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# The Hattersley **Terrier**



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## Ruth makes a House call

THE Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Ruth Kelly MP, recently acknowledged, in the House of Commons, the innovative work going on in Hattersley.

Announcing the formation of Communities England - an amalgamation of the Housing Corporation and English Partnerships whose main aims will be decent homes, housing growth and urban regeneration, - she went on to say:

“Communities England will be tasked with embedding new and innovative approaches to regenerating strategic sites. In Hattersley in Tameside, for example, an integrated approach to estate transformation is delivering decent homes, new private housing, new commercial and community centres and local jobs, and enhanced transport links to Manchester.”

Said Hazel Cooper, manager of HNP: “This is further evidence that, following enormous efforts from local residents, Tameside Council, Contour Housing, English Partnerships, Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership and Hattersley and Mottram Peoples Association, Hattersley is set to become a ‘flagship’ development and a community model that others will follow.”



# Media spotlight on Hattersley

**J**ANUARY saw Milton Keynes celebrating the 40th anniversary of its being designated as the last and largest of the UK's New Towns and, alerted by the tremendous developments in the pipeline for Hattersley, both BBC Radio Manchester and television's

Channel M came to find out more.

The media seemed eager to draw comparisons between Hattersley and Milton Keynes as areas which were newly developed in the Sixties. However, the focus was very much on local regeneration with the interviewers keen to find out the area has fared and why Hattersley was the subject of such ambitious development plans.

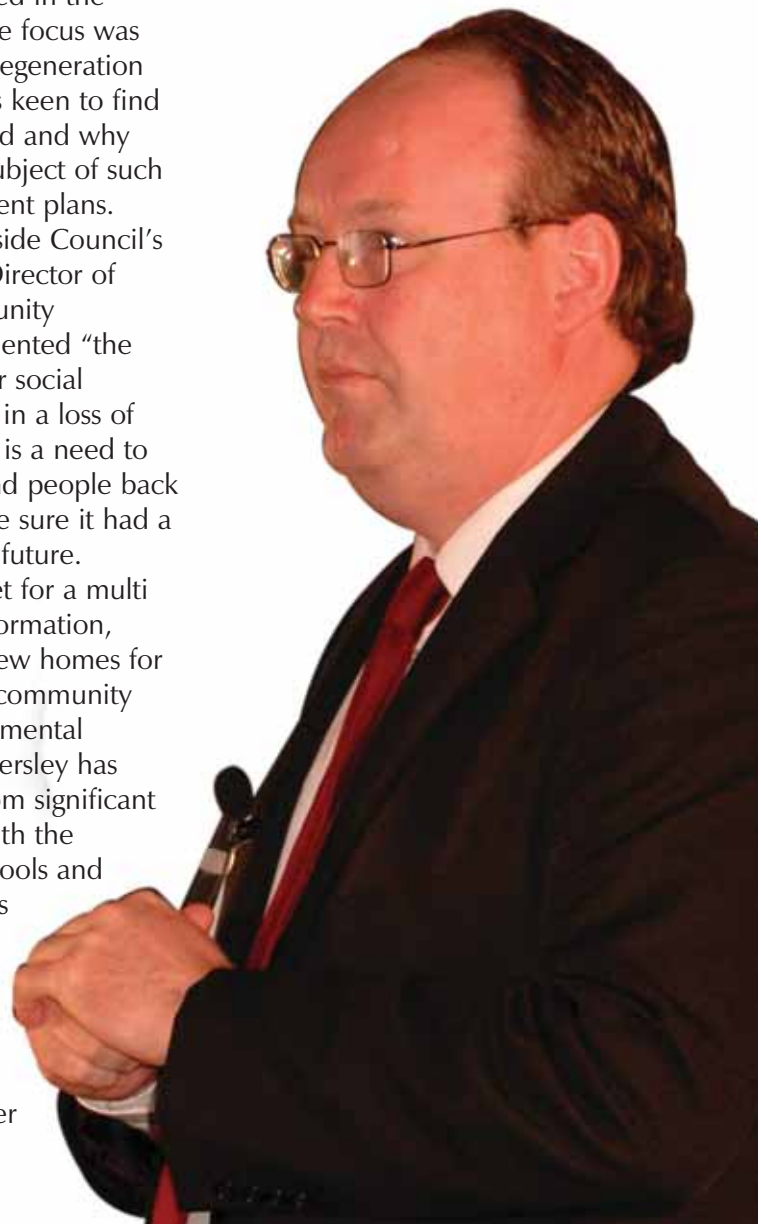
Huw Davies, Tameside Council's Assistant Executive Director of Housing and Community Regeneration, commented “the changing demand for social housing has resulted in a loss of properties and there is a need to attract investment and people back to Hattersley to make sure it had a successful long-term future.

