

Gleadless Valley News



Gleadless Valley COMMUNITY FORUM

Working to make Gleadless Valley a better place

Quarterly Magazine

Herdings Youth Club Opening Party

On Thursday 16th December, an official celebration was held to mark the very much awaited opening of the local Youth Centre on Morland Road. The Centre suffered two arson attacks back in August and September 2007, and was out of action for over 3 years.

After much discussion, repair work finally began last year and the Centre was ready for use by November 2010. Junior Clubs run by Gleadless Valley Community Forum began on 25th November and the kids quickly became involved in arranging the spectacular opening party.

Even though the weather, heavy snow and ice, tried to ruin the occasion, it went ahead and was a huge success with over 100 people turning up to have a look round, enjoy the buffet, mingle with old friends and colleagues and meet new people.

Uriah Rennie, FA Football Referee, came along to cut the ribbon and gave a stirring opening speech. Councillors Colin Ross, Cate McDonald and Denise Reaney and Youth Commissioner Kim Allen from the City Council were in attendance and gave speeches. And a very old friend, Ted Jenkins who had worked in the original youth club before its demise came along. Ted was thrilled to be invited and said how impressed he was with the transformation.

The party had lots of activities going on for the kids with Active Regen doing multi-people Wii games, Swamp Circus demonstrating circus skills, pool, arts and crafts and music and disco lights via the new DJ equipment.



Unfortunately, we couldn't do DJ Workshops as the equipment had to go in for an upgrade but overall there was lots to do and the kids had a great time.

Sheffield City Council, Gleadless Valley Community Forum and Sheffield Futures worked in partnership to make the event happen and the Forum is looking forward to strengthening the working relationship with the Council and Sheffield Futures to endeavour to make Herdings Youth Club a roaring success.



The Season Secure for The Villa

Michael Moat (pictured on the left), Secretary of local community football team Hemsworth Villa FC, being presented with a grant towards a new team strip and their season's fees by Terry Wright, Chair of the Gleadless Valley Tenants And Residents Association (TARA), in recognition of their work on the estate. "Everyone at the club would like to take this

opportunity to thank the TARA for this grant which will enable the club in these difficult times to continue to fly the flag for our estate. Follow Villa's progress on the following websites www.hemsworthvillaafc.webs.com or www.sssl.org.uk. Thanks" Michael.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you in conjunction with your local Safer Neighbourhood Team regarding a widely publicised operation called 'Operation Mach'. So far across Sheffield, 80 people have been arrested in relation to the supply of controlled drugs, gang-related activity and violent crime.

The majority of those arrested have been charged with offences and are either remanded in custody or are on strict bail conditions before their next appearance at court. A small number of individuals have been bailed to return to police stations whilst potential charges are considered by the Crown Prosecution Service.

This is an ongoing operation and more arrests are anticipated in the coming days.

Children and young people are the future of Sheffield. Safeguarding them is a priority across the Sheffield Safer Communities Partnership. South Yorkshire Police is just one of several partner agencies who are represented by the Partnership.

Operation Mach is the response to the concerns of inner-city communities who expressed apprehension and alarm at the rising levels of violent incidents involving groups of young people. South Yorkshire Police listened to those concerns and I would like to extend my personal thanks to all our communities for their information and assistance. It has been of real value during this very successful operation.

Operation Mach has resulted in the police, partner agencies and our communities working together to achieve the following objectives;

- To reduce the level of serious youth violence in Sheffield
- To identify and safeguard young people at risk from serious youth violence
- To reduce the prevalence of street gangs
- To reduce the number of 'street level' drug suppliers who may be inappropriate role models to young people

- To work with partner agencies in support of the longer term Sheffield Drugs Alcohol and Action Team strategy to get more drug users into drug treatment and provide support to their families
- Address the environmental issues surrounding drug abuse

Because of the intelligence and evidence-gathering phase a large number of people have been identified as suspected of being concerned in the supply of Class A and Class B controlled drugs.

From Monday 24 January, police officers began arresting people suspected of involvement. The arrests have occurred across the city. No single community or geographic area has been singled out.

This operation is part of a wider Sheffield Safer Communities Partnership strategy that aims to ensure young people in Sheffield manage to achieve their ambitions and reach their full potential. It is critically important to us that young people feel safe and are safe within our communities.

'Street level' drug dealers attract drug users and this unwanted combination brings with it anti-social behaviour and violence that undoubtedly affects a disproportionate number of local residents and young people.

Our message is clear. If people think they are safe to deal drugs or be involved in gang related crime in South Yorkshire, they are wrong. If people think communities will tolerate it, they are wrong. Communities help us by telling us who these people are. Drugs and violence ruin lives. We will arrest offenders wherever and whenever we can to make our communities an even safer place in which to live, work and visit.

