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Glowing Report

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Burngreave Cleans Up

“I Live in Burngreave” – finalist in the Best Newsletter category at the 2005 regional CIPR awards.

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New Deal for Communities, Sheffield
Hi, and welcome to the second edition of “I live in Burngreave”, which is one of the many ways Burngreave New Deal for Communities keeps you informed about how we are spending money in the area to tackle the issues and priorities identified by local people.

I’m sure everybody agrees that Burngreave is a cleaner, greener and safer place than it was a couple of years ago. The additional resources BNDfC has put into improving facilities in Abbeyfield and Osgathorpe Park and employing more street cleaners, a dedicated police team, neighbourhood wardens and an anti-social behaviour team has resulted in 50 per cent less litter on the streets, a 40 per cent reduction in crime and a new bowling green and play facilities in the parks.

On top of this, we jointly funded the Sure Start Centre which opened in September, providing high quality children and family services. Our investment in local schools through initiatives like the employment of Classroom Assistants and Community Education Co-ordinators is driving up the achievement of young and older people in the area.

I hope you will be as inspired as I am by reading about the wonderful things local people and organisations are achieving. There is still a lot to do but we have made real measurable progress and if we all work together, we will make Burngreave a place we’re all proud to live, work and play in.

Many thanks.

“Spital Hill feels much safer now the CCTV cameras are up. When I was younger I’d never come down but now it is one of my favourite places as people can just happily walk around. It is quite a friendly area too.”

Yassin Sahid
Now is your chance to ask us exactly what you want to know. We will be holding our next public meeting on Saturday 3 December at Verdon Recreation Centre. If you have something to say then come along and share your comments and questions. There will be exhibition stalls from a wide range of BNDfC funded projects for you to find out more about the work they do and how you can get involved. BNDfC funds, or part funds, over 85 projects which all benefit you – the residents of Burngreave. Projects are wide ranging from childcare opportunities to street cleaning services. Get involved and get the most out of living in Burngreave!

The community representatives who you elected onto the New Deal Partnership Board will be on hand to answer your questions and listen to your comments. If you have a specific question you can either send it to us before the event, or simply turn up on the day. The New Deal team will also be at the event to answer questions and offer guidance on how you can get involved to help make your community a place to be proud of. If you would like to send us your question before the event, you can post it to:
John Clark, BNDfC, Harleston Street, Sheffield, S4 7QB  
Or you can email your question to: enquiries@bndfc.co.uk

We welcome your comments and questions and the information officers at the BNDfC Information Shop on Spital Hill are always available to receive your comments or answer your questions.

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**Did you know?**

Over the past two and a half years, the BNDfC Safer Homes Project has fitted 589 house alarms, 1,961 smoke alarms and 100 security lights to houses in the BNDfC area. In addition, 1,032 Burngreave properties have benefited from target hardening such as door locks and window locks.
“The people are great and I like the diversity of the area - it is like a breath of fresh air. I like standing on the streets just watching people go by and having a chat with people I know.”

Mohamed Jamal

Glowing report for study support project

A unique project which supports young Somali people in Burngreave with their school work has received glowing reports. The IT-community school subject support project, based on Spital Lane, aims to support underachieving Somali children from Burngreave by providing tutored teaching sessions every evening after school.

Funded by just over £84,000 a year from BNDfC, the project has gone from strength-to-strength over recent years. Thirteen-year-old Mohamed Ali, who is in year eight at Firvale School, said: “I have been attending the homework club since the day it started three years ago and since then I have increased to a level that I never believed could be possible for me. Coming from a country that does not speak English, it is very hard to fit in to a country that does but thanks to the people who have supported me, I now have the chance to fulfill my dreams of becoming a doctor.

“My confidence has increased and my school has noticed a big difference too. Sometimes at school things can move so quickly so coming to the club means I have time to go back for checking. I want to say thank you to all those people who have supported the homework club for their help,” he added.

Mohamed’s Mum, Sahra Jama was also full of praise. “I am very pleased Mohamed is involved in the project, I have seen a big difference in him and his grades have improved.”

Focussed towards Somali children, the project is now also developing further by opening up to other ethnic communities in the area to provide additional support for youngsters. Project manager Mohamed Issa, said “The project has received excellent feedback from parents and the children who attend. We are also working very closely with the local primary and secondary schools so we can determine an individual child’s needs and help to meet them together.

“Many of the children have experienced improving school results showing that the support we provide alongside the work of local schools is of huge benefit.”

