

The Hattersley Terrier



News round-up for Hattersley and Mottram regeneration

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Phase 2 sports development gets underway

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Precinct plans gather pace with consultation

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Plays its cards right!

HATTERSLEY Training and Resource Centre has already helped many local residents to pass their Construction Skills Health and Safety test which is a basic requirement of many employers in the construction industry.

The test is part of the Construction Skills Certification Scheme, known as CSCS, which also offers additional health and safety certificates that are relevant to individual construction occupations.

These certificates are often known as CSCS Cards and

are, increasingly, being asked for by employers, so the Centre has extended the range of certificates available locally. It is now offering computer based training, testing and certification in:

- CSCS Operative Demolition
- Ductwork (HVACR)
- Domestic Heating & Plumbing (HVACR)
- Highways
- Plumbing & Gas
- Lift & Escalator
- CSCS Manager
- Pipefitting & Welding (HVACR)
- Refrigeration & Air Conditioning (HVACR)
- CSCS Supervisor

Working at Heights Service & Facilities (HVACR)
Professional Qualified Person
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This service is free to local residents

For more information, call Step Ahead on 0161 368 2096, e-mail stepahead@hnp.org.uk or call in to the Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership office at 10-13 Kingston Arcade (Hattersley Precinct).



Staff at the Centre being trained to deliver CSCS training

Hot news on the Warm Phone

THE Warm Phone service is increasing in popularity as more residents call in to the Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership office to use it.

The free, confidential service allows people to enquire about a number of benefits and services such as Attendance Allowance, Housing Benefit, Council Tax and Welfare Rights.

The Warm Phone can also be used to contact other agencies such as Jobseekers Direct and Connexions.

To use the Warm Phone, call in to the Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership office which is open Monday to Thursday from 9am to 4.30pm or Fridays from 9am to 3.30pm.

Schools celebrate successful reading programme

TAMESIDE teachers spearheading a scheme to help struggling children improve their reading were acknowledged at a special ceremony at Hattersley Community Centre.

Hattersley was a fitting venue for the event, as the first Reading Recovery pilot programme in Tameside was launched several years ago at St James and Pinfold Primary Schools.

Reading Recovery then became part of the national Every Child A Reader Project in 2006 and Tameside now has 14 schools running the scheme and next year will train five more teachers.

In the last year, those receiving 45 hours of support through Reading Recovery increased their reading age, on average,

by two years, whilst those on the Better Reading Partnership, delivered by teaching assistants, increased their reading age by 15 months after just 10 weeks of extra help. Stalybridge and Hyde MP James Purnell, pictured right, presented certificates to teachers and pupils and

said: "These fantastic programmes are making a real difference to children. Being able to read enables children to be able to play a full part at school and opens up many avenues."



Safety tops the agenda for Crucial Crew

FORTY-FIVE senior citizens gathered at Hattersley Community Centre, in June, for a day of workshops, presentations, events and information focussed on community safety for older residents.

The 'Crucial Crew for Older People' event, which was organised by the Hattersley Community Safety Resource Centre and the local Community Forum, brought together various agencies involved in community

safety such as the Police, Fire Service, Age Concern, Trading Standards and Tameside Community Safety Unit.

Workshop topics included Falls and Alcohol, Safety and Abuse in the Home and Fire Safety.

In addition, GM Police presented a mini-drama, with the help of pupils from Alder Community High School, on anti-social behaviour and Pinfold Primary School's Cheerleading team gave

a performance during the lunch break, bringing the house down. Resident Kath Courtney commented: "The whole day was fantastic and we were so well looked after."

The Hattersley Neighbourhood Manager, Janet Frost, said: "It was good to see so many people turn up and take advantage of the advice and information available and have a really enjoyable day."

Residents consulted on preferred option for

redevelopment of Hattersley Precinct

LOCAL residents turned out to give their views on proposals for the redevelopment of Hattersley Precinct at a second series of consultation events held in July and August.

With the planned development of the new district centre at the Stockport Road site, Hattersley Precinct and the surrounding area has been identified as one of the key sites that can benefit from regeneration and the latest consultations set out to gain people's views on a Preferred Option for redevelopment of the area.

The Preferred Option was drawn up following feedback on a range of options and ideas that had been presented at the previous consultation, held in September 2008.

Next Steps

Following analysis of the feedback from the latest consultations, Consultants GVA Grimley will present a report and recommendations for the future of the Precinct Area to the Hattersley Land Development Steering Group and Hattersley Development Trust for approval.

The next stage will be to draw up a Development Brief, which will outline the key principles for redevelopment of the area and consider options for taking the plans forward.

All future developments will be subject to Local Authority planning regulations and further consultations will be held with residents and other stakeholders at various stages of the process.