“The area is now set for a multi million pound transformation, which will include new homes for sale, new retail and community facilities and environmental improvements. Hattersley has already benefited from significant recent investment with the provision of new schools and a fantastic new sports centre and, in housing terms, is now classed as an area in demand.

Channel M also interviewed a number

of residents including Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership's Sharron Power, who moved to Hattersley in the sixties from Ardwick.

She said “Hattersley is a really close community. There are a lot of people who moved here in the sixties that are still here. There was a period when people moved away but now many of these are trying to come back”.



**Huw Davies, faces the media**

## Cash boost for Point 2 Point

HATTERSLEY'S successful community transport company, Point 2 Point, entered its fourth year of operation in 2007, with continued financial support from Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership and Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Authority.

Point 2 Point was established in 2003 and, in the year ending March 31, 2006, provided trips for more than 64 different groups, 600 registered Hattersley homes and 12,000 passengers. It covered more than 52,000 miles.

The Local Link service offered by Point 2 Point provides Hattersley residents with door-to-door transport and covers local destinations such as Hyde, Ashton and Stalybridge. Bookings can be made up to one hour in advance but up to seven days advance booking is available. Residents need to register for the service by telephone on 08456 05 55 05.

Point 2 Point also has two, fully accessible, 16-seat minibuses for hire to groups or organisations from anywhere in Tameside.

Volunteer drivers are available but many groups supply their own driver. Drivers must be over 25 years and have completed Midas training.

To book a minibus or enquire about the self-drive option, telephone Point 2 Point on 0161 367 8014.



# Clean Sweepers are back!

**HATTERSLEY'S street cleaning team, which was disbanded in April last year after funding ran out, has returned.**

The new team now has four members instead of three and includes two local residents.

Hattersley is the only area in Tameside to have its own, dedicated street cleansing team and the fact that the area is now one of the cleanest areas in Tameside shows what a big difference the Clean Sweep Team has made.

The team pick litter, remove fly-tipping and deal with

range of environmental problems around Hattersley, often responding to one-off situations such as making areas safe after heavy snow fall or gritting pathways. They have also won the contract to clean the District Centre on a daily basis..

The team has a regular schedule of work but will tackle other jobs reported to the Tameside Call Centre. To report an incident or job contact the call centre on 0161 342 3941.



## Beyond the call of duty

The Clean Sweep team proved its versatility during high winds in January, stepping in when a large heavy Christmas light display came away from its lamp post. The light was blowing violently in the strong wind and was in danger of falling. The team set up a cordon and phoned through for help. Just after they made the area safe the display crashed to the ground.

# Hattersley flies the flag at Tameside Neighbourhood Renewal Conference

**H**ATTERSLEY residents were once again flying the flag for the area at the Tameside Neighbourhood Renewal Conference, held in January at Dukinfield Town Hall.

The conference set out to share successful approaches to local regeneration with decision makers and service providers from across Tameside and encourage them to consider adopting similar approaches.

Keynote speakers on the day were Phil Woolas MP, Minister of State for Department for Communities and

Local Government (DCLG), and Elaine Applebee MBE, Chief Executive of Bradford Vision and a Neighbourhood Renewal Advisor.

Phil Woolas gave a mention to Hattersley when pointing out, that across all Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder areas, satisfaction with the area as a place to live now averaged a healthy 75% but in Hattersley this was measured at 85%.