Burngreave cleans up!

A special clean up initiative in Burngreave has been given the thumbs up after helping to achieve a 50 per cent reduction in the amount of litter in the area.

Under a unique agreement between Burngreave New Deal for Communities and Sheffield City Council to improve services in Burngreave, a number of projects were set up to enhance the physical appearance and general environment in Burngreave. These included the Environmental Maintenance Project (EMP), an additional maintenance and street cleaning team for Burngreave to keep the streets and open spaces clean, and the neighbourhood wardens, a team who patrol the area taking practical action to make Burngreave a better place to live.

Nick Hetherington, Head of Street Scene at Sheffield City Council, said: “Local people had voiced their concerns about the amount of litter and fly tipping in the area so we are delighted with the interventions we have made so far. A reduction in litter by half is a great achievement but we do recognise there is more work to be done.

“We are now starting an education and information campaign to raise awareness amongst people in the community about the need for us all to play our part in keeping the area tidy - if people still insist on making a mess in our area it will still be a problem. We will be working with local schools and starting a leaflet and poster campaign to encourage the public to think twice about dropping litter or dumping rubbish.”

A Cleaner, Greener, Safer (CGS) monitoring group was created to regularly walk around the area to assess the impact of these projects and to look for particular ‘hot-spots’ that can be reported back to be cleaned up.

Tony Hall, Chair of the CGS monitoring group as part of his role as a BNDfC partnership board member, says they are now taking a hard line approach to those who do leave behind a mess. He said: “We want to get a message out to people both within Burngreave and also city-wide that dumping rubbish will not be tolerated and we will be clamping down hard on offenders. Sheffield City Council will prosecute anyone found dumping rubbish or dropping litter in Burngreave with a £50 fixed penalty fine.”

Anyone in the Burngreave area who wants more information on the initiative or wants to report a hot-spot area can contact the BNDfC Neighbourhood Community Wardens on 272 5057 or phone the Street Force call centre on 273 4567.

Mohamed Ali, 13, and his mum, Sahra Jama.
Childcare provision in Burngreave has received a boost following the introduction of a brand new state-of-the-art facility.

The Sure Start Children’s Centre on Spital Street, which was created with the help of capital investment from BNDfC, opened for business at the end of September. It offers families in the New Deal area a one-stop shop for access to early years services – bringing together flexible childcare, education, family support, health services and a community clinic.

The exciting new venue has been designed to act as a focal point for the whole community, encouraging a better mix of education, health and support services to try and meet the needs of all families and their children.

BNDfC works in partnership with Sure Start and Sheffield City Council to provide a wealth of quality childcare options across Burngreave. Families with children aged six months to five years old also have access to three New Deal funded voluntary sector projects. These are:

- **Ellesmere Young Children’s Centre on Maxwell Road** was rated as ‘very good’ during a recent Ofsted inspection. The day nursery caters for up to 50 children and the centre’s staff members also look after special needs youngsters with autism, muscular dystrophy and cerebral palsy. The Ellesmere Centre focuses on working closely with young people, helping them to develop and learn through early years education goals. They are continually looking for new ways of learning, highlighted by the centre’s plans for a sensory garden to enhance outdoor education.

- **The Yemeni Community Childcare Centre based on Burngreave Road** provides free registered day care for children whose parents attend training courses. Parents can sign up for a range of courses from IT training to an Introduction to Childcare. Children can be registered for sessional or full day care in the nursery based on the parents needs. The nursery centre’s staff members teach English and also help youngsters to learn home languages, such as Arabic and Urdu. Children are taken on regular outings to places including Abbeyfield Park and Burngreave library as well as annual visits to Chatsworth Farm and Skegness.

- **The Black Women’s Resource Centre (BWRC) on Burngreave Road** is a unique voluntary organisation, which offers an early years and childcare service. Their project is led and managed by the black community of Burngreave. BWRC is Ofsted registered and provides full day care for up to 28 children, operating from 8am-6pm. A team of nine staff, from different cultures, and all with level two and three nursery nursing qualifications, deliver quality integrated nursery education and childcare provision. Children benefit from a mixture of learning experiences and BWRC enables parent and carers to take up education, training and employment opportunities.

For more information about childcare in Burngreave call the Children’s Information Service on 0114 275 6699.

**Achieving dreams**

Local resident **Muna Saeed** has always wanted to run her own nail salon, but when her daughter, Deena Haimeed, was born four years ago, all career plans had to be put on hold. Now, with the help of local childcare facilities, Muna’s business dreams are back on track.

