

# What's in it for you!

MARCH 2007

## New Library Information Centre (LIC) Launch

On Tuesday 20th February the new Library Information Centre was launched at the Chestnut Centre by Councillor Ken Sims and Councillor Jean Calvert.

The event was very well attended and a range of activities were available throughout the day.

The new library is available for everyone to use and will be open Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm and until 8pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays.



The library has a wide range of books and FREE internet access. You can also get help filling in forms, sorting out your council tax, apply for a Kirklees passport and much, much more...

## Fourth and Final Phase of New House Building Programme on Brackenhall Agreed.

The Council and Southdale Homes have recently agreed the plans for the final phase of new houses to be built on the Brackenhall estate. The remaining homes for demolition have now been demolished and the new plans include 199 three and four bedroom houses and 24 two bedroom apartments. A shop with living accommodation will also be built. Work commenced in February and should be completed by 2010.

The construction of the new houses will mean that some roads will be closed on a temporary basis and the footpath to Bradley Boulevard will be diverted.

Andi Briggs Neighbourhood Manager for DBI & Peter Beck Regeneration Manager at KNH issued a joint statement saying "We are aware of rumours that further demolition of houses on the Brackenhall estate is planned. We can confirm that there are no plans whatsoever to demolish any more properties on Brackenhall. The work carried out over the last few years has dramatically changed the area, and made Brackenhall a much more sustainable estate. So much so that there are times when there are no empty houses at all in Brackenhall, and there is an active waiting list for properties in the area."

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## Detached Youth Work

DBI have funded Young People's Service to work with young people who are around and about on the streets in the area. The workers are consulting the young people on what facilities and activities they would like to be available locally. The project will run initially for a 12 month period. If successful further funding may be available.

**Please contact:** Maureen Thomas-Bah on 223348  
**or by emailing:** maureen.thomas-bah@Kirklees.gov.uk for further details.

## Youth Activities locally

LOCATION	SERVICE	CONTACT	TIMES
Fartown High School	Youth Work Session	Karen Prince / Mark Gilchrist Tel: 01484 223348	Tuesday 12.15 - 1.30pm Thursday 3.30 - 5.00pm
Deighton Arena	Open Access Youth Club	Mark Gilchrist Tel: 01484 223348	Thursday 7.00 - 9.30pm
DBI Detached Project Deighton/Brackenhall Area	Detached Youth Work Venues across Deighton & Brackenhall	Maureen Thomas - Bah Tel: 01484 223348	Mon - Thursday Times Vary
Bradley Youth Club	Open Access Youth Club 13 - 19 yrs	Mark Gilchrist Tel: 01484 223348	Monday 7.00 - 9.30pm Tuesday 7 - 9.30 pm
Brian Jackson House (next to railway station, Huddersfield)	Open Access Youth Venue 13 - 19 yrs	Louise Hardy Tel: 01484 223348	7.00 - 9.30pm

### Four New DBI Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's)

You have regularly told us that crime and fear of crime, including anti-social behaviour, has been a problem in the area.

The DBI Board have recently agreed to pay for four additional PCSO's to work exclusively in the DBI area. These officers will complement and add to the existing Community Neighbourhood Policing Team. They should be out and about in the next few months.

### Sheepridge Village Centre

A range of options to improve the overall appearance and facilities in Sheepridge Village Centre is to be looked at.

As you can see from the photo the existing shops and buildings generally look old and uninviting.



DBI are going to work with the Council, the Catholic Church and local businesses to discuss possible changes and improvements.

Consultation on possible options will be undertaken in the future.  
**WATCH THIS SPACE!**

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS? IF SO, WRITE IN AND TELL US.

## £££ Community Dividend £££

The huge success of the DBI Partnership has resulted in approximately £7.5 million Community Dividend being secured for reinvestment in the area. Community Dividend has been spent to date on a range of local projects and activities including:-

- Supporting local schools
- Environmental improvements
- CCTV & crime reduction
- Deighton Carnival
- Riddings Café
- Brackenhall Community Centre
- Activities for older and young people
- Chestnut extension for new Library facility

The remainder has been ring fenced for tackling issues in the areas that you have raised as priorities. These include:-

- Reducing crime and fear of crime
- Improving Sheepridge Village Centre
- Environmental improvements
- Supporting community activity.
- Improving access to health facilities.
- New build Community Centre on Brackenhall
- Work with and improved services for children, young people, families and older people.

