

# Clean, Green and Safe News

## Bulletin 4 - Sept 2007

### **Barnsley council really cleans up its act!**

Barnsley council has met or exceeded all their recycling targets this year and are well on their way to meet the 2009/2010 target of 33%. Household waste recycling has increased from just 3% in 2002 to the landmark 30% level this month - this makes Barnsley one of the most improved councils in the country for recycling.

This has been achieved through the roll out of the segregated weekly collection scheme and the fantastic efforts of Barnsley residents to recycle more. 75% of households in the borough are now receiving the segregated service with the remaining households to be added next year.

### **Your Rubbish Is Your Responsibility**

Fly tipping (illegally dumped rubbish) costs Barnsley hundreds of thousands of pounds to clean up every year. Some of this is dumped by illegal waste carriers after they have collected it from householders. These unscrupulous traders collect waste by conning residents into believing that they are legitimate waste contractors, some by advertising in local papers, using leaflets or simply 'cold calling' to promote their dodgy services.

Whilst those doing the dumping are always prosecuted if they can be traced and there is sufficient evidence, any resident who has not taken reasonable steps to make sure that they only pass their rubbish to licensed waste carriers is also acting illegally and may receive a very unwelcome visit from the Regulatory Services' Environmental Enforcement Officer.



**The law requires that all householders must take reasonable steps to check that anyone they give their rubbish to is licensed.** If prosecuted, they may face a fine of up to £5000 under the Waste Regulations, 2005. Recently a number of Barnsley residents have been fined for not checking that they used

licensed waste carriers - the latest being on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, where Barnsley Magistrates' Court found the resident guilty, fining them over £300.

Before allowing any of your waste to be removed by somebody other than the Council's Refuse Collection Service, you should: -

- Ensure that you use a legitimate registered waste carrier. Insist on seeing their original certificate and recording the number
- Check registration claims by phoning the Environment Agency on 08708 506 506 and requesting an 'Instant Waste Carrier Validation Check' or searching their public register at [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk). If they are not registered, refuse the service.
- Make sure you get your copy of the Waste Transfer Note before they go – this is a legal requirement.
- Keep a note of their name, telephone number and vehicle registration number so you can pass this on to the Council if your waste still ends up being fly tipped.
- Report suspicious operators or unregistered waste carriers to either the Environment Agency on 08708 506 506 or the Council on 01226 772468.

Household Waste Recycling Sites are located at: -

- Smithies Lane Barnsley
- Nicholas Lane, Goldthorpe
- Springvale Penistone
- West Street, Worsbrough Bridge.

Opening times are: 9.30am–4.30pm (October–March) and 9.30am–7.45pm (April–September) except Christmas Day.

### Recycle your leftover paint

Each year in the UK, it is estimated that 80 million litres of leftover paint are unused, stored in homes or garages or just thrown away. Most ends up in landfill sites where it becomes a major environmental pollutant. **Community RePaint** ([www.communityrepaint.org.uk](http://www.communityrepaint.org.uk)) provides a greener solution by collecting 'half-tins' of leftover paint from householders, painters and decorators and unsold and end-of-line paint from local DIY stores.

Paint can be donated at these household waste recycling centres: -

- Denby Dale Road, Wakefield.
- Welbeck, Boundary Lane, Normanton, Wakefield.
- Car Hill Household Waste Recycling Centre, Greasbrough Road, Rotherham.
- Shaw Cross, Owl Lane, Ossett, Wakefield.
- Magilla Household Waste Recycling Centre, Common Road, North Anston, Rotherham.



Community RePaint collect and redistribute the paint to local charities, community and voluntary groups and individuals in social need. Paint is usually offered free of charge although schemes encourage small financial donations to help cover their costs – they are usually local community groups and charities operating on tight budgets. The UK network is managed by the employee-owned, not-for-profit environmental consultancy, Resource Futures. In 2006, they redistributed over 208,000 litres of paint, (worth over £800,000) to 11,000 individuals, community and voluntary groups.

If you think your local community group, amateur sports club or charity could use paint to redecorate their premises, contact your local Community RePaint scheme.