“It’s always been my lifelong ambition to start up a nail business in Burngreave, but looking after a young child and training to become a nail technician didn’t really go hand in hand! When Deena was about two and half, I came across the Yemeni Community Centre and registered her for full-day care at the crèche. Immediately, this freed up my time during the day and meant I was able to sign up for a training course in nail technology.

“The course has really helped me to better myself and I now feel much more independent and confident when it comes to dealing with people and problems. My practical nail training comes to an end next month and I’ve already registered for a second training scheme in business management, which should place me in a strong position to get the salon up and running.

“What has really improved my quality of life though is knowing that Deena absolutely loves going to the crèche and she is really happy spending her day in such a comfortable and homely environment. She is learning all the basic literacy and numeracy skills, in both English and Arabic, and mixing with children from a range of different cultures.

“Together the training courses and childcare facilities have made a real difference to our lives and it shows just what can be achieved if people take advantage of the wide range of opportunities on offer in Burngreave.”

**Did you know?**

Up to a third of families with three year olds in some parts of Burngreave fail to take up their entitlement to free childcare.
The Burngreave Community Wardens Team works in partnership to make our local community a cleaner and safer place.

Based on Spital Street, the New Deal funded organisation acts as the eyes and ears of the community, providing a first point of call for local people.

Ten trained wardens work in two shifts of five, an early shift and a late shift, patrolling the streets of Burngreave seven days a week.

We spoke to Sue Barr, a local resident and warden on the late shift. Sue describes a typical day in the life of a community warden.

1pm
The late shift team arrives at the Community Wardens office for a briefing session with the wardens from the morning shift. We talk through any issues and problems that may have cropped up during the morning, and they also handover any incidents that are still to be dealt with. This daily meeting is really useful because it means we are all aware of what is going on in the community and it helps us to carry out our job as efficiently as possible.

2pm
Once we are fully briefed, the late shift team then heads out on patrol, covering the 14 different patches in Burngreave. This can involve a variety of things from reporting graffiti and un-taxed cars to securing uneven pavements. We go just about everywhere there is to go in Burngreave, helping local residents, old and young. Often, we are responding to requests from people who contact us by phone or just call into the office with a problem. We also identify weaknesses in the community and proactively tackle issues whilst out and about.

2.50pm
Part of our daily routine from Monday to Friday involves patrolling the two main primary schools in the area, Pye Bank and Byron Wood. The early shift wardens are always at the school gates in the morning and the late shift team also patrols at the gates in the afternoon.

It is our job to make sure home time goes as smoothly as possible and simply having a presence there seems to really help. We also resolve any parking problems, try and keep the roads clear for the school buses and generally make sure that kids leave the school area as safely as possible.

4.40pm
The team heads back to the office to report any incidents from the first half of our shift. We fill out incident reports forms, which officially log problems, such as flytipping or illegal parking. Depending on the particular issue, we then contact the relevant community project or local partner to help us resolve the problem as quickly and smoothly as possible. This may involve us liaising with the Environment Team, Street Force or the Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

5.30pm
After a short break, we go back out to patrol the streets for the early evening period, responding to any problems that crop up and identifying community weaknesses. We patrol in a special maroon coloured uniform, which is designed to make people feel comfortable about approaching us but at the same time deter any possible offenders from causing trouble.

8pm
The five late shift wardens return to the Community Wardens Office on Spital Street for a final debrief. We log any incidents from the evening patrol session and pick out any action points from the shift. These are written on a main white board in the office ready for the early shift wardens to follow up when they arrive in the morning.

For more information about the Community Wardens call into the office at 47 Spital Street or contact Darren Walsh on 0114 272 5057.

Did you know?
In order to deliver the BNDfC programme effectively, we work closely with other organisations which we call our partners. They are:

Sheffield City Council, North Sheffield Primary Care Trust, South Yorkshire Police, Jobcentre Plus and the Learning and Skills Council.

Warden’s reward
A Community Warden has scooped a prestigious prize for her work in supporting elderly residents in Burngreave.

Diane Street won the Quality of Service Award from Sheffield Homes, a council run organisation set up to create clean, attractive neighbourhoods across Sheffield.

Judges commended Diane for her continued work with an elderly gentleman who was suffering with very poor health. Diane assisted him by contacting the relevant community services to help improve his everyday quality of life.
Local resident Saduf Khan is helping to improve the health and well-being of people across Burngreave.

