



# Tinsley Tribune

newsletter of Tinsley Forum

March 2008

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

## Tinsley just got greener



Tinsley residents walking through Tinsley Green, instead of seeing just an ocean of grass, are now treated to a lovely avenue of 37 new trees. With £10,000 funding from Viridor Landfill Tax and a contribution of £1000 from Wates Living Space, the Tinsley Forum, Tinsley Tree Project and apprentices of Wates contractors, as well as many pupils from Tinsley Junior School and local young people, all contributed to the tree planting. We can now say that there's a real local community investment in the park. Councillor Mary Lea also helped children plant the trees that will enhance this local park by improving air quality and giving a psychological uplift to a park that is now being entered for the prestigious Green Flag award.



Councillor Mary Lea and pupils from Tinsley Junior School planting a tree in Tinsley Green

Androo Thornton, community forester for Darnall and Tinsley, with support from Anne Saleh from the Tinsley Forum and from the Tinsley Tree Project, is also hoping to attract funding to add another 18 trees bringing the total to 55 new trees in Tinsley. Not wanting to be left out, Tinsley Junior School asked Androo for help planting 40 fruit trees in their grounds this winter. Tree planting creates an affinity for people with trees and the young people of Tinsley will be able to appreciate these new additions to their community for many years to come. Many thanks to everyone who helped out. We hope you enjoy your new improved park!

### Tinsley in Bloom Tinsley Community Allotment

Healthier Tinsley partners are trying to raise around £20 000 to improve the environment in Tinsley. The funding would be for a number of shrub beds, large planters, window boxes and hanging baskets. Tinsley community allotment will have a worker from 7th March Sessions from 10 to 12noon every Friday, get down there and enjoy growing vegetables together. The natural environment is very important for peoples health and well-being. For example an inviting green environment close to home and work encourages regular exercise in the form of walking and cycling, Taking a walk in the park or gardening can help reduce stress and improve concentration. Patients with a view of gardens and trees have been shown to recover more quickly .

### Tinsley Green Centre Women & Older Peoples sessions

- Women Only Sessions  
 Mondays Gym session = 10.00 - 11.30 & 4.30 - 6  
 Tuesdays Boxercise = 4.30 - 5.30  
 Wednesday Gym sessions = 10.30 - 12.00 & 5.30 - 7  
 Thursday Aerobics = 4.30 - 5.30  
 50p Per session  
Over 50's  
 Wednesday morning  
 Chairobics session = 10 - 11 Cost is Free



we aim to deliver to every household in Tinsley

# Blackburn Meadows Art Project

**M**y name is Ali White. I'm a photographer, writer and digital artist, and over the last couple of months I've been wandering around Tinsley talking to local residents about what the cooling towers mean to them, how they perceive them, and the place they have had in their lives. You may well have come across me on the streets, in the bookies, the Fox & Duck, Highgate Clinic, the local library, Tinsley Youth Club, Tinsley Forum, and Tinsley Green. I have been astonished by how responsive people have been, how many long and often heated conversations we have had, the extraordinary wealth of knowledge of local history there is around here, and how many wonderful stories and memories people have been prepared to share with me. If you are one of them, thank you.

The result will be a set of postcards which include drawings by some of the children from Tinsley Junior School, photographs of the towers taken by local people, a few from the local studies section of Sheffield City Library, and some I have taken myself – all from various vantage points within Tinsley. They will also include lots of quotations from the people I have spoken to.

We are hoping that you will send some of the cards to friends and relations to give them an idea of how Tinsley looks to the people who live there. It would be nice to think of the cards going all over the country and even the world. It would be great to get some feedback on how far they have gone.

We will be putting the cards through your letter-box in the next 2 or 3 weeks. Thank you again for all your help. Hope you like the postcards.