Consultation highlights

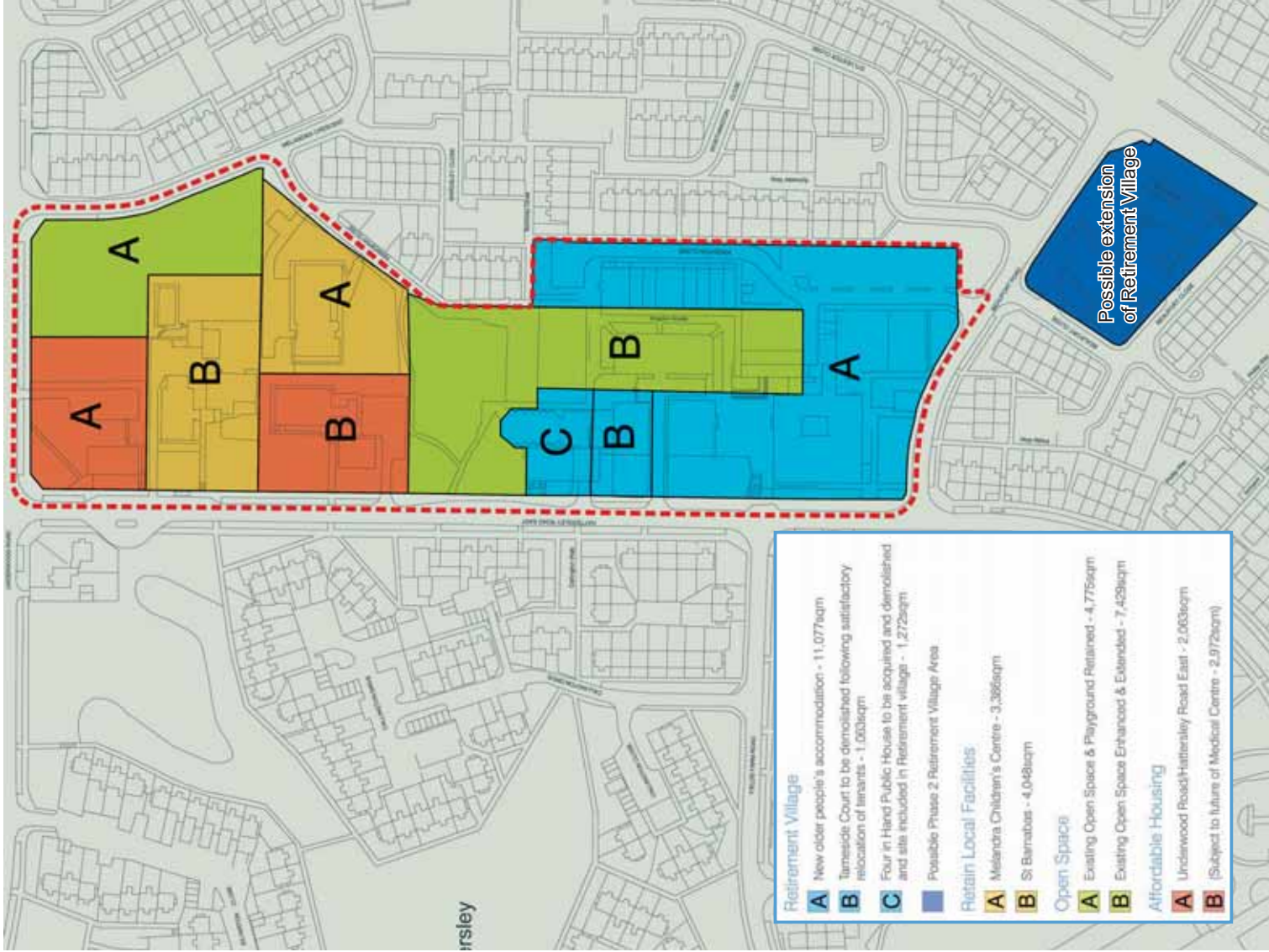
Key points to come from the previous consultation showed that residents favoured:

- Accommodation for older people – with a Retirement Village the preferred option
- There should be a development of affordable housing on the corner of Underwood Road
- The proportion of green space should be retained
- Tameside Court should be retained or accommodation provided in the Retirement Village
- Inclusion of a community space and small retail units e.g. pharmacy, post office.
- Good footpath connections between the Precinct Area and new district centre

The preferred option

The latest consultation sought views on proposals for:

- A Retirement Village to the southern end of the area – to replace the shops and community facilities relocated to the new district centre.
- Demolition of Tameside Court and relocation of residents in the first phase of the Retirement Village
- Acquisition and demolition of the Four in Hand pub, with land to be included in the Retirement Village Development
- Open space to be retained and enhanced
- Twenty, new, affordable starter homes to be built at the junction of Underwood Road and Hattersley Road East (current location of the Peak Valley Housing Office)
- Possible affordable housing development on the Medical Centre site – subject to discussions with users and occupiers.



An introduction to your local health trainer



MY NAME is Sarah Heath and I work as a Health Trainer with the Health Improvement Team, based at the Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership office.

I help local people to develop healthier lifestyles by achieving goals such as losing weight, increasing levels of physical activity or giving up smoking.

I aim to support people to make changes that will benefit them – and that they wish to make.

There is no pressure put on people, just friendly advice, encouragement and support. We start by chatting and discussing particular issues and aims before completing an initial health assessment. We can then draw up an agreed action plan and identify any areas where people may need extra help or encouragement.