## Neighbourhood Watch

### Neighbourhood Management in DBI

The DBI Board have recently appointed a new Neighbourhood Manager for the area: -  
**Andi Briggs**

Neighbourhood Management is about working with local residents, community groups and service providers to help them influence and shape initiatives, resources and services available locally and to address any gaps or issues identified.

Andi was previously DBI Regeneration Manager, he has worked in this area for over ten years. He therefore has a lot of knowledge, experience and skills to bring to this new role.

**Andi can be contacted on: 221235  
or email:  
andi.briggs@kirklees.gov.uk**

**Neighbourhood Watch really works in reducing crime and nuisance problems in your area.**

It brings your Neighbourhood into close contact with the local Police as a joint crime fighting team.

You will be given lots of Crime Prevention Advice, tips on looking out for each other, and valuable information about ongoing crime in the area.

The Police are looking towards increasing the number of watches in the DBI Area. If you are not in one of the existing Watches you may wish to form a new Watch.

If so, first of all speak to **Dave Whitteron the Police Liaison Officer on 01484 436641**. He will ask you to arrange a meeting, either at one of your homes, or a local community meeting place.

**How much does it actually cost?**

The answer is absolutely nothing.

So go for it, talk to your Neighbours, ring Dave and arrange a meeting. It's as easy as that.

## Work with Older People

My name is Judith Pringle and I am a development worker with Huddersfield Deanery Project for Older People working in partnership with the Deighton Brackenhall Initiative (DBI) and the Kirklees Primary Care Trust. My job is to develop services and activities for anyone over 50 living in the DBI area. It is important that you, the residents in this area have the opportunity to contribute your ideas to help me provide the kind of services and activities that you want.

There is a new activities group meeting at Sheepridge Community Centre on Wednesday morning from 10.00am - 12.00pm. We are offering games, dominoes, exercise and craft activities etc., we are open to ideas, so why not come along and enjoy the opportunity to meet with others and have some fun!



We held a very successful 'open' day at Brackenhall Community Centre at the beginning of February, where a number of residents took advantage of trying a range of different activities. As a result we are now open every Thursday at the centre from 11.00am - 1.30pm offering a yoga session together with lots of other activities. You can also enjoy refreshments when you arrive ending the morning with a hot lunch, we also offer transport for those who are unable to make their own way there.

Why not give me a call to find out more or to have your say. **Contact details: 01484 300094**

## DBI Board Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The DBI Partnership Board will hold its second AGM on **Wednesday the 18th April at 5pm in the Chestnut Centre.**

Community Representatives will be formally elected at the AGM. **Who will be your voice on the Board?**

You should have received a form (inside this newsletter) to nominate any individual who you think would make a good spokesperson for the whole DBI area and a representative of the wider community.

If you have not received a form please contact **Pamela Fellows on 221235.**

Once all the nominations are received you will then be sent a list of everyone who has shown an interest in being a representative.

**This is your opportunity to vote for your representative.**

**PLEASE USE YOUR VOTE.**

The three individuals with the most votes will then become members of the DBI Board until the next AGM.

The DBI Board is responsible for delivering a wide range of initiatives locally and making decisions on the spending of the expected £7.5 million Community Dividend. Other members of the Board are nominated by specific organisations including; The Council (Elected Members and Officers), Primary Care Trust, Police, Fresh Horizons, Childrens' Centre, Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing and a local business representative.

## Brackenhall Community Centre

Ambitious plans are being developed to replace the existing Community Centre and church (pictured) with a new build centre more centrally located.

The new £2 million centre will be built on Holt Avenue on the recreation area and will include:-

- Hall
- Café
- Meeting space
- Changing rooms
- Church
- IT facilities

The new centre will accommodate all existing groups and will provide space for new groups and services.



In addition, the plans include a new senior football pitch, a junior football pitch and a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA).