Saduf, who completed an Introduction to Community Development and Health Course (ICDH) five years ago, has now developed her very own Holistic Health course. She was inspired to train as a community development and health worker after taking part in the ICDH course, which forms part of BNDFC’s Community Health Educators Programme.

"ICDH was one of the best things I have ever done – it has totally transformed my life," said Saduf.

"At the time of my training, I was a local parent who just wanted to do more to improve the health of my family. So I decided to sign up for the 14-week open college network accredited course, which I completed with a team of students at Ellesmere Young Children’s Centre.

"As part of ICDH, we looked into issues relating to our own personal health and the health of the local community, covering units in the holistic approach, changing health needs and recognising and building against the strength of the community.

“It was a fantastic experience and I really enjoyed learning about the importance of good health and how to achieve this. So much so, that after the course had come to an end, I registered for teacher training at Saddaca Community Centre in The Wicker.”

This training enabled Saduf to start work as a Home-Start volunteer, before joining the local Sure Start Burngreave and Fir Vale firstly as a volunteer worker, then as a parental involvement worker, then a parental involvement coordinator and finally as a health worker.

Saduf added: “Pulling together all my new skills and knowledge, I developed a brand new ten-week holistic health course, which I now run as part of my Sure Start role.

"I teach groups of students all about the balance of good health, the five-a-day initiative and the government’s aims to reduce fat, salt and sugar intake in our diet.

“We cover fitness and exercise modules by going swimming and walking, and I arrange for professional speakers to come to our centre on Verdon Street and talk about alternative health therapies. I also lead practical sessions in how to make healthy breakfasts, three course meals and lunch boxes for kids.

“So far I have run four holistic health courses and they are proving really popular with around 12 people attending each session. I have also recently started a HND degree in Applied Health Promotion in order to further enhance my skills as a Sure Start worker.

“It’s fantastic that from just one ICDH course I have gone to achieve so much and I’m able to do a job that I love, while at the same time helping local people.”

If you are interested in taking part in a community health course please contact Saduf Khan on 0114 252 5220 or 07866 779819.

Saduf Khan

Saduf’s favourite healthy eating recipes

**Breaded chicken**

2 chicken breasts
Cornflour
1 beaten egg
Breadcrumbs (or stale bread)

Cut the chicken into small chunks and cook in a frying pan for 10 minutes, then set aside to cool.

Beat the egg in a bowl, then coat the chicken in cornflour, egg mixture and breadcrumbs (stale bread ground up).

Place the chicken on a baking tray and cook in the oven at 200c/400f/gas mark 6 for 15-20 minutes until the chicken is golden brown.

**Fruit smoothie**

1 fresh pineapple
1 lemon
1 carton of orange juice

Chop up the pineapple into small chunks. Add the juice of one freshly squeezed lemon and a carton of orange juice. Blend together all the ingredients and serve chilled.

**Coleslaw**

1 small cabbage
1 small onion
1 carrot
Mayonnaise
Sea salt
Black pepper

Finely chop up the cabbage, onion and carrot and place the ingredients in a large bowl.

Mix in two large tablespoons of mayonnaise and season with the salt and black pepper. Mix together well and serve.

Saduf’s top five healthy eating tips

1. Swap fizzy drinks for fruit juice, water or milk
2. Instead of sweets, try raisins or dried apricots as a healthy snack between meals.
3. Make sure meals are balanced with proteins (chicken, lamb or fish) and vegetables or pulses.
4. Fresh fruit and vegetables that are in season are far more nutritious and much cheaper to buy.
5. Instead of crisps try breadsticks and rice cakes dipped in hummus.

Roasted vegetables

1 pepper
1 stick of celery
1 red onion
A handful of cherry tomatoes
Italian seasoning
Olive oil

Cut up all the vegetables and place in a mixing bowl.

Pour two large tablespoons of olive oil over the vegetables, add the Italian seasoning to taste and mix well.

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KELVIN PINE

The BNDfC Partnership Board has 25 places of which ten are for residents who are elected by local people as community representatives. Every two years, five places are put up for election with those chosen carrying out a four-year term.

The other places are:

- Five representatives from local voluntary/community organisations in Burngreave
- One local councillor representing the Area Panel
- Three representatives from the Business community, two of which are for members elected by the Burngreave Business Forum and one of which is for a representative of the local Chamber of Commerce
- Six representatives from the Statutory Sector e.g. Police, Sheffield City Council

Why get involved?

