

THE AIREDALER

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The Neighbourhood Management Board continues to work hard for the people of our area through its monthly board meetings and its sub groups.

The sub groups are made up of board members and people from the agencies that we work closely with. A wealth of subject experience, knowledge and enthusiasm is brought together at each group with the sole aim of providing better facilities for our area.

The board is at the moment going through some constitutional changes that will enable us to work at a greater level of independence, alongside the 12 new priority areas and the new area forums that are now in place.

Strength in any community group is its ability to move forward and keep evolving into a body that can not only recognise the need for change, but can embrace change with enthusiasm and determination, whilst possessing the ability to implement constructive and meaningful changes. Your Neighbourhood Management Board possesses these qualities.

To enable us to continue in this format it is important that we continually look at the makeup of the board: Have we got the right people on board to suit the concerns of the area? Is there a need to increase the board size? Will we need to bring other service providers onto the board and sub groups? To enable this to happen if needed we are, alongside the constitution revue, looking at a recruitment policy for proposed new board members.



I hope you all enjoy this our second newsletter and please be assured that all board members will continue to work hard for the good of the area which we all serve.

M. Dixon - Board Chairman

Family Week 2011 kicked off this year with a look at nature in Well Wood organised by Paul Roberts. Paul did a guided walk through Well Wood for people of all ages able to sample nature on their doorstep. He followed this up in the afternoon with a session on making bird boxes, bee and insect houses, along with making monsters from recycled rubbish. This was well attended with the children enjoying the activities and going home happy.

Wednesday was Safety Day down at Airedale Academy, with various local services in attendance. The Fire Brigade performed a demonstration on what is involved in helping to extract someone from a car accident, which was ably narrated by the fire officer in charge. People were also shown how to deal with a chip pan fire, and also what not to do when encountering this type of incident. This was particularly important as it is one of the major call out in our area. The children were also able to have a look around and inside a fire engine. *(Continued on P 2)*

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Thursday was Food Day, and this was held in the Airedale Centre. This was the most successful of the three days with well into triple figures in attendance. The visitors sampled a variety of foods on offer from the Place Cafe and other contributors who came along. It was made all the more enjoyable with being a medieval style day, with staff and contributors dressing up in costumes, kindly provided by Clarke Hall. We also had a storyteller throughout the day keeping everyone entertained.

Saturday was Gala Day down at The Green, which was organised as a picnic day for families to bring along their own picnics to enjoy in the sunshine. People were entertained throughout the day with Danny Mylo compering the event. We had kite making, willow weaving, athletics and rugby coaching, Cas Tiger's cheerleaders and a Gymnastics event for the finale. Throughout the day The Neighbourhood Management members handed out fresh fruit and water to visitors, with Pat Woodhouse holding a Tombola event to help with funding.

Mike Dixon presented Sally Holdsworth of WDH with a bouquet of flowers, with thanks from the board for all her help in organising these events. The board would also like to thank all our partners in organising the themed days in the week, and in helping to make this a week to remember. Lastly we would like to thank George Rutten for his help. Even though his work role was discontinued, he still committed his help in making our event a success. We wish him well in the future.

Phil Begley, Chairman, Engagement Group

We are on Facebook!

Go to www.facebook.com and search for: **Airedale Neighbourhood Management Board**

Protecting our children, our community

The efforts of the entire community are required to control smoking.

With the introduction of smoke free legislation, the main source of second hand smoke exposure for children is in the home. Smoke Free Homes aim to encourage adults to discourage smoking within their home.

One way of protecting children, pregnant mothers and non-smokers from the harmful effects of second hand smoke and preventing young people from taking up smoking is to make homes "smoke free". A Smoke Free Home is a home in which adults make a voluntary promise not to smoke or allow smoking inside their houses and in front of children.

Rashesh Mehta, Public Health Commissioning Manager, Substance Misuse Team.

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SUB GROUPS OF THE BOARD

The Engagement Sub Group was set up to help the board better interact with the general public, whilst getting the board known throughout the area. We helped to organise a funding evening in which local groups could bid for part of a pot of £20,000 kindly donated by West Yorkshire Police Authority. This was split up into 6 grants for the winning bidders, who were chosen by the public.

We have organised 2 Family Weeks in 2010 and this year. Our aim is to bring more events to the area whilst engaging with the public to find what they would like to happen in the area, then looking at finding funding to bring it to fruition.



Phil Begley - Engagement Sub Group Chair

The Health Sub Group is looking at the health and wellbeing of the Airedale community. Members of the group are residents and professionals working in Airedale.



Richard Sloan - Health Sub Group Chair

The Crime Sub Group meets monthly to look at the effect crime is having on our community and how in some cases it affects the quality of life for the victims involved and also the wider community.

The group is made up of representatives from the Police, Health, Wakefield District Council, Councillors and Neighbourhood Management Board Members.

Our main aim is to bring all agencies that can make a difference to crime and anti-social behaviour together round the meeting table to look at procedures and different ways that the Neighbourhood Management

Board can influence the input of resources into the area that will ultimately reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in our community, and in turn will give a better quality of life to all residents.

Since its inception this group has worked closely with the health authority on under age sales of alcohol, substance misuse and Illegal collections of scrap metals.

We have through participatory budgeting been able to make monies available for additional activities for our young people, which in turn has steered them away from anti-social behaviour.



Mick Hutchinson - Crime Sub Group Chair

New Members Of The Board Required

There are two vacancies for community board members. This number may increase in the future. If you are interested in becoming a Community Board Member and feel that you can contribute to the continued development of the areas of Airedale, Ferry Fryston, Fryston and Townville, please contact Mr. M Dixon, Board Chairman at: mike_dixon@hotmail.com for an information pack. Selection of candidates will be by an interview with existing board members.

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