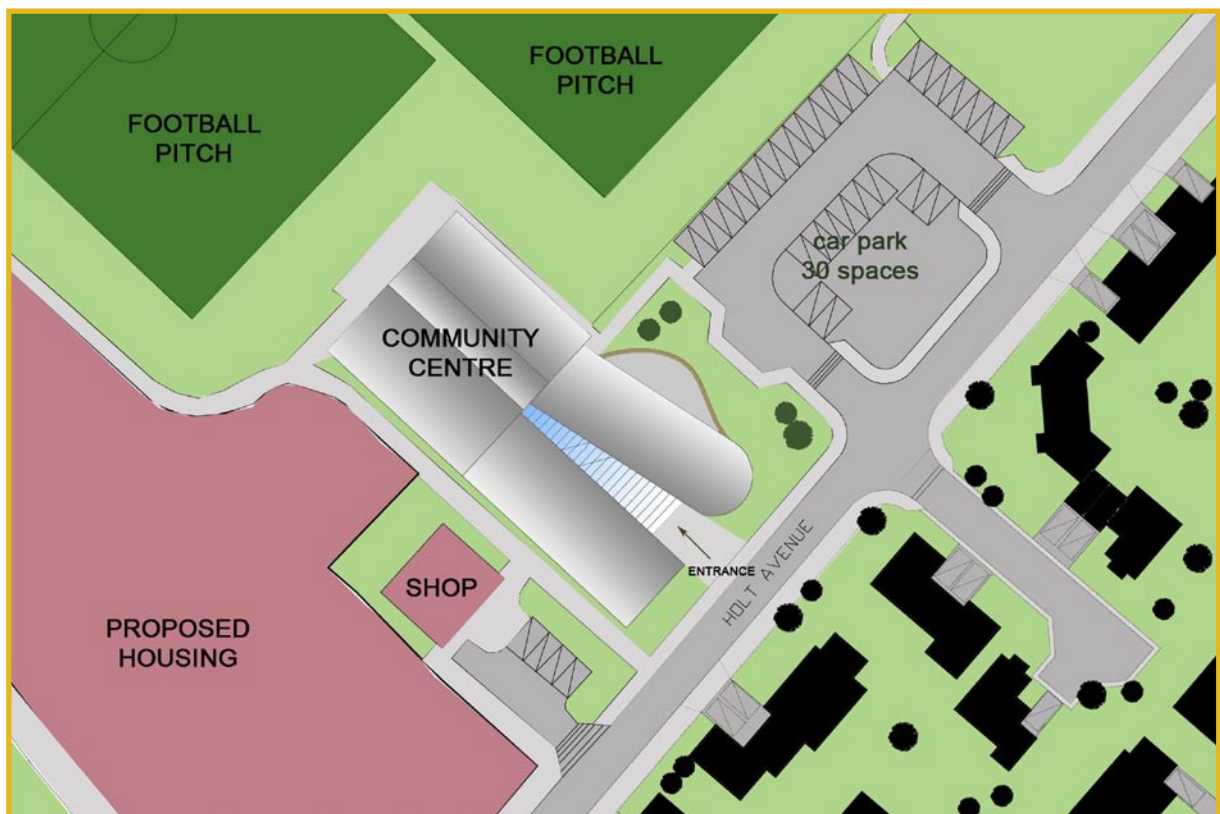
DBI and the Council are working closely with and supporting Brackenhall Community Trust. This is a new organisation which will commission, own and manage the new building and facilities. The Community Trust is made up of existing centre users, community members, church members and members nominated by the DBI Board.

If you would like further details please contact

**Andi Briggs on 221235**

**or Email: [andi.briggs@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:andi.briggs@kirklees.gov.uk)**

**Visit [www.brackenhallcommunitytrust.co.uk](http://www.brackenhallcommunitytrust.co.uk)**



## Contacting Your Councillors

## Your councillors in Ashbrow

Your Ashbrow Ward Councillors can be contacted in a number of different ways including:-

- **Calling into the drop-in surgeries at the Chestnut Centre on:**  
19th March 2007 - 10am to 12 noon  
16th April 2007 - 10am to 12 noon
- **Contacting them individually**
- **Leaving a message on the office number (01484) 221823**



**Jean Calvert**  
Lab  
(01484) 310054



**Ken Smith**  
Lab  
(01484) 310747



**Deryck Hillas**  
Lab  
(01484) 314962

They also hold regular ward meetings that discuss various local issues and concerns. If you would like more information please contact any of your councillors.