Lots of people often have views about their community - things they want to change, see improve or even to shout about when things are going well. But the majority of us just sit back and watch things happen. To find out what it takes to make that extra step and get involved, we spoke to two newly appointed community reps to find out more...

Beryl Peck, who has lived in Burngreave for 27 years, was elected on to the board in July. “The board has a very important role,” explains Beryl. “There needs to be a system in place that holds the purse strings and is an equaliser for everybody’s views. My perception of the board meetings

so far are that they are creative places too where ideas are collated, discussed and thought through,” she added.

“I have always been a champion of equal opportunities for all members of the community – those in a cycle of deprivation sometimes need people to stand up for them to get the resources they require for equality. I have done this from the grass roots up as a health visitor but now I thought I could help from the other side and join the Partnership Board of New Deal.”

Beryl also feels that there are enough attempts by BNDfC to involve the community for her to be part of the process. She says: “From my point of view, New Deal is not about telling people what to do - if it was, I don’t think I could be involved.

“It is an incredibly big commitment if you commit to everything but I am hoping to focus on health and education – two areas that I feel passionate about. At the moment I am just taking my time to absorb all the information and get to know all aspects of New Deal but I’m positive that I can achieve the balance between my home and family life and the work I do as a board member.”

Ronnie Lewin aged 33, was born and brought up in Burngreave. Says Ronnie: “I am really interested in motivating and energising people in Burngreave and to help instill self confidence in them which I feel is so important.

“I am particularly keen to engage young people in positive activities so they have role models to aspire to. We need to be able to fully understand their needs and how they want these to be addressed. Bridging the gap

Did you know?

There are lots of way you can get involved in BNDfC:

Contact the New Deal theme managers and go along to the monthly theme meetings where you can find out what's going on, share your ideas, voice your opinions, and report problems or issues. Everyone living in the Burngreave NDC area is welcome to attend.

Get involved with local projects - they are here for you to benefit from.

Pop in and use the Information Shop on Spital Hill. The shop gives you access to all the information about Burngreave’s services and beyond.
between the older and younger generation will also play a vital role.”

So, what about the board’s role? Says Ronnie: “The board has a dual responsibility really. Firstly, to look at the community as a whole and analyse the need that is there but secondly, to deliver this within the themes set by the Government. We also have to make sure that the community is getting value for money - we have to see achievement on the ground not just in glossy brochures.

“I am here because I want to see more changes and the only way to do that is to contribute to the New Deal process. I am in contact with the Community Engagement Team as I feel they are the public face that leads the two-way communication between BNDfC and the community – I hope to get more involved with the focus group meetings as time goes on as I develop in the areas I am particularly interested in – community engagement and business.”

Leaving a legacy
Kelvin Pine was a community representative for five years before stepping down at the elections earlier this year. A Burngreave resident for 29 years, Kelvin had been involved in local community initiatives long before BNDfC was established. Says Kelvin;

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“I have enjoyed seeing projects that I have helped to develop come to fruition and it is good to see everyone’s hard work pay off.”

Kelvin says that people need one quality to take that extra step and become involved. “Simply, you have to be interested in the welfare of others and be prepared to commit some of your time for the benefit of your community. New Deal will give you the help and support you need to achieve everything else.

“If you do get involved, there is a time commitment which isn’t necessarily a set amount of time each week - involvement can depend on the time of year, or what is happening that month. You can match the time you have to give to the things you get involved with. Different people are able to get involved at different levels - you decide.

“On the downside, the New Deal process can be very slow, bureaucratic and formal. I know that there are good reasons for this but at times this can be very frustrating.”

But, as Kelvin is quick to point out, everyone is very friendly and people are made to feel very welcome, he says: “There is always extra support available from New Deal staff if it is needed.”

In conclusion, he added “I've enjoyed my time as a board member but felt it was the right time to step down and let fresher faces with new ideas come in. As I step down, things are happening in many different areas, so let's hope we can consolidate, move forward and make sure that in the next five years we deliver a permanent improvement for everyone in our community.”

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RONNIE LEWIN

“We have some great facilities like the post office, JobNet, chemist, food shops and housing office. Having them all so near is ideal. The people in Burngreave are not as bad as everyone makes out – I enjoy working in the area too.”

Sandra

“I live in Burngreave” 9
The launch of a brand new project is set to change the way services for young people in Burngreave are to be delivered. ‘I live in Burngreave’ spoke to project manager, Zain Abdulla, to find out how you can get involved to get the provision you want and need.