Peter Norman

Superintendent



Facelift for the 189 Centre

Following last year's improvements to the frontage of the Gleadless Valley Community Forum offices, the 189 Centre community venue has received the same much needed treatment as a result of very welcome support from the City Council's Climate Change Fund.

The Centre is now cosier, warmer, quieter and safer as a result of the upgrade, making it a much better venue for local people and local groups.

The City Council has included the Gaunt Shops in its Thriving District Centres programme and is looking closely at ways of improving the shops to make them a more attractive community asset for all. The upgrade to the 189 Centre fits in nicely with these plans and will go a little way to making the shopping area vibrant once again.



Gleadless Valley Festival is coming to Herdings Park

Jolly Beach Day 16th July 2011

Watch this space

Another Success for the GVCF Job Club...

Gary is a local man aged 26, he called into GV Job Club at Valley Online Centre, 181 Blackstock Road, for some help with applying for jobs. Although not unemployed, Gary had been doing some agency work and sometimes only getting a few hours work per week, and even this was beginning to dry up. Gary was looking for a permanent position and had tried everywhere for any type of work. Cheryl Alvey and Anne Smith who support the GV Job Club drop-in sessions, helped him to create a great CV which really helped Gary 'sell' himself

to prospective employers. Gary was given support to find a suitable job to



apply for and to print off and complete the application form for local supermarket Tesco. This was the type of work he had done in the past so it was right up his street.

Gary came in a few days later to say that he had been invited for an interview and had called in on his way there; we gave him a few interview tips and a bit of a confidence boost and wished him good luck. He came back the following day to say that his interview had gone really well. Not only had he been offered the job he had applied for, he had also been offered a much higher position than had been advertised. What a fantastic result! Just look at Gary in the photograph and see the effect this had on him: all smiles. Well done Gary. We wish you every success in the future.

GV Job Club is open Mondays 10am to 12pm and Thursdays 1pm to 3pm. Anne and Cheryl are here to help you build a winning CV to get you noticed and help you gain confidence, search and apply for jobs online. That's not all though. They can help with lots of related matters, from benefit checks to making sure



you are getting the money to which you are entitled, to basic computer skills to add to your CV. There's no need to book, just drop in and see us or call on 2394888.

Remember.... We're here to help you.

Dear Resident

This month has seen the culmination of a lengthy Police Operation across the city targeting street level drug dealing, gang related activity and associated violent crime. The operation has received a fair amount of publicity which you may have seen on the local news or in the press. Attached is a letter from Superintendent Peter Norman, who led the Operation which explains what we have done and why, which will hopefully reassure you that the safety of young people within our communities is paramount. A number of residents of Gleadless Valley have been arrested as a result of Operation MACH.

We continue to deal with the issues that matter to you. Anti-social behaviour (ASB) is a priority for your local Police team. The past 12 months have seen a

reduction in incidents of ASB of 16% across the Safer Neighbourhood area. We have worked closely with colleagues within Targeted Youth Support to patrol the streets of Gleadless talking to young people. These street based teams will continue until 25th March and hopefully longer.

Burglary continues to be a concern to local residents and unfortunately the last few weeks have seen a slight increase in the number of offences. I would like to reassure you however that we continue to do everything we can to both prevent crime and to catch the offenders. I would encourage anyone with any information concerning Burglary or any other crime to either contact us directly or ring Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555111. There are still a significant number of offences that occur where either the door has been left unlocked or the key is left in

the lock making it easy for the criminals to smash a window and unlock the door. Don't make it easy, lock your doors and remove the key.

Finally I would encourage you all to either follow the SNA on Twitter @ KE Inspector or my Facebook page. This is the easiest way to keep up to date with what is happening in your local area.

Ian Stubbs

Police Inspector

Woodseats SNA



Gleadless Valley Methodist Church Has A Special Birthday This Year



For the last 50 years our church has been at the heart of this community. We are still fully involved through our lunch club for housebound older people, parent and toddlers group, Boys and Girls Brigades – and much more!

We shall be holding an anniversary event in October and would like to hear from anyone who has memories of involvement with the Church in its early days, from 1961. Do you have a story or memory? Perhaps you are in touch with family and friends who have now moved away?

Please contact Phillip Borkett 0114 279-5235 phillip.borkett@yahoo.co.uk

Snow on the Valley

December 2010! What a long cold month. And didn't it snow. While Gatwick airport ground to a halt as a result of 2 inches and parts of London froze under 3 inches - both making the national news on a daily basis, - Sheffield and Gleadless Valley witnessed more than 20 inches of snow and still kept going. It's testament to the resilience of local people that everything seemed to carry on, regardless. Sure enough there were problems with the buses, pipes froze and some businesses had to close for a day or two, but the shops were open with generally full shelves, the gritters were out in force, and the city carried on. By December 9th and 10th with the snow still not clearing, staff from Gleadless Valley Community Forum took to the streets to clear what was left, making the paths safer and ensuring the Gaunt Shops Christmas Market went ahead as planned. Another example of the great community spirit across the Valley.