**A**li White's project and the fantastic postcards that have been produced with the input of local people is another illustration of the importance of the Cooling Towers to the community of Tinsley. It is now inevitable that the Cooling Towers will come down and E.ON have given Sheffield City Council £500,000 towards a major art project. The aim of the art project is not necessarily to put something in the place of the cooling towers but to acknowledge their significance to the local community, the people of Sheffield and the region. This is a really exciting opportunity for Tinsley and the whole of Sheffield.

There have been no decisions about the artwork but a group, which includes local representatives, has been established by Sheffield City Council to take the project forward. The process of commissioning the art work will involve the local community and in order to gather the views and input of local people we are running other projects that will follow on from Ali's postcards. These will include gathering peoples views, memories and stories about where they live, a project that will capture photographs and video of the area and a website that will display this material and allow people to post their own. These projects will begin in Tinsley, Darnall and Wincobank but



Ali White



Some of the Tinsley Junior School Cooling Towers Art competition winners

spread wider to get the views of people in the rest of Sheffield, and beyond. As a celebration of the Cooling Towers Go Sheffield are planning to set up a shop in the city centre selling Cooling Tower's plates, mugs and T-shirts during April.

The cooling towers, of course, are not the only thing changing in the area and we are hoping to gather a wealth of local stories, views and thoughts about what makes the places where people live special and important to their community. These views will help to shape not just the artwork but the places where people

live work and play.

I would like to encourage everyone to get involved in these projects which will begin in April – they are important to the future shape of your community. You can register your interest by contacting Anne Saleh at the Tinsley Forum or by contacting me directly. Andrew Skelton, Public Art Officer, Sheffield City Council tel:0114 2053784 email: [andrew.skelton@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.skelton@sheffield.gov.uk)

## Tinsley Jobnet Closes

Unfortunately, due to funding coming to an end in January 2008, Jobnet @Tinsley has been forced to close its doors. Since opening in August 2005, 118 Tinsley residents have registered with the service, 52 of whom have gone on to successfully find full-time employment.

For those residents who require assistance with CV's, job searching and interview advice & guidance, Jobnet Central based in Sheffield town centre are happy to register clients from the Tinsley area.

Jobnet Central can be contacted on: **0114 272 4866** or call into their West Street offices at: Jobnet Central, 73 West Street, Sheffield S1 4EQ

## Tinsley Library Six Book Challenge

Readers are invited to read six books and record their reading in a diary.

This can help you with your reading and help expand your understanding of English. Readers who complete the six book challenge by the end of May, receive a £5 book token, £2 Costa coffee card, a certificate, included in the Sheffield prize draw for a £50 book token, included in the national prize draw for a VIP trip to London to see a West End show, a night in a London hotel, travel expenses and £150 spending money.

If you would like to register with the six book challenge please contact Tinsley library on

## Helping older people keep warm

Over the last few months energy prices have risen dramatically across the country, leading to increasing concern from older people in particular, about how to afford expensive utility bills on a low budget.

One way to meet these extra costs is for older people to make sure they have all the benefits they are entitled to.

Anita Palmer, Information and Advice Manager at Age Concern Sheffield said, "We can do benefits checks over the phone or in our shop at Castle Square, although it's best to ring to make an appointment. However, thanks to funding from The Big Lottery we are also able to go out and visit people who are housebound, to provide this service in their own homes."

For more information about benefits checks contact Age Concern Sheffield on (0114) 250 2859

## South Yorkshire Police Tinsley Open Forum

come along and have your say!

Are there any issues within your community you want to discuss?