Keynote speaker Elaine Applebee attended the Hattersley Community Engagement Workshop before she delivered her presentation to the conference. Elaine remarked on how impressed she had been with the Hattersley workshop

and, in particular, the achievements and involvement of local residents.

Professional speaker and facilitator on the day was Phil Hesketh who entertained the conference with his humorous observations on life. Phil, who sat in on one of the Hattersley workshops, told delegates how he has been impressed by the story of local resident June Burns who told how her 15-year-old son Charlie had his photographs included in an exhibition on regeneration at the Lowry Centre. Phil was particularly impressed that the Lowry had asked Charlie to stage another exhibition in 10 years time, using this to illustrate the importance of having targets to work towards.

## MP makes a promise

VICE CHAIR of the Partnership, Eloise Goodwin is making a habit of speaking with Government Ministers. The last edition of the Terrier included an article in which Eloise was pictured with MPs Ed Milliband and Ruth Kelly.

This conference provided another opportunity to speak directly with the nation's policy makers. Seizing the opportunity, when Phil Woolas MP invited questions, Eloise asked whether there was still commitment from the Department for Communities and Local Government to support the national Neighbourhood Management conference for residents in the future, as funding for this year's conference was in some doubt.

Eloise, who has been heavily involved in previous national events for residents of Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder areas, was assured by the Minister that he would take this up with the DCLG and that funds would be found.

Phil Woolas MP addresses the Tameside Neighbourhood Renewal Conference

## Hattersley Workshops

HATTERSLEY'S contribution to the event included a series of workshops which featured local residents giving honest and, often, moving accounts of their experiences.

The Community Engagement workshop showcased 'The Hattersley Approach to Community Engagement' and featured local residents who had been encouraged to try out various courses and activities by the Local Learning Coordinator, Sharron Power.

Residents Anita Appleby, June Burns and Margaret Dillon spoke about their experiences of regeneration and how it has affected them. Delegates contrasted their initial low confidence and reluctance to become involved in activities with the benefits they eventually realised, such as new confidence, new skills, work in the community, a better quality of life and a sense of purpose.

The Community Arts Officer explained the purpose of arts as a method of engaging with the community, helping people gain new skills and confidence and building community pride. This presentation showcased work with people of all ages on projects such as dance, music and photography and displayed the reasons why arts has such a key role to play in regeneration.

Local residents and members of the Hattersley Community Audit Team, Eloise Goodwin and Eilish McManus, then gave a rundown of the audit of local community groups the team completed on behalf of Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership in July 2006.

The audit has resulted in a more thorough knowledge of the make-up and needs of local groups and has already lead to a small grants fund being set up to support group development.

Eloise and Eilish also spoke of the personal benefits resulting from the audit including the qualifications they received as a result of working on the project.

Environment and Housing also benefited from the 'Hattersley experience' as Brenda Duddridge and Chris Thean, resident chair and coordinator of the Environment and Housing Theme group, respectively, delivered a workshop that focused on the work and success of Hattersley's environmental cleansing team – the Clean Sweep Team.

Local residents, right, have their say at the conference (from top) Anita Appleby, June Burns and Margaret Dillon