"This is a picture of Coleridge Road C.I. Youth Club Football Team taken in January 1945 at The Pheasant Ground in Attercliffe. My father, Mick Moat Senior, is on the back row second from the left. He moved from Attercliffe to the Valley in 1964. He tells me that Razzor Williams on the front row also moved from the east end of Sheffield to the Valley but died in recent years. Though he cannot say for certain, it's quite possible that there could be others in the picture who also came to our area and who have relatives on the Valley"

Michael Moat, resident of Gleadless Valley and Member and Co-optee of Gleadless Valley Community Forum

Back Row L-R Mr Middleton[Trainer], Mick Moat Senior, Bob Hopwood, Eric Farmer, Stan Mitchell, Walter Hazelhurst, Bud Bowders



Front Row L-R Dennis Wragg, Bill Savage, Razzor Williams, Stan Gibson, Benny Clarkson

Gleadless Valley News is compiled and produced by Gleadless Valley Community Forum for the benefit of the people of Gleadless Valley. The magazine is a celebration of all that is good within the Valley.

If you would like to get involved contact Sam on 0114 2394466 or call in at: 187 Blackstock Road, Sheffield, S14 1FX

4500 copies of this magazine are delivered in and around Gleadless Valley. If you would like to advertise in the Gleadless Valley News, please contact the Forum on 239 4466.



Blooming Marvellous!

Tyne Laurie was put in touch with the Community Stop Smoking Advisor Julie Pass at Gleadless Valley Community Forum by her midwife when she was 6 months pregnant; she hated smoking and wasn't enjoying it but couldn't seem to kick the habit.

The first time she tried to stop smoking with the service, Tyne opted to use patches and an inhalator. Unfortunately she was very sensitive to the patches and couldn't get on with the inhalator and started smoking again a few days after stopping. Tyne couldn't get herself back on track and so I advised her to contact me again when she was ready.

She contacted me about a month later saying she was ready to try again. This time we decided that she should reduce her 20- 30 a day habit gradually. Finally after a few weeks of seeing her she was ready and set a quit date. This time Tyne opted to go cold turkey! She quit on the 17th July last year and hasn't smoked since. I continued to support her until after her baby Mikki-Leigh was born two weeks prematurely early in September. Tyne received support for much longer than the seven weeks usually offered and felt that this helped to keep her on track and motivated.

It also helped that she received home visits each week or a phone call or text if she was unable to make an appointment. It most definitely kept her confidence growing when she saw her carbon monoxide reading each week remaining low. That always put a smile on her face and reminded her of the hard work and effort that she had put into her Quit.

If you would like to Stop Smoking and live or work in the following areas:

Gleadless Valley, Norfolk Park, Arbourthorne

Please contact:

Julie Pass
Community Stop Smoking Advisor
Gleadless Valley Community Forum
187 Blackstock Road
Sheffield S14 1FX
Tel: 0114 2394466 or 07828071985

E-mail julie.pass@gvcf.org.uk



Computer broken? Tired? Slooow?? Irritating PoPuPs? Breathe new life into that tired old beast!!

Money's tight for everyone these days.. so before buying a new computer have you considered your options? **Virus, Spyware Removal & Computer Optimisation:-** Your system optimized and thoroughly cleaned and finally protected with either a free or commercial antivirus/antispyspys cleaner installed. **Upgrading:-** Adding extra memory, a new motherboard & processor, together with reinstalling windows may be all that's needed to make your PC seem as good as new. We cut costs by using components you already have from your old PC

Please ring to Glenn discuss your options
Tel:- 0114 2966344 Mobile:- 07962265014

South Community Assembly – Keeping Your Area Clean

One of the biggest complaints we receive from residents living in the area is the amount of litter and rubbish left on the streets. The South Community Assembly has listened to those concerns.

Extra Street Cleaners
Four extra street cleaners (known as lengthspeople) have been employed to pick up litter. These extra cleaners will target the areas around Greenhill, Lowedges, Meadowhead, Fraser Estate, Chesterfield Road, Newfield Green, Nether Edge and Sharrow Vale. It is hoped that this service will expand to other neighbourhoods across the area over the coming year.