Meetings will be held at Tinsley Green Community Centre

Norborough Road, Tinsley Sheffield  
Wednesday 12th March 2008, 11.00am-12.30pm

Thursday 27th March, 12.00-1.30pm

**Everyone welcome**

Vandalism and graffiti  
Noisy neighbours and loud parties  
Threatening and abusive behaviour  
Abandoned vehicles, dumping and flying tipping  
Drunk and rowdy groups  
Drug related anti-social behaviour  
Broken street lighting  
calls to this service is 10p from landlines and mobiles



## Free Adult Cycle Training



Pedal Ready are the Council's accredited cycling instructors. They offer one-to-one training that can be tailored to your needs. More information on adult cycle training can be found on the Pedal ready website: [www.pedalready.co.uk](http://www.pedalready.co.uk)

**A FREE** 2 hour one-to-one cycle training session for any resident living in Sheffield funded by Sheffield City Council

- ⇒ Help with basic cycling skills
- ⇒ Help choosing your route, e.g. to work or leisure
- ⇒ Help cycling along your route
- ⇒ Male and female instructors available
- ⇒ Convenient training time

### How to Apply

Pedal Ready application forms are available at Tinsley Forum.

## Is this Rubbish yours? Thanks for making parts of Tinsley a dump



You can't have a nice walk on the canal bank without coming across loads of rubbish dumped at back of the derelict buildings on Wharf Road

## Councillors Surgery

Councillor Mazher Iqbal holds a surgery at Tinsley Library on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10.30 – 11.30 am  
Phone 07875069617

Tinsley Tribune, Tinsley, Tinsley One Stop Shop, 120-126 Bawtry Rd Tinsley, S9 1UE phone Neil Parry on 0114 2859911.  
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## SAVE MONEY AND TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE IN TINSLEY

Would you like to

- Save money?
- Do your bit to tackle climate change?

We can lend you a **SMART METER** for a month to help you reduce your electricity bills.

### SAVE MONEY

A Smart Meter will positively encourage a reduction in energy use, because it gives real-time, instant and accurate information about how much energy you are using. Every time an electrical device is turned on or off, the effects can be seen.

### CLIMATE CHANGE

Compare usage day to day and see how changes of energy use can have an effect on your CO2 emissions.

### WHY USE A SMART METER?

- Understand where and how energy is being used.
- Identify areas where you can reduce energy consumption and save money.
- Confirm whether energy saving measures are working.

### WHAT WILL IT COST ME?

Nothing! Except a few minutes of your time. We will come and install the Smart Meter in your home. At the same time, we'll complete a short questionnaire with you about the choices you make with regard to travel, shopping, the environment and your local community. After a month, we'll come back to collect your Smart Meter and complete another short questionnaire. The data we collect will be shared (anonymously) with WWF/CAG to help them evaluate their *Community Engagement Impact Assessment Tool*, and with Efergy who have supplied us with their Smart Meters at cost price.

### I WANT A SMART METER NOW!

If you live in Tinsley and want to try a Smart Meter at home for a month, get in touch with Anne Saleh on 0114 2444887 (anne@tinsleyforum.co.uk), or Neil Parry on 0114 2859911 (neil@sheffieldct.co.uk) or Barbara Rimmington on 0114 2859931 (barbara@sheffieldct.co.uk), or send your name, address and phone number to us at East End Quality of Life Initiative, FREEPOST NEA 13204, 10 Montgomery Terrace Road, Sheffield, S6 3ZZ (no stamp required) and we'll get in touch with you to arrange a convenient time to call.

is a joint energy saving campaign by Sheffield's East End Quality of Life Initiative, Tinsley Forum and Darnall Forum.

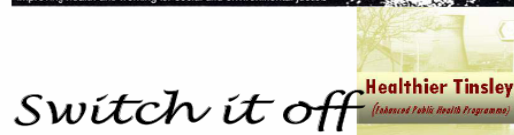


### SMART METER FEATURES

- Shows instant power use, electricity cost, and personal carbon footprint.
- Unique memory storing daily, weekly and monthly data.
- Smart alarm warning the user about over consumption.

### HOW IT WORKS

There are 3 parts to the Smart Meter: The **sensor** clips around your electricity feed cable. The **transmitter** sends information instantly to the **portable display unit** which you can take from room to room to see which appliances are using the most electricity.



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