Says Zain: “We felt there was no coordination in the provision of services for young people, particularly aged 11-19, in the area. To address this, Sheffield Futures and Connexions in partnership with BNDfC got together to set up this Burngreave Streetwork Project.

“We are still in the early stages of planning and organising but our aim is to get the project up and running, delivering services as soon as possible. In order to do this, we want to get young people involved in this first phase.”

An important part of Zain’s work at the moment is linking up with other voluntary and statutory organisations who service Burngreave. Adds Zain: “As well as hearing from young people in Burngreave who want to get involved, I am also looking to speak to other voluntary organisations who deliver services to young people who think I could be of service to them. Partnership working will be vital and we could provide training or financial help or general support to other projects to help them deliver their services.”

But getting young people involved from the beginning will be critical.

Says Zain: “We want them to be part of the decision making and organise how the programme will develop. We need them to tell us what they want to do and how.

This way there will be a greater degree of ownership of the project for them rather than us enforcing activities or events that they might not want to do!”

When talking about the activities to be provided Zain is quick to point out that these will cover a range of areas. “We are not just talking about going ten-pin bowling or playing football. There are a whole host of things we want to provide including developing the physical, psychological and spiritual side of young people.

“This could include taking part in sporting activities for health and fitness or just for pure fun and we could organise a monthly trip away but there will also be an educational element as well. We will be going out on the street to work with young people where we find them – in the shelter in Abbeyfield Park for example.

“At the moment I am working on my own but when we have developed the programme strategy, we will be employing youth workers to deliver the projects. Hopefully, these will be from within the Burngreave community too providing job opportunities for local people.”

There will soon be an information point on the Burngreave Streetwork Project at the BNDfC Information Shop on Spital Hill and it is hoped that drop-in sessions can be held there in the future.
Competition winner

In the last edition of ‘I live in Burngreave’, we gave you the chance to get your hands on a fab new computer.

Well, now we can reveal the lucky winner...

Congratulations go to: **Jack Warburton**, aged 7.

Jack was thrilled with his prize. He said: “I really like playing on it and it’s a lot better than our old one. I printed a picture and stuck it onto a t-shirt - it looked good.”

**Sparkle in style**

Children in Burngreave can celebrate in sparkling style this winter. BNDFC, together with partners, has organised a **festive fun party for more than 300 young people in the area.**

The multi-cultural event, which is ticket-only, will bring together children of all ages and their families for one big community get together. There will be a variety of activities and entertainment to choose from including presents, competitions, prizes and a disco.

To find out more please contact the Community Engagement Team on **0114 292 0393** or **07917014312** or email **leroybetts@bndfc.co.uk**

**Spreading the WWord...**

Don’t forget to take a look at the BNDFC website – **www.bndfc.co.uk** – you’ll find loads of information about what’s happening in Burngreave over the coming months and there’s also a chance to see what projects are up and running in the area. There’s lots for you to get involved with so don’t miss out!

Do you fancy yourself as a budding photographer?

If so, here’s your chance to win £50 worth of Meadowhall vouchers by entering our special photograph competition. To find out more about this and to attend a special workshop we are holding with a professional photographer, check out the back page of this magazine for details.

Bonfire night goes with a bang

Hundreds of people came down to the Petre Street playing fields to see the biggest firework display ever to be staged in Burngreave. BNDFC’s Community Engagement Team, in partnership with the Burngreave Sports Network, planned a host of exciting activities from early afternoon right into the evening. There was fun for all the family with fair rides, sports competitions, prizes and giveaways and, of course, the Burngreave bonfire.
**Budding entrepreneurs in Burngreave are being given the chance to shine thanks to the launch of an exciting new business partnership.**

BNDfC has joined forces with the national charity UnLtd, to support people with the commitment and ideas to make a positive difference in the New Deal area.

As part of the joint venture, UnLtd’s regional headquarters in Bradford will work with BNDfC to provide individuals with a complete package of funding and support, to help them start up and run projects that deliver long-term social change.

The partnership, which will initially run as a six-month pilot, was officially unveiled in September and was attended by representatives from the local community, BNDfC, UnLtd and support agencies.

Saghir Ahmed, BNDfC’s Business and Enterprise Champion, said: “We are really excited by the new partnership and anticipate that it will bring a host of new opportunities for local people in the New Deal area.

