

Partnership Update April 2010

PENTLANDS

NEIGHBOURHOOD
PARTNERSHIP



Community Resources: Developing the future

The Your Edinburgh: Your Community information/ consultation event held at Oxgangs Library on 27th March proved to be a great success. Member of the public together with community groups and organisation joined in the event and provided much needed feedback on the 3 topic the Your Edinburgh: Your Information team posed as questions.

The questions were:

- **Service Development**
 - **Community Engagement**
 - **Your Edinburgh: Your Information**

The event was opened by the Pentland Partnership Convenor, Cllr Jason Rust, who welcomed everyone, especially the 18 local service providers who had set-up stalls and displays. The data collected from the event will assist develop the event programme for the library over the next 6 months. The official launch of this IT initiative will take place in June.

If you would like to know more about this event, please contact Carol Marr, Senior Librarian, Oxgangs Library at carol.marr@edinburgh.gov.uk : 527-3816.

Ratho Library turns over a new Leaf



Things are happening round Ratho Library with the shrubs and parkland taking over. The Community Service Team was asked to help remove the bushes and tidy the area up. However when they visited the project it was clear that there was so much more that could be done to enhance both the front and rear of the building that has been somewhat neglected. The project was divided into 3 phases. No.1 & 2 being the tidy up of the library and surrounding area while phase 3 looked at the parkland area.

A meeting with council officials and interested partners took place to agree how the project was to proceed. The brief for the project was interesting to say the least and whilst the team were keen to give the area a landscape 'make over' there was no budget. The team improvised and recycled materials that were found on sight. Bushes and trees were shredded and mulched and used over the garden area round the Library.

The pictures show the size and scale of some of the trees and shrubs that were moved by the team



The Parkland that will be part of stage 3 of the project and will open up the popular local walk and resource.

The local school carried out a litter clear-up last year and this latest piece of work enhances the area of the village and its parkland.



PENTLANDS

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP



Congratulations!

It was announced at the Buckstone Community fun day today that the part time youth worker, Margaret Walker, had won an award as the Part Time Youth Worker of the Year at the Youthlink Scotland Awards.



Above Margaret proudly shows of her award

For more information about the activities of the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership, go to

www.edinburghnp.org.uk

or contact the Partnership & Information team on 527 3884 or 527 3816.

Coming soon to a Neighbourhood near YOU!

At the Pentland Partnership meeting on the 30/3/10, it was announced that a new sub group will be created. This sub group focusing on Community safety will compliment the existing 4 sub groups in the Pentland partnership. The partnership members received a presentation from key partners, namely Lothian Borders Police and the SW Community Safety Team which set out the vision of how this new sub group will operate and invited community representatives to nominate possible members.

The Main Aims of the Sub Group:

- **Develop** and **deliver** on the key aims of the Community Plans
- **Identify** and **respond** to local Community Safety and Environmental issues
- **Hear** reports of Crime and ASB in their area
- **Decide** based on information and local information what they might want to progress

The Community Safety Sub Group will formally meet on **28 April at 6pm at Oxfangs Library, Fraser Room**. For further information contact Veronica Wright, Community Safety Manager veronica.wright@edinburgh.gov.uk or telephone 527-3803/ 3819

SW Roads Services Team

The SW Roads Team held a series of meetings with members of wards 2 & 8 the following list of projects which were selected for delivery in the coming FY 10/11.

Ward 2

a] Threipmuir Car Park - £30k - car park surface improvements. Parks and Green Space have £50k to put towards this project.

b] Water of Leith Walkway access improvements - £10k

c] Footpath Lanark Road to Clovenstone Drive footpath resurfacing/ upgrade - £5k

d] Ratho Main St - removal of deterrent paving and footway reconstruction - £5k

Ward 8

a] Woodhall Road @ Dreghorn Loan/ Barnshot Road etc. Drainage investigation and works to prevent flood water cascading across Woodhall Road - £10k

b] Cock my Lane - Handrail and footway resurfacing - £7.5k

c] Cock my Lane/ Pentland Drive - new culvert - £6k

d] The Strip, Buckstone Crescent - new street lighting - £5k

e] