assistance to all tenants and residents.

Please contact them by telephoning:

01909 500999 x 7145 / mobile 07788 654625 or emailing stephen.bolstridge@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

The Forum campaigns for local play facilities



When Haslam Homes submitted a planning application to the Bassetlaw District Council, for their proposed development on Cresswell Road, the Sandy Lane Forum began campaigning for the application to include a special agreement. Hopefully an agreement like this means that the developers will help fund badly needed play facilities in the area, but we need your help to keep this campaign going. Come and join us at the Forum and support our campaign to provide children in the area with somewhere safe to play.

Design a Logo Competition

Calling all budding artists under the age of 16, we need your help.

We would like you to design the new logo to be used by the Sandy Lane Forum, on all its letter heads, website and posters. If you are interested, think about the Sandy Lane area and how the Sandy Lane Forum helps support the community and use these as ideas to design a logo.

Send your entries to Amanda Needham @ A1 Housing, Carlton Forest House, Hundred Acre Lane, Worksop, S81 0TS, who is collating all the designs, for the Sandy Lane Forum to pick a winner.

There will be two age categories Under 12's and 12 to 16 and the winner of each group will receive a £25 voucher for winning their category. The designer of the logo which is chosen as the overall winner receives a £50 voucher and the chance to see their design being put into action. Closing date is 1st April



If you would like to make a difference to your community the next meeting of the Forum is on the 15th April at Crown Place Community Centre at 6.00 pm