## Neighbourhood Renewal Peoples Purse Funding

People's Purse is a two year grant scheme which started in April 2006. It is funded by Neighbourhood Renewal and is open to community and voluntary groups to apply to. £100,000 has been allocated to specific areas of Deighton, Brackenhall, Birkby and Fartown



Decisions are made by a Steering Group which is made up of local residents and councillors from Ashbrow and Greenhead wards. The Steering Group have chosen to allocate £65,000 in the first year and £35,000 between April and September 2007. They meet on an eight weekly basis to consider applications.

**£56,213 has so far been awarded, this has been given to 17 local groups, the average grant being £3,300.**

Projects that have been funded are wide ranging in nature and size. In order to receive a grant groups must evidence that the people benefiting from their project/activities live in the specific areas. Groups can apply for up to £5,000. A few examples of what has been funded are mentioned below:

- **Contribution towards the annual Deighton Carnival which is co-ordinated by Fresh Horizons. £3,000 was awarded towards a £25,000 project**
- **£5,000 was awarded to two new women's groups, Sahaylees and New Way II to support them with setting up costs. Both groups are based in Birkby and meet on a weekly basis**
- **Contribution towards transport costs to enter competitions and participate in a residential camp for boys attending the Boys Brigade based in Brackenhall. £1,300 was awarded**
- **Christchurch Woodhouse and Birkby Junior Schools have received funding to run activities that involve parents and children**
- **£500 was awarded to Hope Learning Forum to run a Community event in the Brackenhall area. The aim was to promote this new group and consult with local residents about what they would like to see happening in the area**

The scheme is very flexible and can support new groups who may not have a constitution.

For an informal chat to discuss your project idea please ring **Alison Beaumont** on 01484 414784 or your local Community Workers **Saira Ahmed** or **Andrew Dolman** on 01484 225759 who can assist you in completing the application form.

Application packs are available from The Funding Team at **KMC Community Support Services** on 01484 414824.

## Local Area Survey

MORI an independent research company is undertaking a survey on behalf of Kirklees Council to identify what YOU THINK are the good and the not so good things about the area.

The survey will be carried out by post, so if you receive a survey form please take the time to complete and return it. Your views are essential to improving local services and the area.

## Community Dividend

Do you have a good idea for a project or activity that will benefit the DBI area?

If so please get in touch with **Andi Briggs**-Neighbourhood Manager or any of the DBI Board Members.

## Environmental Works

Funding for phase 1 environmental works to existing council properties that have been retained on Brackenhall has come from KNH and the Deighton and Brackenhall Initiative. The Design Project has been led by KNH officers; Satnam Basram, Peter Beck, Janet Gibson, Alan Harrison, Noreen Beck and Graeme Winnard. CHOB TRA's; Margaret and Joan have been very involved in the scheme. LOCA have undertaken the consultation and design aspects of the scheme; Tracy Shaw, Lucy Bergman and artist's Dan Jones, Lewis Morgan and Lesley Fallais.

### Colour Scheme:

Pilot schemes involving painting of render to properties is now complete on Bracken Grove and Trafalgar Close. Brackenhall residents are now able to see the six colours chosen for the painting scheme. Most concerns regarding colour have now been resolved and painting on Hopkinson Road, Crest Hill Road and Leaside Avenue will start in spring 2007.

A reminder of the paint colours is as follows: Sandstone, Limestone, Pale Limestone, Yellow Ochre, Pale Yellow Ochre and Old Brick. The colours are all natural 'earth' tones, selected to tie in with the natural environment and to complement the colours found in existing building materials on Brackenhall.

### Canopies:

The canopy scheme was successfully completed in December 2006. Residents appear to be happy with the installations, some have mentioned how sheltered they have felt from the wind and rain during January with the canopy over their front doors.