The extra street cleaners paid for by the South Community Assembly with Cllr. Denise Reaney and Cllr. Peter Moore



Cllr Reaney, John Patrick Finnegan (local resident), Veolia Operatives, Darren Travis and Kevin Senior collecting items for the Bring Out Your Rubbish Day

Community Skips
Ten community skips have been allocated across the area in partnership with local community organisations. These allow local residents to throw out bulky items free of charge. Skips have been located at locations such as Abbeydale, Lowedges, Jordantorpe, Gleadless Valley, Meersbrook Allotments and Heeley.

Media Cabinets
Many residents may have noticed that the green media cabinets have been repainted and covered in anti-graffiti coating. In the Assembly area over 240 cabinets have been completed with 64 boxes remaining left to paint.



Keeping Your Neighbourhood Clean Campaign

The South Community Assembly is about to embark on a campaign to encourage local residents to keep their neighbourhoods clean. A publicity campaign will encourage residents to -

- Join together with other people and litter pick the streets and open spaces where they live.
- Join with neighbours to brush up their street
- Pick rubbish as they go for a walk
- Get involved in a local voluntary group, local association, youth club, school or faith group to have a clean up event. Make it into a party!

The Assembly will also help residents get started with

- Help and advice on:
 - how to organise your litter pick/clean up
 - where you can do a litter pick/clean up

Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team

A Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team (NEAT) has been funded to provide a 'fast response' to clean up grot spots across the area. The work includes clearing gennels, removing rubbish, cutting back vegetation and other general environmental improvement work.

The team consists of a Supervisor, a pick-up vehicle and up to 4 young people on a work introduction scheme. Many of the young people have been out of work for a long period or have not gained employment since leaving school. The young people receive placements for up to 3 months and are introduced to the disciplines of regular working and environmental maintenance. Approximately 35% of the young people have secured permanent jobs after leaving the scheme some of which were with Sheffield City Council.

Bring Out Your Rubbish Days

10 'Bring Out Your Rubbish Days' (BOYR days) have been arranged this year. These have taken place at Mrytle Road, Herdings, Lowedges, Rydal Road, Machon Bank, Dalewood Road, Fluery Road, Norton Lane, Thorpe House Rise and Westminster Crescent.

Each BOYR day allows around 400 households to throw out bulky items which are collected free of charge. The aim is to try and prevent the dumping of household rubbish which cannot be disposed of via the black bin collection.

Gleadless Valley Churches

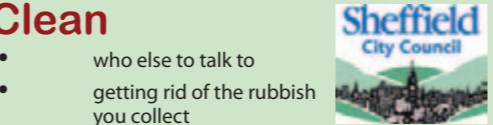
There's a warm welcome for you at our three Christian Churches on the Valley

Gleadless Valley Methodist, Blackstock Road (Opposite Gaunt Shops)
Sunday Services 11.00am each week
The Valley Café – food, fellowship and informal worship for all ages
2nd Sunday in the month 5.30pm – 7.00pm
Midweek Communion Service 9.30am every Thursday

Holy Cross Anglican Church, Spotswood Mount
Sunday Services 10.00am every week
(Contacts Janet Drabble 2392376 and Maurice Collin 2204698)

St Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Sandby Drive/Raeburn Road.
Mass times: Sunday 9.00am
Wednesday 9.30am

There are many other activities at all three churches. If you would like more information please ring 0114 2795235 or email phillip.borkett@yahoo.co.uk



- who else to talk to
- getting rid of the rubbish you collect
- Health & safety guidance
- Whether there are any other groups in your area
- Who else could support your litter pick/clean up
- Clean up kits (to support you we have bought extra clean up kits just for your area to use).

If you would like get involved in any way please contact:

Community Services, Street Force, Olive Grove, Sheffield S2 3GE
Tel: 0114 273 4221 • Email: streetforce@sheffield.gov.uk



Terry Wright (local resident) and Cllr Denise Reaney helping out on a Clean Up Day.

Big Spring Clean - 7th March and 30th April 2011.

Sheffield's Big Spring Clean is back for a third year. Please join us. Dust off the winter cobwebs and spring into action to take part in the biggest clean up Sheffield has ever seen.

Last year you helped to keep Sheffield shining, by rolling up your sleeves and clearing thousands of sacks full of litter from our streets and green spaces. Please get involved again this year too.

Why not organise a clean up party on your street or in your local area? The City Council will support everyone who wants to get involved. You'll be provided with plastic sacks, and clean up equipment and help to clear away the rubbish.

To find out more about how to get involved call on 0114 273 4221 or visit www.sheffield.gov.uk/springclean

Contact the South Community Assembly Team on 2053050 or e-mail us communityassemblysouth@sheffield.gov.uk.
www.sheffield.gov.uk/south

Gleadless Valley Community Forum Volunteer Update

We would like to introduce you to Kayleigh Helm, one of our newest members. Kayleigh is our Health Champion and is volunteering at the Tuesday lunch club, which is run by Older People's Project Co-ordinator Jayne Hancock.



