



East Herringthorpe Litter Pickers

Local East Herringthorpe resident, Natalie approached Community Organiser Penny Thompson after a concern of the amount of rubbish thrown on the streets.

Natalie and Penny discussed potential solutions to the waste on the streets and Natalie was passionate about 'doing something to help her own community'. Penny suggested she attend Community Organiser training in order to equip her with the skills and knowledge when working with the community.

Natalie was excited with the idea to lead a community clean-up in the area, dates for the clean up and partners to involve were discussed including Street Pride's 'Love Where You Live' Wayne Munroe-Smith, High Greave School and Tesco. Another ex-resident, Michael also suggested the Titans Rugby Club who may be able to donate game match tickets for the under 16s.

They agreed what we needed to complete, a poster was designed and the event was promoted through social media as well as through links with the local school and community champion at Tesco. Natalie with the support of Michael contacted Street Pride, The Titans, RotherFM, and The Advertiser.

Natalie planned where the litter pick would take place and on the day, 1st August, 2 members of the Yorkshire Party Chris Whitwood and Jack Carrington came to support the event. They all rolled up their sleeves and began cleaning around the disused ground on Laudsedale Road

and Lady Oak Crescent, with lots of residents supporting Natalie's idea of promoting civic pride.



Litter picking in East Herringthorpe

After 2 hours, over 30 bags of rubbish had been collected as well items that managed to fill a council pick up van. The litter pick was thoroughly enjoyed so much it will be becoming a weekly event.

Every Thursday there will be a clean up 9am—11am, meeting at High Greave School gates. With the support of Love Where You Live the group was given litter picks, high visibility jackets, black bags and hoops as well as a trolley for those with mobility issues who still wish to get involved. Contact Penny Thompson for more information or if you'd like to be involved in East Herringthorpe.



Residents Form Swinburne Social Club

A group of residents have worked to form a committee and the group 'Swinburne Social Club'

Over the last year Rotherham Federation has supported a group of residents to come together to tackle the issues and social isolation they were facing in their own community, during the last 5 months the residents have been working to put everything needed in place such as their constitution, a bank account and starting to raise funds.

They have worked with RMBC in getting their residents centre re-decorated and have put on community engagement activities including a mothers day lunch. The group have undergone food hygiene and first aid training so they are well equipped to run more events in the future.

The group are now planning a jumble sale in hope to raise more funds for to allow them to develop more activities. Rotherham Federation has supported the group by listening to their issues and directing them on how to address them, for the future they are keen to engage with their Area Housing Panels and develop projects looking at more lighting for the

community.

Earlier in the year Rotherham Federation recognised the work they have achieved in such little time and they were awarded with a silver group award. If you want to be involved with the group they meet for a cuppa and a chat at the Swinburne residents centre in Herringthorpe every Tuesday and Thursday at 1.30pm. Everyone is always welcome!



Swinburn Social Club

Canklow Kidz Breakfast Club

Canklow Kidz ran a breakfast club for the local children in their area during the summer. This need was identified during their craft club. The local school does not run during the holidays and therefore the children were left without this free service.

They worked with RMBC and held an hour long session for free breakfast for the children every Monday—Friday at the pavilion on Canklow Road throughout the summer holidays. This ran up until 23rd August.

For more information on Canklow Kidz and their future events search for them on Facebook.



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A Busy Summer For Dinnington Boxing Group

Dinnington boxing group have had a busy summer and have made giant steps since forming less than 2 months ago.

The group, made up of local residents Cheryl Smith, David Robinson & Taylor Jewkes came together after 'listening' undertaken by Rotherham Federation community organiser Ian Huddleston with the young people at 'JADE youth and community'. It was clear the young people wanted more sports activities to do.



Committee—Cheryl Smith, David Robinson and Taylor Jewkes

Ian arranged to meet with David Robinson—who has previously ran fitness and boxing sessions at a Rotherham gym—to see if he would like to get involved. A session took place at JADE with the young people. With the help of the staff at JADE, the trial was a real success.

Over the summer holidays the group have put on 4 more sessions at the Lyric Theatre on Laughton Road as well as at the High Nook Community Centre, bringing the centre back into use.