### Gates and Fencing:

Consultation is complete for gate designs. Every property will have a new gate, some of which will be shared gates. New brick walls topped with metal fencing will be installed to the fronts of properties on Hopkinson Road, Crest Hill Road, Leaside Avenue and Bracken Grove. During last summer residents were presented with six design ideas for gates. Everyone has chosen two of their preferred designs. In September a team of KNH officers and artists toured the streets of Brackenhall to present a colour scheme for gates and fencing. A strong majority supported the proposed colours and the scheme will go ahead in spring this year.

### Future works:

Consultation is now being undertaken with other areas in DBI to determine what environmental works they would like to see undertaken.

Further information available from Janet Gibson on 416607

## **Do you want to put your money somewhere safe and friendly and have access to small, affordable loans?**

**Castle & Minster Credit Union is a financial cooperative run by members for members.**

Saving with us is simple; you can save as much or as little as you like and small amounts soon build up to help you afford something you really want. We also offer loans at reasonable rates.

We already have over 300 members in the Deighton area, it's easy to join and your money is looked after by our friendly staff. We don't use call centres and our staff and volunteers pride themselves on providing an approachable and efficient service.

In a recent survey we asked our members what they valued most about Castle and Minster and 80% mentioned the good service they received from staff:

**"Your staff are to be congratulated on their courtesy and handling of services"**

All transactions are dealt with in strictest confidence and we now have an office right next to Huddersfield Bus Station which is open from Monday to Saturday.

Your savings and loans are covered by life insurance at no extra cost (subject to age and health restrictions) and as we are authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority, your money is as safe in a credit union as it would be in any financial institution.

For more information and opening times please contact

**Jane Gillespie on 01484 221674**

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **COUNCILLORS SURGERIES**

19th March, 10 to 12 noon @ Chestnut Centre

16th April, 10 to 12 noon @ Chestnut Centre

### **CARNIVAL**

30th June @ Deighton Centre

### **CARNIVAL ROADSHOW**

22nd May 2pm to 5pm @ Chestnut Centre

### **DBI AGM**

18th April, 5pm @ Chestnut Centre

### **IMPROVE YOUR FINANCES WEEK**

4th to 8th June @ Chestnut Centre



**This years Deighton Carnival takes place on Saturday June 30th at the Deighton Centre. From 12 midday till 7pm.**

This is the 6th annual Deighton Carnival and the event gets bigger in size and quality each year.

This year the theme is Deighton's Routes, how the diverse community came to the Ashbrow ward.

The new Mayor Jean Calvert will open this years event and there is a whole range of new activities planned, plus the Carnival procession which will go around the Ashbrow Ward ( more groups will be taking part this year), the stage show (showcasing local talent), Five a side football comp (with teams from overseas taking part), Netball, Basketball, Mini fun fair, Martial arts display, Stalls, The Giant interlocking Marquees (housing the info stalls), Food Hall (food from around the world), Beer Tent, Workshops, IT fayre, Learning tent, Health Arena, Sure Start Village, Home fm, Plus much much more.



We have a Carnival information Roadshow taking place on Tue May 22nd 2pm till 5pm at the Chestnut Centre (all welcome).

Any one wishing to get involved or for any info please call **Howard Belafonte** on 234216 or 07748 459505

## Everyone's always welcome at The Chestnut Café



THE CHESTNUT CAFÉ PROVIDES GREAT, WHOLESOME FOOD AT REASONABLE PRICES.

**Come along to The Chestnut Centre on Woodhouse Hill and enjoy breakfast or lunch in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere**

At the Café you can start the day with a full English breakfast or pop along at lunch for a healthy cooked meal and choose from a range of English and Caribbean dishes, try one of a range of freshly prepared sandwiches or just have a well deserved coffee break.

The Café is open from 8am - 11am for breakfasts and serves lunches from noon until 2.30pm.

It's open to everyone, so why not give it a try?

The Café can also offer catering for a range of events.

**Ring Hazel on  
01484 234234  
for more details.**



## Kids Prize Competition

### Playing and Learning with Parents and Carers

The local Neighbourhood Learning Network is looking for fun ideas of activities we can run that get parents or carers and children to have fun and learn together.

We want children to draw a picture or write a short story about something you and parents could do together - have fun and learn

It could be learning how to be radio reporters, making a family video, taking part in a Big Cook Little Cook healthy eating session, learning archery, find out how to act in a play, glass painting - Anything!.