# New Charter's look for 'Project Underwood'

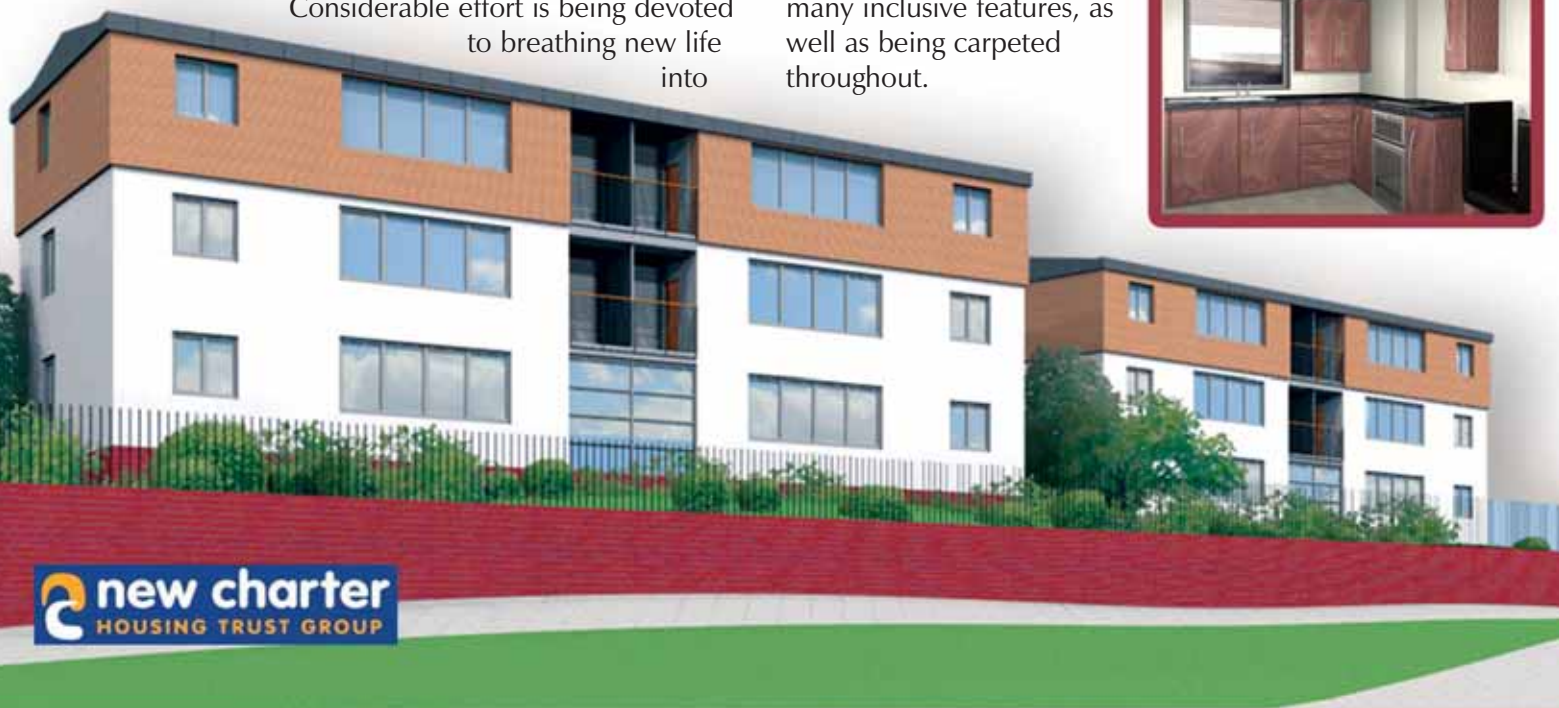
THE New Charter Housing Trust has, in recent months, turned its attention to developing some of the properties that it owns in Hattersley, in what they call 'Project Underwood'.

This focuses on the refurbishment of 12 two-bedroom apartments on Underwood Road. More than £1 million is being invested in improvements and the homes, when completed, will be the first to be offered by New Charter for private renting at current market rates.

Considerable effort is being devoted to breathing new life into

the properties and a show apartment will be opening in the near future.

The re-modelled apartments, which will be available for occupation from April 2007, will be finished to a high quality with secure parking and many inclusive features, as well as being carpeted throughout.



## Work underway on new play areas

FOLLOWING approval of funding and a process of community consultation, Fairway Landscapes Ltd have been appointed as contractor to build the two new play spaces at Melandra Crescent and Clough End Road.

The developments are scheduled to be completed by April 2007 and will hopefully be the first of a number of play new areas developed in Hattersley over the next few years.

We will keep you up to date with progress in the Terrier but, if you require any further information, contact Chris Thean at the Partnership offices or by telephone on 0161 368 2096.



# Community groups in the money

**T**HE Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership Board recently approved four funding applications from local groups and project teams.

## Community Grants

The need for a Community Grants Fund, identified through an audit of community groups in Hattersley, resulted in an allocation of £70,000. The Audit, carried out by a group of local people in 2006, identified a need for local community and voluntary groups to access small amounts of grant funding to assist their future sustainability and continue to support the development of skills, knowledge and confidence of volunteers.