- **Community RePaint Rotherham** 01709 362235  
Units A and B, The Crofts, Snail Hill, Rotherham, S60 2BZ
- **Community RePaint Doncaster**, 01302 329955  
33 Nether Hall Road, Doncaster, DN1 2PN  
refurnishdoncaster@yahoo.co.uk  
www.doncasterrefurnish.co.uk

### **Barnsley Community Recycling Initiative Launch Event**

**A launch event for the 'Barnsley Community Recycling Initiative' is being held at Northern College, Wentworth Castle, Stainborough on Friday 21st September from 9am–4pm.**

The aim of the Initiative is to promote all forms of recycling - including home composting, re-using products and recycling plastics. The Initiative will map recycling, re-use and composting activities across the Borough and aims to offer support and advice to all those interested in setting up recycling projects and signpost potential recycling opportunities.

The Initiative hopes to promote environmental awareness across the Borough, possibly through seminars and/or training events. Information gathered at the Launch Event will be used to assess groups and organisations needs.

To book your place at the launch event or for further details on workshops - contact Liz Pickering via email: [liz@afc.ac.uk](mailto:liz@afc.ac.uk) or via post to: Northern College, Wentworth Castle, Stainborough, Barnsley, S75 3ET.

### **Greener Computing: [Blackle.com](http://Blackle.com) 'Saving energy one search at a time'**

**Black Google (Blackle) saves energy because the screen is predominantly black; most types of monitors require more power to display a white screen than a black screen.** The Blackle site uses the Google search engine and works in much the same way. Blackle differs in the display of search results; it uses light grey text on a black background - in place of the customary Google layout of blue, black, and green text on a white background.

The Blackle site differs in that it lacks many of the features of conventional Google, including the 'Cached' and 'Similar Pages' options and it does not have as many of the corresponding links that can be found on the Google homepage. These links include items such as preferences, advanced search, language tools, images, groups, news and scholar. None of the Blackle links have a visited option, where once a link is followed it turns a different colour.



If the lack of the above features doesn't bother you, then set Blackle as your home page so that every time you load your Internet browser you will save a little bit of energy. Remember every bit counts! You will also be reminded about the need to save energy each time you see the Blackle page load.

### What else can community groups and frontline charities do to reduce their carbon footprint? Other Greener Computing tips are: -

- Make sure PCs are turned off at night and especially weekends
- Don't forget to turn off printers and other equipment
- Make sure occasional and casual users of equipment are aware of need to shut down when they are finished
- Set PCs to go on stand by if they haven't been in use for five minutes
- Use technology instead of travel
- Print material only when necessary, and always use both sides of the page
- Make greener computing part of your policies and future strategies

### **Voluntary and Community Sector take further steps to reduce crime and disorder**

The new Safer Communities Forum will hold its inaugural meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2007. The Forum represents the Voluntary and Community Sector interests of the Safer Communities Partnership. The Forums main purpose is to provide an opportunity for the sector to comment on, contribute to and develop work being carried out on community safety and community engagement by statutory and other agencies in Barnsley. It will establish the links to enable Barnsley Safer Communities Partnership to feed back any pertinent information on new policies or procedures and for the sector to comment on and influence these as well as sharing best practice throughout the borough. A nominated representative of the group will become the voice of the sector on the Safer Communities Partnership Executive Committee. If you would like further information on this Forum then please contact Susanne Wharton - Community Safety Development Officer at the Safer Communities Partnership on 01226 774950.

## New lines of communication will help reduce crime

A groundbreaking agreement to strengthen links between Neighbourhood Watch schemes and Safer Neighbourhood Teams in Barnsley will be signed on Friday 14th September at Shaw Lane Rugby Club at 10am.

The agreement is the first of its kind in Yorkshire, and it is thought there is only one other similar agreement in the whole of the UK. It commits Neighbourhood Watch representatives and SNT representatives to meet on a regular basis to keep each other informed of local and borough-wide issues and coordinate actions to help improve neighbourhood policing.

A steering group will meet bi-monthly and will be responsible for the high level decision making, such as training arrangements and addressing wider crime problems that cannot be dealt with entirely at local level. The group will consist of Paul Brannan, neighbourhood safety manager at Barnsley Council, Chief Inspector Gary Boughen of South Yorkshire Police, Susanne Wharton, community safety development officer, and John Hallows and Barry McGowan, respectively chair and vice-chair of Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Group.

At local level, tasking officers from each of the borough's nine Safer Neighbourhood Teams will meet on a weekly basis with Neighbourhood Watch representatives from their respective areas to discuss local issues.