The main thing is its something you think would be fun to do and that your mum or dad would want to join in with.



### Prizes

**The Under 11's winner** will get a £20 Argos voucher and a meal for four at The Chestnut Café

**The Under 16s winner** will get a £20 Argos voucher and a meal for four at The Chestnut Café

Everyone that enters will be able to join the Chestnut Library.

Closing Date for entries is **Monday 23rd April 2007**

**Send you entries, together with your name, address and age to:**

**FREEPOST - Business Reply Service Number RRHJ-YBUG-BBKA**

Fresh Horizons

The Chestnut Centre

2a Chestnut Street

Deighton

Huddersfield

HD2 1 HJ

**Or drop them at Reception next time you pass The Chestnut Centre!**

# Fresh Horizons your Local Community Company

**Fresh Horizons Ltd is the local “not-for-profit” community company based in Deighton.**

The company has grown from employing two staff in 2002 to now employing over 30 local people delivering a range of services in the Deighton and Brackenhall area.

Most probably you will come across us when you visit The Chestnut Café and The Chestnut Centre. When you visit the centre, our staff are there to help you with everything from helping with housing applications and benefit forms, council tax queries and even help you join the new library now open at The Chestnut Centre?

**But that’s not all we do, did you know that last year...**

**Fresh Horizons** ran the Deighton Carnival attracting over 3,000 people with 95% of the community rating the event good or excellent

**Fresh Horizons** ran learning events, such as The Ashbrow Factor which attracted over 900 local people and were featured on Calendar Television, Home FM and in The Examiner



**Fresh Horizons** helped 180 people back into training and employment

**Fresh Horizons** run two local after-school clubs for local kids at The Chestnut Centre, so they have a safe warm environment to catch up with their home work or browse the Internet

**Fresh Horizons** improved security for over 1000 homes affected by burglary

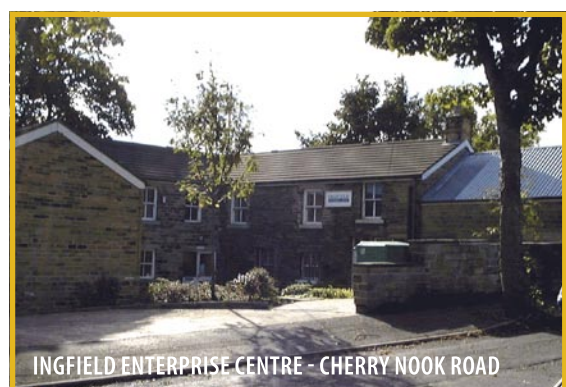


**Fresh Horizons** refurbishes and repairs houses in the area, to a high standard and lets properties for affordable rent

**Fresh Horizons** carries out research for local organisations and agencies about what the local community wants

**Fresh Horizons** manages light industrial units, the Ingfield Enterprise Centre and New House Farm to provide managed workspace for local people starting up in business

**As a community company we strive to provide the best services we can and create employment and development opportunities for local people.**





# Welcome to the chestnut centre

At the top of Woodhouse Hill,  
So come on people lets chill,  
Please come in & have a look,  
Cos its time to hook up with a book.

We got Sure Start from 0-4 so come on in & close the door,  
We have housing & an I.C.T place,  
So come on in & show ya face.

The library resources can guide ya true ya courses,  
& if ya agree it could support a degree,  
Giving you a lend as if it is your friend,  
Please come and have a look  
Cos its time to hook up with a book,  
Me say its time to hook up with a book.

You can go to the Chestnut cafÈ where ya on to a winner!  
Car dem staff do a wicked dinner,  
3 course resources so come & get involved,  
Ya can join in ya no, so get with the flow.

Cos its time to hook up with a book,  
Me say its time to hook up wi a book  
So welcome & we hope you enjoy,  
Please never abuse, there is motto that we use & its  
don't be slack & always bring it back  
then its time to hook up with a book,  
Me say its time to hook with a book.

**Keon Stephens**



Keon Stephens, aged 9



This newsletter has been produced jointly by the Deighton Brackenhall Initiative (DBI) & Fresh Horizons. Please send all letters or enquiries to the Chestnut centre