Small grants will now be available up to March 2008, through submission of a short application form outlining what the funding would be used for. A small panel made up of the Chair of the Neighbourhood Partnership and representatives of the Community Audit Team will be responsible for overseeing the process and approving applications. The process for applying for these funds is now being developed and we will be contacting local groups shortly with information.

## The Gym

The Gym was the subject of an application to fund refurbishment of shower, changing and toilet facilities, at the premises on Hattersley Road East. These areas were not included in the original refurbishment work in 2001.

The application for £35,000 was supported by a survey, carried out by Tameside Council, which highlighted that these areas needed upgrading, not only to provide adequate facilities for users but also to comply with

Health & Safety and the Disability Discrimination Acts.

## The Ken Ward Sports Centre

The Ken Ward Sports Centre was also successful with a bid totalling £48,950 to upgrade facilities

Following the opening of the facility in September 2006, users of the centre were asked for comments on the facilities and the improvements they would most like to see. This identified the main needs as installation of CCTV, provision of seating, dug-outs, access gates to retrieve balls and litter bins and bike racks.

These additions will provide users with added security and provide facilities similar to those other centres currently enjoy.

## Play Spaces

An application for £63,000 to support the design and build of two children's play spaces was approved. The allocation will contribute towards an estimated total cost of £262,776, which will include landscaping and twelve months maintenance costs. The play spaces will be sited at Melandra Crescent, on the site of the former Underwood Social Club and Clough End Road, on the site of an existing but derelict children's park.

## Manager moves on to new pastures

**HATTERSLEY** Neighbourhood Partnership said farewell to Community Development Manager Lesley Connor in December, as she moved on to pastures new.

Local resident Lesley has now become team leader for representation and participation at T3SC in Ashton.

Hazel Cooper, HNP Manager, said: "We send our best wishes and thanks to Lesley for all her hard work on behalf of staff and residents."

The post left vacant by Lesley's departure will now be included in the planning of future sustainability arrangements for Hattersley, once Neighbourhood Management funding ceases in March 2009.



The Ken Ward Sports Centre.

## About the Terrier

Welcome to the third edition of the Hattersley Terrier, which is published every two months by the partners active in the regeneration of Hattersley. These include: Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership, Tameside Council, Contour Housing, Peak Valley Housing Association and English Partnerships. We will bring you updates on the redevelopments taking place in the area and will also feature news on topics such as housing, jobs and training, children and young people, community safety, health, leisure and the environment.

If you have any suggestions for articles, call Chris Haynes on 0161 368 2096 or call into the Hattersley Neighbourhood Partnership offices at 10-13 Kingston Arcade.

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# Hattersley sport hits cyber space

**A** NEW addition to Hattersley's Internet family arrived in January with the launch of a website dedicated to sport in Hattersley - [www.hattersleysports.org.uk](http://www.hattersleysports.org.uk)

On the site there's information about local sporting activities, events and facilities, with features news and information on activities such as the summer sports camps, the Four Seasons Games, the Sport in the Community Certificate, the Gym, Hattersley Bowling Club, the Ken Ward Sports Centre, Mottram and Hattersley Boxing Club, Hattersley

Football Club and Active Hattersley Community Sports Club.

Hattersley Sport in the Community created the website and will be encouraging local people to use and contribute to it. Events for 2007 advertised on the website include The Four Seasons Games 2006/07 - a primary school event for children in years 4, 5 and 6, events at The Gym such as ladies circuit training for all abilities and fitness levels and the soon-to-start ladies jogging club.



## Shaun passes his Level 1

CONGRATULATIONS to Shaun Clayton for passing his Level 1 certificate in Football Coaching. The newly appointed manager of Hattersley FC Under 15s achieved the award after being assessed on areas such as safe coaching skills, child protection and emergency aid.

Shaun, who worked towards the qualification at the Ken Ward Sports Centre, will use his coaching expertise to improve the Under 15s side which is top of its league.

There are two further Level 1 Football Coaching courses scheduled to be held at the Ken Ward Sports Centre, with the first in March. Find out more by contacting Football Development Officer's Andy or Paul on 0161 366 5545.