Chief Inspector Gary Boughen, said:

*"The Safer Neighbourhood Teams are already a shining example of the impact that partnership working can have in communities. This agreement allows us to extend this methodology one step further by welcoming the input of the hard-working Neighbourhood Watch volunteers who help fight crime in their own neighbourhood day in, day out. This local knowledge will help us better address local crime and disorder problems even faster than before, and also help forge closer relationships between Safer Neighbourhood Teams and local communities."*

John Hallows, chair of Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Group, said: *"I have encouraged local watches to work closely with their Safer Neighbourhood Teams since they first appeared on our streets. This has worked well with some impressive results in many areas. It is nice to see the knowledge and effort of Neighbourhood Watch teams is now formally being recognised in such a way as to allow us to feed directly into how Safer Neighbourhood Teams operate."*

## New figures show crime continuing to fall in Barnsley

**A dramatic drop in the number of domestic burglaries has been highlighted by the most recent crime figures for Barnsley, released in July.** The figures show that, overall, crime is continuing to fall in the borough. Compared with the same period as last year (April-June), many types of crime have shown significant reductions, including:

- Domestic burglaries have reduced by 35%.

- Violent offences have reduced by 14%.
- Theft of vehicle down by 28%.
- Theft from vehicle down by 11%.

There have been further impressive results over the last 12 months; with South Yorkshire Police, the council and other partners working together to help reduce crime and related activities in the borough. Over 9453 arrest were made, drug treatment was provided to 1100 adults, 220 victims of domestic abuse were supported, over £700,000 worth of drugs were seized and 23 anti-social behaviour orders were obtained.

Inspector Ian Barber from Barnsley Safer Communities Partnership said:

*"These are extremely encouraging figures and show that we're making a real headway into many types of crimes. Safer Neighbourhood Teams are working at local levels to address community concerns, while multi-agency partnership working in vehicle crime has proven exceptionally effective."*

*"Of course, this is not time to be complacent, and we will continue our efforts in all areas against all types of crime to help make Barnsley an even safer place than it already is."*

## 5<sup>th</sup> All Barnsley Diversity Festival

**The All Barnsley festival – a celebration of the cultural diversity of the borough, is returning with more events than ever before.** There will be events for everyone, including music, theatre, dancing and exhibitions. The twelve week festival will start at the beginning of September and will conclude with the three day German Market - Christkindlemarkt, at the end of November.



Cllr Bill Newman, Cabinet Spokesperson for Development said:

*"The Festival celebrates both the diversity of Barnsley's communities and also the fusion of those communities into one strong and tolerant Barnsley. I am delighted that cultural activities within the Borough are continuing to develop year on year and Barnsley is becoming recognised for its cultural programme."*

The Cooper Gallery will be the proud host of the internationally recognised Anne Frank + You Exhibition from the Anne Frank Trust. The exhibition highlights issues that affected Anne Frank and her family and that are unfortunately still present in today's society. It will be the first time that the touring exhibition has been on display in Yorkshire.

The centre piece of this year's festival is 'Witness' a national exhibition hosted by Barnsley Black & Ethnic Minority Initiative (BBEMI) at the Central Library and the Cooper Gallery. The exhibition commemorates the abolition of the slave trade and communicates to its audiences the history of the slave trade and its relevance in today's society.

Diversity in Muslim Culture on Sunday 2nd October showcases a unique collection of art and artifacts including photography, music, food and treasures. This event takes place at Barnsley Town Hall. The Lamproom Theatre will be showing a performance of Wild Geese on Thursday, 15th September. This play tells the story of migration and exile from the point of view of people who have suffered this way of life. Favorites from last year's festival will also feature, including A Taste of Cultural Diversity, South American Fiesta, Hafla Dance Party and Chinese Moon Festival.

The Festival is organised by BMBC Culture Sport & Tourism, BBEMI Directors, Staff & Volunteers and a steering group of representatives from statutory, independent and voluntary organisations. For more details on the events, call the Barnsley Tourist Information Centre on 01226 206757 or email [barnsley@ybtic.co.uk](mailto:barnsley@ybtic.co.uk). Information will also be available at [www.barnsley.gov.uk](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk) and in all venues holding All Barnsley events.

### **Safer Communities Partnership represented at South Yorkshires First Gay Pride**

The First South Yorkshire Gay Pride took place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August at Doncaster. The Safer Communities Partnership, Berneslai Homes, Barnsley PCT and Barnsley Youth Service were represented. Despite adverse weather conditions, organisers were pleased with the support for the event. The Safer Communities Partnership were publicising hate crime and how to report it as well as support for Gay and Lesbian partners experiencing domestic abuse. Previous attempts to hold Pride events in South Yorkshire have had a chequered history but finally it was felt that progress had been made to put LGBT diversity issues on the map

**Deadline for next bulletin: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2007**

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