

Wednesfield & Fallings Park
Local Neighbourhood Partnership

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Staff List 2010/11

Sue Lindup.....Neighbourhood Manager/Constituency Manager
 Tessa Meek(until April 2011) Neighbourhood Manger
 Chris Lester(until May 2011) Administrative Officer
 Simon HamiltonPartnership Officer / Constituency Support Officer
 Karen Sahota(from May 2011) Administrative Office
 Teresa MalbonNeighbourhood Warden (P/T)
 Raj ChambaNeighbourhood Warden
 John BullockNeighbourhood Warden (P/T)
 Mac JarvisNeighbourhood Safety Coordinator

What the wardens have been involved.

Allotment project

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Neighbourhood Wardens and Wednesfield Police Team have been involved in supporting the Wednesfield High Allotment project for the second year. Pupils and Wardens have been working on an allotment plot in Sandy Lane allotments growing Vegetables which the Pupils then make into soup and donate it to the soup kitchen at Booth Street Hostel for the Homeless in Birmingham. This project has seen 24 young people from the High School regularly attend the plot weekly. As a direct result of this project, eight students have also gained a Level 3 certificate from the Royal Horticulture Society .



Your Neighbourhood Wardens

The Neighbourhood Wardens are an integral part of the Local Neighbourhood Partnership team and provide visible patrols across the area.



What they do.....

- The Wardens are primarily concerned with high visibility patrols and promoting public reassurance. They are proactive in making contact with all sections of the community (visiting youth clubs, religious groups, schools etc.)
- They act as a referral point for agencies such as the police, waste management
- They carry out specific small scale projects such as promoting the creation of new Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, assisting in environmental projects such as Rubbish Action Zones and litter picks
- They collect information and evidence that can be used by police and other agencies in enforcing the law
- Promote community safety

What they don't do.....

- Wardens are not police officers and therefore, do not directly intervene in incidents of crime, issue fines, warning notices etc.

How to Contact the Wardens (between 9 am and 5 pm - Mon to Fri only)
Mobile: 07771836957, 07768 447195 or 07916926293

Message from the Chair Simon Mansfield

I wish to thank everyone who is involved in the Wednesfield & Fallings Park LNP, and for the enthusiasm and expertise you have given, for without all of you, our LNP would not function. It has been an uncertain year for the LNP staff team with the local Authority having to make some difficult decisions on funding services and resources.

I am pleased to say that the LNP service was retained under a new restructured staffing structure serving the North East Constituency. As most of you are aware, earlier this year under the new restructure we said goodbye to the Neighbourhood Manager Tessa Meek and Christine Lester Administrative Officer. We wish them both well in the Future careers.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our previous LNP team Tessa Meek, Simon Hamilton, Christine Lester and Neighbourhood Wardens Raj Chamba, Teresa Malbon and John Bullock for all their hard work to ensure the successful running of our Partnership. I am pleased to say that under the restructure we have retained Simon Hamilton and our existing Neighbourhood Wardens within the North East constituency team and Welcome our new Manager Sue Lindup and new team members Manjit Cheema, Karen Sahota and Mac Jarvis to the team.

It is more important than ever that we keep up the momentum in our neighbourhoods and that we continue to have a voice in influencing services within our neighbourhood. We can do this through good partnership working between local community, local groups, services and local Councillors.

We also held a Local Hero's event held in March this year, which was a highly successful way of acknowledging the tremendous efforts made by local people to help others in their community / school / club. All of them deserved a medal.

Let us hope we can continue to make a difference to the residents of Wednesfield and Fallings Park and continue our work to improve the area.

Simon Mansfield
Chair, Wednesfield and Fallings Park Local Neighbourhood Partnership



Five priorities

Consultation work carried out as part of this process has identified the following key areas of work for the next 12 months:

- Employment and Skills Event
- Identify vacant pieces of land, ownership and action to be taken
- Annual Summer fare/Christmas fare
- Consultation re canal improvements and links to the regeneration of The Wednesfield Village
- Identify gaps in the LNP representation and implement a Communication strategy to promote the LNP

What have we been doing?

Business engagement

Lack of business engagement in the work of the partnership has been highlighted as a priority at a strategic level. In response to this, we have listed a few of the projects that we have been involved with at a local level.

We were the first of all the LNP's to design and distribute a retail directory and our directory has been held up as an example of good practice. Evidence of how well this has been received by retailers in the area is that the numbers of entries in the second issue have almost tripled and will continue to look at new ways to support local Businesses.