Kayleigh is new to the area, so if you see her in the street or around the Forum please say hello and make her feel welcome in Gleadless Valley.

We would also like to introduce you to Helen Gardner, our second newest member of the Volunteer Project. Helen is our Volunteer Learning Champion Support. Helen will be out and about in the community with our Learning Champion, Jo Baines. Helen has lived in the area for 7 years and knows Gleadless Valley well. So if you see Helen out and about with Jo why not stop them and find out what is happening at the Forum?



NEW SERVICE CAPITA

SHEFFIELD REVENUES AND BENEFITS SERVICE at



Working to make Gleadless Valley a better place

BENEFITS ADVICE

Every other week on Tuesdays 09:30 to 12:30
Next dates:
8th March 2011
22nd March 2011

Drop-in service, no appointments

187 Blackstock Road, Gleadless Valley, Sheffield, S14 1FX
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Christmas Spirit

Back in December we visited the New Inn on Hemsworth Road for a wonderful Christmas lunch and a good old fashion sing-a-long. Crackers were pulled, party hats were worn and everyone was in good Christmas spirit. We all had such a great time, really enjoyed the day and the singing continued with Christmas carols on the bus on the way home.



We would like to thank Jacqui and all the staff at the New Inn for making us very welcome. And a big thank you to all our volunteers who make such an enormous contribution to all of our services – Well Done! We couldn't do it without you.

Coffee Morning

We launched our new monthly coffee mornings on Friday 25th February with a charity event to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. Tea, coffee and home made baking, were the name of the game. Twelve local residents came along to support the day. We chatted about books, day-to-day life, smoking and even had a trip down memory lane to the 'dial-a-disc' days! Does anyone remember going to the phone box with their 2p to get the top 3 pop chart songs on a Sunday evening? All the folks enjoyed it so much and are looking forward to the next one.



Coffee mornings will now be a regular event, run on the last Friday of every month, 10 – 12 at Valley Online Centre, 181 Blackstock Road, Sheffield, S14 1FX. Come along for a chat and a cuppa and meet new friends. We welcome everyone. In addition if you have a laptop or netbook and you have any small issues or are stuck with something, bring it along with you and we will help if we can. Please note that it is a coffee morning and not a computer repair service so talking is the order of the day. Hope to see you in March for plenty of socialising and chat!

Gleadless Valley News Gets A Boost

I'm sure all across the Valley who enjoy reading this magazine will join all those who contribute articles and stories in thanking the South Community Assembly for their grant of £2000 to help with the magazine running costs in 2011. The magazine costs nearly £7000 each year to produce, so we still have some way to go before we can say it is secure, but the Community Assembly money is a big help.



Particular thanks go to the Assembly Chair, Peter Moore and to Assembly Manager, Martin Hughes for the value they place on this local publication.

We are now working hard to attract advertisers to the magazine in an attempt to generate the money needed to support its continued publication.

If you or a friend would like to advertise, call Lisa on 0114 2394466.

Gleadless Valley Pharmacy

153 Blackstock Road
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gleadlessvalleypharmacy@intrapharm.com
Opening Times;
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Saturday 9.00Am To 12.00Pm

- Dispense NHS & Private Prescriptions
- Diabetes Screening
- Nhs Minor Ailments Scheme
- Substance Misuse Service
- Smoking Cessation
- Compliance Aids For Elderly
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A New Year, a New Start

The cold, damp and icy conditions affect us all, but can affect older people more than anyone. So with a New Year comes a fresh start and a full programme of special activities which are designed to meet the needs of older people. Our programme of activities and entertainment means that there is always plenty to keep you active in mind and body. Current activities include, swimming, gentle chair based exercise, lunch club, local shopping trips to shopping centres, trips to seaside resorts to the local pub or restaurant and a whole lot more. All of these activities give the older person a sense of independence and freedom, which is so important in these days when we are being asked to do more and more for ourselves, and at the same time they bring a smile to everyone's faces.



For more information contact:
Jayne Hancock
Older Peoples Development
Co-ordinator on 2394466

CAR BOOT SALE

BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW

Herdings Park Saturday 19th March
Setup is from 06:30am
The cost is £6 for Cars & £7 for Vans.
You will need your own table and chairs.

In order to book, your payment must be included with this form, and we must receive the payment before the Car Boot date. Cash or cheque accepted.
Cheques to be made payable to "Gleadless Valley Community Forum".
NOT selling! Come along anyway and check out the great offers.