“Many members of the Abbeyfield bowling club are now settled at different clubs around the city as we didn’t have a playable surface in the area but now we hope we can reform the teams and get people back playing as soon as possible.”

The new green was possible thanks to funding given to the Burngreave Green Environment Project by Burngreave New Deal for Communities. Some final touches are being made to the turf so the green will be open for use some time next year.

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“Unfortunately over the years, the old green was left derelict and got badly vandalised so to get it back to full working order is fantastic and it does look marvellous now.

**Bowling is back!**

Bowling may not always have been the most fashionable of sports but it is definitely making a comeback in Burngreave!

The refurbished bowling green in Abbeyfield Park is looking stunning but as Abbeyfield Club member Winnie Bentley explains, there is a need for new people to come on board and get involved.

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For more information please contact Saghir Ahmed on 292 0463.
A service to be proud of...

There is such a lot going on in our community that it can often be difficult to keep up with all the developments. But a new and improved counselling service in Burngreave is one definitely not to be missed...

Counselling involves working with a trained counsellor sharing thoughts and feelings about yourself so that a better understanding of your situation is reached and you can change your life for the better.

Two years ago the four doctors practices in Burngreave, Burngreave Surgery, Melrose Surgery, Pitsmoor Surgery and Sheffield Medical Centre, had a limited counselling service with one hour of counselling per 1,000 patients in each surgery. This has now more than doubled thanks to a partnership between North Sheffield PCT and BNDfC who have helped expand counselling provision in the area.

New funding has allowed the Burngreave New Deal for Communities Counselling Service, based on Minna Road in a fully refurbished annexe to Pitsmoor Surgery, to be established. This has increased access to counselling from what had already been developed by this cluster of surgeries in the Burngreave area.

Menna Yarwood, counselling manager for Sheffield North PCT, said: “Being motivated to change is an important factor in determining who will benefit most from counselling. We see a variety of different people and they often have a wide range of issues they want help with. These include low mood and depression, anxiety and panic, bereavement or loss, loss of confidence and low self-esteem, stress reaction to life events, relationship and sexual issues and trauma.

“When people do experience emotional difficulties, it can be a very frightening and distressing time. These problems can become chronic and really impact on someone’s daily life so it is important that people can get help to address these issues and enjoy a better quality of life.”

The funding from BNDfC has greatly enhanced the provision of counselling in this area. Adds Menna: “Four new part-time counselling posts have been created and we can now offer counselling through an interpreter. More training will be done in this area too. The funding has also enabled us to have administrative and reception support for the team. There is a student/trainee placement scheme in place furthering the training and experience for newly qualified counsellors. We are also hoping to start a drop-in service and group sessions to take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

“All this has allowed us to offer more expertise, expand the service and reduce waiting times which is fantastic.”

Please talk to your GP, nurse or health visitor if you think counselling might help you. The BNDfC Counselling Service, based at Minna House, 30 Minna Road, Sheffield, S3 9AZ, can be contacted on 0114 274 3652.
And don’t forget you can get involved with BNDfC in three ways:

1. Pop in and use the Information Shop – find out what’s going on or pass on your comments.
2. Get involved with the projects and the events – they are here for you to benefit from.
3. Come along to our monthly theme meetings where you can find out what’s going on, voice your opinions, report problems or issues. Everyone living in Burngreave is welcome to attend.

BNDfC monthly meetings
Burngreave New Deal for Communities Partnership board meeting: last Wednesday of the month
Education theme: second Wednesday of the month
Health theme: first Monday of the month
Crime theme: third Tuesday of the month
Overarching theme: second Tuesday of the month
Employment & Enterprise theme: first Wednesday of the month
Housing theme: second Thursday of every other month
Environment theme: fourth Thursday of the month

Calendar of events:

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Did you know?

Green City Action (GCA) has a wide selection of gardening and home decorating tools that Burngreave residents can hire for a small charge. On offer are a number of items including a jet washer, carpet cleaner, plumbing tools, electrical equipment, window cleaning and brick laying tools.

GCA is also calling on residents to get involved with transforming our parks and green spaces. To see how you can help contact us on 0114 244 0353.

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Projects for you

There are a whole host of projects in Burngreave which are here to help you and make our area a better place. Here are just some of them...