I also encourage residents to take up healthy activities on offer in the area and often attend sessions with those needing extra support until they feel comfortable on their own. This can include sessions at the gym or yoga.

I offer health checks such as blood pressure testing, measuring Body Mass Index (BMI) and Carbon Monoxide (CO) readings for smokers.

The service is free, and confidential. Anyone who thinks they could benefit should contact me on 0161 368 2096, e-mail sarah.heath@hnp.org.uk, text 0797 624 72381 or call in at the HNP office.

Training opportunities with Step Ahead

STEP Ahead and Ashton 6th Form College are offering the following courses in autumn 2009.

Introduction to becoming a Teaching Assistant

This course gives an insight into the role of a Teaching Assistant and prepares students for a further course in which they will gain practical experience. Candidates will work towards a national qualification and will also have the opportunity to gain a Level 1 or 2 Literacy qualification.

The course, will be delivered locally in 10, weekly, 2.5 hour sessions starting in September.

Evening classes in IT

Step Ahead wants to arrange local evening classes for those interested in learning more about computers and IT.

Anyone who is interested in attending a new IT course should call Step Ahead on 0161 368 2096 or e-mail stepahead@hnp.org.uk, or call in to the HNP office at 10-13 Kingston Arcade, Hattersley Precinct.

● **STEP Ahead has produced a Service Guide detailing the courses, advice and training it can offer. The guide has been delivered to local homes. Anyone who has not received a copy should call Step Ahead.**

Bridging the Gap drums up community support

A RESIDENTS group in Hattersley has been given extra funding to help with its regeneration work.

Hattersley Residents Regeneration Group has secured funds from the Tameside Innovation Fund for a new project called Bridging the Gap.

The project aims to encourage

new members to join the Group and become involved in the regeneration of the area.

Project worker Karen Dunn said: "Some people are put off from getting involved because they worry about the demands on their time but there is room for everyone. Whether people want

to know more about plans for the area, discuss an issue, join a particular group or get involved on behalf of the community, Bridging the Gap can help."

Contact Karen for more information on 0161 368 2096, karen.dunn@hnp.org.uk or call in to the HNP offices.

Employment project is

making a difference

TWO more young people from Hattersley's E2E (Entry to Employment) project have been gaining valuable experience working alongside local employers.

The project, which is for 16 to 18 year olds who are not involved in any form of learning, training or employment, provides them with development activities to improve their employment prospects.

Local girl Kerry Dickinson said: "When I started with E2E

I didn't have any qualifications or work experience and was really low on confidence but the course has changed all that. My outlook to work has changed, my chances of getting a job have improved and my confidence has come along, too."

Kerry has undertaken a number of courses as part of the project including first aid, telephone techniques and life skills.

She added: "My two work placements have given me valuable work experience. I feel better for being on the

course and the tutors go out of their way to help."

Fellow course member Danni Bevins told a similar story.

"I didn't like school so I left early and then just got in a rut. I couldn't see myself going back to school or college so the practical work and advice on E2E is just right. Now I am back in a proper routine and E2E and my work placement is giving me practical experience to add to my CV."

The E2E course, is delivered locally by the Shaw Trust, and lasts an average of 22 weeks. It runs for 16 hours over three days a week and learners are entitled to a weekly allowance of £30.

They are also supported by Tameside Connexions.

Anyone who is interested in E2E should call Michelle O'Donnell on 07964 529887 or 0161 947 4813 or Step Ahead on 0161 368 2096.



ATTENTION EMPLOYERS!

Can you help provide practical experience for a young person on E2E? If you could provide a work based placement for half a day per week, or more, please contact Michelle O'Donnell on the above number.

Phase 2 development at sports centre is out of the starting blocks

WORK on the £3.1m Phase 2 development of the Ken Ward Sports Centre (KWSC) started in July.

The new development, due to open in April 2010 and funded by Tameside Council, is part of a restructuring of local facilities, including the redevelopment of Longendale Recreation Centre as a specialised gymnastics facility and the relocation of

indoor bowling to the Etherow Centre in Broadbottom.

Local community group Active Hattersley worked closely with Tameside Council on the design of the facility, which includes most of the items on the 'wish list', put together after visits to other sports centres and consultation with local people.

Popular facilities such as the Boxing Club and The Gym will be relocated to the KWSC, which will have a health suite with sauna and steam rooms, a dance room, lectures rooms and a lounge area. The sports hall will be viewable from upper areas of the building and will be able to seat up to 600 people.

Cllr Roy Oldham, Executive Leader of Tameside Council, said "The tremendous contribution local people make to sports development in Hattersley is widely recognised and is something we want to build on.

"We don't want to lose the



community ownership and drive that have made us so successful but we want to take advantage of the additional resources that may be available through Tameside Council or other partners.

"Tameside Council is looking to develop a unique management model that allows the KWSC to continue to be community led but which utilises the resource and expertise of others with experience in management of similar facilities.

"We are all agreed that we want to retain and build on achievements to date and make sure that the KWSC becomes an established and well-run facility".

Contact The Terrier

If you have any suggestions for articles, call Chris Haynes on 0161 368 2096 or call into the Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership Offices.



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