Name:
Address:
.....Postcode:
Telephone:
Vehicle: Reg:

To book please return this slip before the 15th March to:
Lisa Cox
Events Business Planner
187 Blackstock Road,
Sheffield, S14 1FX

Gleadless Valley Learning Champion – News and Views

Hi, I'm Jo Baines, your local Learning Champion. It's great to be able to give you an update on what I have been up to the last few months, meeting people and helping them to get involved with local training and courses.



Online event week, February 2011. Jo Baines with our volunteers Cheryl and Debbie

Although we have experienced some considerable cuts from Council funding, and as a result had to cut some courses too, we have still been able to run 7 courses this term, as well as our regular Skills for Life - Maths, English and ESOL classes.

We have lots of positive comments from learners who attend our courses. In our Word Processing level 1 computer class, Michael, who is definitely returning to continue his learning after Easter has expressed his pleasure at being on our courses at Gleadless Valley. He thoroughly enjoys the class, chatting with the other learners as well as the atmosphere in the class. 'Everyone is really friendly and helpful. If you need help then there's always someone to ask. We have a laugh, and that's a really good way to learn. I will definitely be continuing after Easter.' It's great to hear these comments from our learners, because then we know we are doing a good job.

We have just finished our 4 week series of 'Go On - Get More Out of Life Online' events. This was a very successful and enjoyable campaign. The four separate weeks were themed with health, keeping in touch online through packages such as Skype, online dating for Valentine's day, and

job searching. Our Online Centre at Blackstock Road has been a hive of activity these last few weeks which is great to see. I am now preparing for a health information 'event' that I am working on with Julie Pass, our Smoking Cessation Worker. This is for **British Heart Foundation, Red Heart Week**. We are setting up an information stall for anyone to come along to (Feb. 22nd Newfield Green & 24th Hemsworth shops) where you can receive a free online health check, smoking cessation advice and support and information on fitness and health courses, including healthy eating and cookery courses.



Emergency 1st Aid at Herding's Youth Club

I am also hoping to get a representative from a local gym to join us (possibly with some freebies!), as well as someone from a healthy eating group to make smoothies for visitors to our stall...I do hope these come up trumps!

I am now looking at preparing for our Easter courses and our events which are coming up: Adult Learners Week, and Silver Surfers Week, which both fall in the fortnight of 14th-28th May (see the courses information in this magazine for more details).

Finally, I have been attending our Emergency 1st Aid course on a Thursday mornings which is at the newly opened and beautifully refurbished Herdings Youth Club.

For more information or to contact me about your learning needs ring Jo Baines on 2394888 or email me at jo.baines@gvcf.org.uk.

Richard and Terry learning how to download and use Skype on our GetOnline week

Courses in Gleadless Valley

COURSE	DAY	TIMES	VENUE
Learning Champion Drop-in	Wednesdays	13:00 - 15:00	Valley Online Centre
Artisan			
Sewing for Beginners	Tuesday 7th June	10:00 - 12:00	'189' Centre
Summer Salads	Thursday 9th June	10:00 - 12:00	Herdings Youth Centre
Baking and Bread-making	Friday 10th June	10:00 - 12:00	Newfield Green Tenants Hall
Employment			
GV Job Club - FREE	Monday	10:00 - 12:00	Valley Online Centre
GV Job Club - FREE	Thursday	13:00 - 15:00	Valley Online Centre
English, Maths & ESOL			
ESOL Assessment	Tuesday 5th April	10:30 - 13:00	'189' Centre
Improve your English	Tuesday 26th April	13:00 - 15:00	Bankwood Children's Centre
Improve your Maths	Thursday 28th April	13:00 - 15:00	Bankwood Children's Centre
Pre-Entry ESOL	May (TBC)	TBC	Newfield Green Tenants Hall
Lifestyle			
Budgeting & Money	Thursday 17th March	10:00 - 12:00	Newfield Green Tenants Hall
Confidence Building	Thursday 17th March	12:30 - 14:30	Herdings Youth Centre
Ready for the Holiday Spanish	Friday 6th May	10:00 - 12:00	Gleadless Valley Methodist Church
Keep Fit	May (TBC)	TBC	Newfield Green Tenants Hall
Enjoyment of Singing	June (TBC)	3:00 - 15:00	Gleadless Valley Methodist Church
Using Computers			
Computer Drop-in - FREE	Monday & Tuesday	12:00 - 15:00	Valley Online Centre
Word processing Lev 1	Tuesday 10th May	9:30 - 11:30	Valley Online Centre
Computer Drop-in - FREE	Wednesday & Thursday	9:30 - 12:30	Valley Online Centre
Computers for Beginners	Thursday 5th May	12:45 - 14:45	Valley Online Centre
Learn to sell on eBay	June (TBC)	TBC	Valley Online Centre
Desk Top Publishing Lev 1	Friday 29th April	9:45 - 11:45	Valley Online Centre
Venues - Key			
Valley Online Centre	181 Blackstock Road, Sheffield, S14 1FX		
'189' Centre	189 Blackstock Road, Sheffield, S14 1FX		
Newfield Green Tenants Hall	607 Gleadless Road, Sheffield, S2 2BT		
Herdings Youth Centre	Morland Road, Sheffield, S14 1TD		
Gleadless Valley Methodist Church	Blackstock Road, Sheffield, S14 1FW		
Bankwood Children's Centre	Bankwood Close, Sheffield, S14 1LW		
TBC	To be Confirmed (all information is subject to change if required)		