- Apprenticeships for All 0114 272 2745
- JobNet 0114 275 5106
- Burngreave Driving School 0114 223 2100
- Burngreave Language Support Agency 0114 272 2833
- Pitsmoor Credit Union 0114 273 8555
- Greenfingers Horticultural Therapy Project 07981 988630
- Burngreave Grant Fund 0114 292 2905
- Burngreave Messenger 0114 242 0564
- Creative Burngreave 0114 221 1890
- Community Study Support 0114 261 8620
- Ellesmere Youth Project 07905 849332
- Community Engagement Team 0114 292 0393
- New Deal Police Team 0114 296 4381
- Burngreave Domestic Abuse Project 0114 228 8136
- Anti-Social Behaviour Team 0114 203 9486
- Community Wardens 0114 272 5057
- BNDfC Safer Homes Scheme 0114 273 5554
- Security Grants for Local Businesses and Voluntary, Community and Faith Organisations 0114 275 8688
- Burngreave Advocacy Now 0114 275 0262
- Halal Lunch Club 0114 272 6991
- Pitsmoor CAB Home-visiting Advice Service 0114 275 5376
- Burngreave Green Gym 0114 272 3591
- Women’s Health Screening 0114 271 6331
- Green City Action Festivals and Events Project 0114 244 0353
- Supporting Business 0114 292 0462
- Training for Business and Employment 0114 275 2955
- Burngreave Community Learning Campaign 0114 279 4960
- Access to Employment 0114 275 5471
- Burngreave Childcare Consortium 0114 249 1056
- Burngreave Voices 0114 276 1900
- Smartwater Property Marking 0800 169 2118
- Burngreave Circular Bus 01709 515151
- Burngreave Drug Project 0114 226 2970
- Burngreave New Deal for Communities Communication vehicle 0114 292 0459
- Mesh Mediation 0114 241 2771
- Sure Start Burngreave and Fir Vale 0114 252 5220
- Burngreave Home Owners Maintenance and Advice Scheme 0114 273 4623

Have your say...

We really want to hear your views and suggestions about this new BNDfC magazine. Have you got an idea of a story that you think we should cover, or perhaps you just want to let us know what you think about “I Live in Burngreave”. If you have any comments to make, then please get in touch using this comments form and send freepost to ‘FREEPOST BNDfC’. Do not write anything else on the envelope. We look forward to hearing from you.

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
Postcode: __________________________
Contact number or email address: __________________________
Comments/suggestions: __________________________

If not enough room for your comments, please write overleaf or on separate sheet, thank you.

For general enquiries visit the BNDfC Information Shop:
131 Spital Hill, Sheffield, S4 7LF
Telephone: 0114 292 0464
The shop is open Monday-Friday 10am-6pm.

Don’t forget to visit our website at www.bndfc.co.uk
Beautiful Burngreave

– photo competition

Is Burngreave beautiful? There is beauty in everything, it just depends where and how you look at something.

Burngreave has lots of hidden treasures. For a chance to win up to £100 worth of Meadowhall vouchers, we are asking you to capture an image of Burngreave that you are proud of.

The picture can be as creative as you like just so long it is a photo of somewhere in Burngreave. It is open to all but there are two age categories.

**Category 1:** under 16s - £50 Meadowhall voucher for the winner
**Category 2:** Over 16s - £100 Meadowhall voucher for the winner

If you don’t have a camera, you can loan a digital camera for up to two hours from the BNDfC Information Shop between 10am and 6pm weekdays. A member of the BNDfC team will accompany you on your shoot.

If you would like to know more about how to take a good photo, BNDfC will be running a short workshop FREE of charge, with tuition by a professional photographer on 21 January 2006. To find out more details and to secure your place please contact the Information Shop at 131 Spital Hill or call 292 0464.

Entries can be submitted by email – eloiseclarke@bndfc.co.uk or by post to FREEPOST BNDfC, no stamp required.

All entries must be received by 28 February 2006. Winning entrants will be notified by 10 March 2006.

All pictures should be of high resolution, for advice about this please contact Eloise Clarke at BNDfC on 279 6936.

**Disclaimer and terms and conditions**

- Photo entries may be used for promotional purposes by BNDfC
- The judges decision is final
- Professional photographers are not eligible to enter
- Photos should not be of an offensive nature
- If your photo includes people or private property, please ensure you have consent from those concerned to be featured as it may be published. BNDfC takes no responsibility if permission has not been sought.

“I like the way Burngreave is a very multicultural and diverse area. You can get anything you need here like food, shops and culture. It is in a great location, near to the city centre with good transport links and the people in the community are really friendly and they will always watch out for you.”

Ezra Durand