Offering money saving offers and showing the range of retailers that we have in Wednesfield and Fallings Park, the directory has been delivered to all of the shops who have supported the project and through our community centres, churches and schools.

Also a fun day was arranged to support shop keepers on Moathouse Lane East in Wednesfield. This event raised £1270 for the Help for Heroes charity and the event attracted up to 250 people. The shop keepers commented that since the event they have increased custom.



Youth Engagement

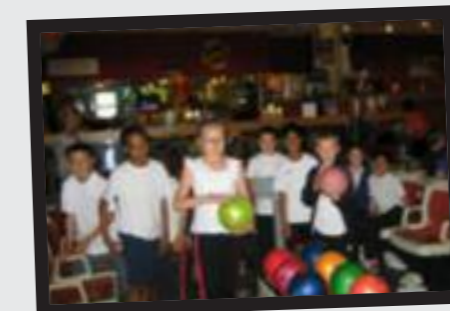
Wednesfield High Community Games

The Local Neighbourhood Partnership worked in partnership with Wednesfield High Engineering College on a Community Games Event in celebration of the 2012 Olympics. Five Primary Schools were involved in the event, Fibbersley Primary, Edward the Elder Primary, Beacon Primary, Long Knowle Primary and St Thomas Primary.

10 Pupils from years 3,4,5 & 6 competed in several sports activities run by Rob Moses (Head of School and Community Sport) and the young leaders of Wednesfield High supported by the Neighbourhood Wardens.

The 10 Winning Pupils from each School were presented a medal by the City Mayor Bert Turner at a celebration day at Stryker's Bowling Alley in Shaw Road Bushbury where the pupils were also treated to free games of bowling donated by Stryker's.

The children were presented a Medal from the Mayor Councillor Bert Turner at Stryker's Bowling venue in Shaw Road.



Christmas lights

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One of the highlights of the last year was the Christmas Light Switch on and Carol service in Wednesfield.

LNP took responsibility for the event which saw St Thomas's Church filled to bursting point and the High Street filled with excited residents.

The lights were switched on by the City Mayor Councillor Bert Turner and Head Teacher and School Choir of St Patrick's Catholic School.

We hope for an even bigger and better event for the Next Year.



A fantastic partnership between the LNP, the Rotary Club, Wednesfield Traders, Jason Gessey of JG Energy Ltd, the Guru Nanak Gurdwara, Co-op Funeral Care, Jennings funeral care and the Temple has purchased a Christmas tree for the amphitheatre in Wednesfield.

A week of performances from local talent was witnessed around the Christmas tree. Grey Coll pipe band is shown below.



Improving Communication

Wednesfield & Fallings Park Local Neighbourhood Partnership in partnership with the WV11 Website run by James Clarke and Steph Jennings from Ashmore Park held a live Pact Meeting link with the local Residents.

We are the first Local Neighbourhood Partnership to run a live link with residents over the Internet between service providers and the general public. Mark Henderson from Wolverhampton Homes, Sgt Causer of Wednesfield Police Team, Andrea Patel Communications officer for Local Neighbourhood Partnership and Simon Hamilton and Sue Lindup from the North East LNP constituency Team were present at the event and answered questions from residents via live twitters and facebook.

147 people logged on to follow the discussion with 88 comments posted. An on-line survey was also conducted which showed that 67% of respondents would be more likely to attend a PACT meeting after the on-line event and all would take part in the any future live events. This Initiative was well received by the public and your LNP team look forward to the next live link.



Local Heroes

The inaugural Local Heroes event held in March was a resounding triumph. Four categories of awards (Young Achiever, Small Business, Team of the Year, Volunteer) were given out by LNP Chair, Simon Mansfield. The idea behind the event was to reward the positive things that take place every day in Wednesfield and Fallings Park.

Only encouraging comments were received about the event and the second Local Heroes is planned for 22nd March. Put the date in your diary!

John Bird – Volunteer of the Year Award

Runners Up

Irene Dodd
Alf Wardley
Peter Lownes



Andrew Horobin M.A.P.S – Small Business of the Year Award

Runners Up

Raj Kumar (Hardware Store)
Phil & Maureen France (Ashmore Park Kandy Box)
Cain Mann (Wednesfield Angling Club)



Local Heroes

Tia Small – Young Achiever Award

Runners Up

Gemma Mason
Tom Smith
Jordan Holdcroft



Wodensfield Eco Club – Team Award

Runners Up

AGE UK (WEDNESFIELD)
PC'S Nash & Matthews (Wednesfield North NPT)
JG Energy Solutions