All courses run for 6 or 10 weeks and are either **Free** or low cost.

To register for any of the above courses or activities or for more information contact Jo Baines, Learning Champion on 2394888, or email jo.baines@gvcf.org.uk or drop-in to see her on Wednesdays.

Gaunt Shops Christmas Market On 11th December 2010

Gaunt Shops had their Market...

The 2010 Christmas Market was a great success considering the snowfall and cold weather we had in the run up to the day. The day turned out to be bright, sunny and crisp with a really festive feel.



There were stalls of all sorts - jewellery, books, crafts, and festive trinkets. One of our volunteers Terry Allingham played saxophone bringing even more festive cheer.

Reverend Phillip Borkett from the Gleadless Valley Methodist Church also had Christmas trees on show which had been decorated by local community groups and the church served tea, coffee and buns throughout the morning.

The church choir helped us get into the festive spirit by performing a number of carols, which many members of the community joined in with.

Santa turned up with two big sacks full of presents for the local boys and girls who lined up to see him to tell him what they wanted for Christmas and that they had been good.

All in Gleadless Valley would like to thank Santa for taking the time out of his busy schedule to join us on the day. He certainly made a lot of children happy.



Spring Outdoor and Wildlife Events in Gleadless Valley

The Gleadless Valley Wildlife Trust is a community group working to care for and improve the Valley's woods and green areas for people and wildlife, and run community events and activities.

Local people run the Group. Guided woodland walks, wildflower meadows and woodland improvement projects, path improvements and litter clean-ups are some of the things we do. We work closely with Sheffield City Council and other local community groups and environmental organisations to try and protect and improve our local woods and green areas.

If you would like to discover more about the valley's woods, green area and wildlife, or get involved in our activities, please come along to one of our forthcoming events and/or join the group. Group members receive our newsletter with information about local wildlife, events and conservation projects.

For further details contact the group at : or on 07816 184746.

A range of free spring outdoor and wildlife events are being held by the Gleadless Valley Wildlife Trust:

Monday 14th March - Gleadless Valley Wildlife Trust AGM & Illustrated Talk

With an update and illustrated talk about the work done by the Trust over the last year and future projects in the Valley's green spaces. Members and non-members welcome.

6.30pm at Newfield Green Tenants Hall

Monday 18th April - Spring Wildlife

An illustrated talk about signs to look for in the springtime. Cheer us all up after a cold winter! All welcome!

6.30pm at Newfield Green Tenants Hall

Sunday 8th May - Bluebell Walk

A gentle stroll through the beautiful local woodland. Come and experience the wonderful spring flowers and identify some of the bird song heard at this time. Please wear suitable footwear. Meet 10.30am at the rear of the Horse and Groom. All welcome!

10.30am- 1.00pm Horse and Groom, Blackstock Road

Spring Clean-ups in the green spaces is also being organised but details and dates have not been finalised yet. Please check on the 'This is Gleadless Valley' website - www.gleadlessvalley.wordpress.com for updates.



You Can Change Our Name. FREE PRIZE DRAW! -

Valley Education & Skills Project is changing its name and we need you to suggest a new one. You could win a **£10** shopping voucher!

Think of a short and snappy name to complement the community training project that supports every household in Gleadless Valley. There is just one rule... the name must contain a selection of the following words Community; Course; Knowledge; Learning; Skills. So pick up your pen and start doodling names till you get to the one you like (*). Then:

1. Complete the form below
2. Return the form before 31st March 2011 to: Gleadless Valley Community Forum, 187 Blackstock Road, Sheffield, S14 1FX.

A short summary of what Valley Education & Skills Project does: The project provides a variety of free & low cost courses for skills and leisure and also offers employment support, free job club and computer drop-in sessions as well as support to find the right course for your learning needs. The 5 words selected above (you don't have to use them all) were chosen following consultation with our community as the most popular words for the project.

My new Name for the project is:

Your Name:

Your Address:

Your contact number:

What courses would you like to see in Gleadless Valley?