The aims were to improve the quality of life for the residents of the area and work towards a safer Dinnington Community, to provide activities for local children to get involved with, to promote respect and positive attitudes amongst the children of Dinnington, to teach a

healthier lifestyle and to encourage community spirit, through boxing.

Chair of the group and boxing coach David Robinson said, "These sessions consist of teaching basic boxing techniques, fun games to help with coordination and teamwork and short workouts to help teach exercises and improve fitness. The aim is to bring the community together through a new hobby, as well as improve fitness as a whole. Children who had no prior interest in sports or fitness are now eager for each session and are getting passionate about coming back.

The Dinnington Boxing group is aimed at young people who may not necessarily be athletic, but who want something to go and do to socialise, burn some energy and enjoy being physically active. The children and young people who have taken part so far have had no past boxing training but all went away having had a great time and learning some new skills which they bring to the next session. They understand they are not expected to be skilled boxers, they are all there just to enjoy the sessions at their own ability levels and pace".

The group now have plans to take this further and have recently met with the Head of Dinnington High School to look at ways for more local children to take part and how more sessions can be put on.



Young people at JADE taking part in the boxing sessions



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Ferham Community Café Presents Picnic In The Park

During the summer the Timebuilders Community café has been ran outside in Ferham Park as 'Picnic in the Park'.

This was to further engage families and young people who would not necessarily come into a church through either personal or physical barriers.

Rotherham Federation community organiser Vicky Hilton, Christine Batchford from Timebuilders and volunteers promoted the 6 week programme through door knocking, attending local events and speaking with local partners. Whilst running an assembly at Ferham School. We discussed the idea with young people and created an immersive learning environment in which young people helped us set up a picnic within their school hall. We then arranged a couple of sessions talking to and promoting the activities to the families collecting their children on the school gate.

100s of local families were engaged with and invited along to the picnic. Mascots— minion and Marshal from Paw Patrol—helped to attract a lot of attention!



The Timebuilders serving families food

Staff, volunteers and local people provided a delicious range of homemade food from fresh salad to rice dishes, which were very popular with families. The sessions gave local people the opportunity to socialise and make new friendships with other local people attending the picnic, with plenty of activities for the children to do including parachute games, rounder's, cricket and a scavenger hunt ran by Places for People.



Childrens activities at the Ferham Picnic

The summer picnics have now come to an end but the events have been incredible for local life and community cohesion. Over the 6 weeks hundreds of individuals and families have attended the picnic and Christine from Timebuilders has done an incredible job alongside the volunteers and local community members to make it work. Without the team all working together the project would have been much harder.

We now hope that this will encourage more families to further engage with activities at the Church including the community café which will now take place in the Church again every Monday evening.



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Autumn Word Search



- ACORN
- AUTUMN
- BARLEY
- CABBAGE
- CAULIFLOWER
- CHESTNUT
- CINNAMON
- CONKER
- CROP
- FALL
- FIELDS
- GRAIN
- HARVEST
- HARVESTING
- HAY
- HIBERNATE
- LEAVES
- MAIZE
- OATS
- POTATO
- PRODUCE
- PUMPKIN
- SEASON
- SEEDS
- SOW
- TREES
- VEGETABLE
- WHEAT



Autumn Quiz

1. The closest full moon to the Autumn Equinox has what name?
2. Which poet composed 'To Autumn' in 1819 with the first line 'Season of Mists and mellow fruitfulness'?
3. What name does a baby hedgehog have?
4. What date is the Metrological start date for Autumn?
5. Which nation invented the firework?
6. True or False, The US state of Alaska will have a public holiday on Friday 18th October 2019 for 'Alaska Day'?
7. In Autumn time squirrels bury acorns. What bird does the same?
8. 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter' is an

- Autumn hymn written in 1782 by Matthias Claudius and contains three verses and a chorus. How many verses did the original version have?
9. True or False, the scientific name for the 'falling of the leaves' is abscission
10. True or false, The battle of Hastings started on 1st October 1060, between King Harold Godwineson and William the Conqueror also known as William, Duke of Normandy and William I

Answers: 1. A Harvest Moon, 2. John Keats, 3. A hoglet, 4. 1st September, 5. China, 6. True, only the state of Alaska hold this public holiday, 7. Jay, 8. The original version had 17 verses, 9. True, 10. False, The battle took place on 14th October 1066 between King Harold Godwineson and William the Conqueror



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