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The decision will be made by members of Gleadless Valley Community Forum (GVCF). This decision will be final. *If you are a member of GVCF you are not able to enter this competition.

Junior Clubs

8 to 12 year olds welcome
 Tuesdays - Newfield Green Tenants Hall, 5.30-7.30pm
 Thursdays - Herdings Youth Club, 5.30-7.30pm

I.C.E. (Internet Café Experience)

(After School Homework Club)
 11-16 year olds welcome
 Mondays - 189 Centre, Blackstock Road, 3.30-5.30pm
 Wednesdays - Herdings Youth Club, 3.30-5.30pm

Inters Club

(Open Access Youth Club and Activities)
 11 to 14 year olds welcome
 Tuesdays - Herdings Youth Club, 5.30-8.00pm

I.T. Tea Time

(After School Homework Club - Learn to use the Internet safely)
 8 to 12 year olds welcome
 Tuesdays - 181 Valley Online Centre, Blackstock Road, 3.30-5.00pm

SORTED

(Young People's Sexual and General Health Drop In. Advice, Support and Guidance. Free Condoms, Chlamydia Screening, Pregnancy Testing, Drug and Alcohol advice, etc)
 13 to 25 year olds welcome
 Tuesdays - 189 Centre, 3.30-5.00pm (Nurse available)
 Tuesdays - Herdings Youth Centre, 5.15-6.30pm (No nurse available)

Ring Wendy or Grace if you require further information on 0114 2394422

Ladies! Need to let off steam?

- Talk locally about your problems.
- Opportunity to do confidence building courses
- Everything discussed is confidential.

Discussion Topics:
 Mental Health Problems, Self-harm, depression, OCD, grieving, divorce & health in general.

Held at the Gleadless Valley Community Forum in the 189 Building
 Every Friday Morning
 To attend please call
 Lisa Cox, mobile:
 07546219018



The 2011 Census is coming. Make sure you are counted.

The Census has collected formation about the population every ten years since 1801 (except in 1941). The next Census in England and Wales is on March 27th 2011.

The census tells us how many people live where and the types of people they are (young, old, married, single, etc). This means decisions like working out who needs facilities in the future, are focused on accurate, relevant details.

Millions of pounds shared out.

The Department of Communities and Local Government and the Department of Health allocate money to local health authorities. Census statistics feed that into the process. That's why you need to be counted to make sure that your community is properly represented in the decision making process.

Your community and family benefit.

You need to take complete and return the census form so the services facilities / family uses can be identified. These services include; Schools, hospitals and emergency services. Census statistics help work out the amount of funding allocated to facilities in communities.



2011 Census Jobs for Sheffield

The Office for National Statistics has announced the creation of 35000 jobs nationally for the upcoming Census due to take place in March of next year.

The jobs on offer are for Area Coordinators, collectors and special enumerators available on a part time basis, targeted at local people.

For more detail or to apply for one of the positions in your area, go to:
www.censusjobs.co.uk

Lisa's New Role for Gleadless Valley

Hello my name is Lisa Cox. You probably know me as the Volunteer Champion / Health Champion for Gleadless Valley. This all changed on the 1st January. I am now employed part time as the Events Business Planner at Gleadless Valley Community Forum; I work Monday to Wednesday, and volunteer on Thursday and Friday each week.

I am responsible for this year's Festival, two Car Boot Sales and more. I am hoping you will all attend these events and have a great time. I look forward to seeing you there. Let's put the community spirit back into Gleadless Valley!

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me through the years and encouraged me to keep doing what I enjoy doing.

Well it has paid off, THANK YOU!



Hairways

Hairways has now moved 2 doors down
 153 Morland Road
 Tel: 2650039

Ring Lynn, Kylie or Dannielle
 for an appointment

OPENING TIMES

Wed 9am - 5pm
 Thurs 9am - 5pm
 Fri 9am - 5pm
 Sat 9am - 4pm

PRICE LIST

	From	OAP
Dry trim	£12.50	£8.50
Wash cut & blo	£15.50	£11.50
Wash & blo	£8.00	£7.50
Shampoo & Set	£8.00	£7.00
Straighten only	£6.00	£6.00
Wash blow & straighten	£9.00	£9.00

Colours

Full Head	£35.00
Roots Only	£24.00
Foils - Full Head	£40.00
- Half Head	£35.00
Hi-Lites - Cap	£35.00
Hair Extensions	PTA

Gents

	From	OAP
Dry	£6.50	£5.00
Wash & Cut	£9.50	£9.50

Perms from

Soft & lasting	£23.00
Dulcia	£24.00
Bio Life	£25.00

Kids under 14

Cut	£6.50
Cut & blo	£11.50

BRAND NEW!
 come & see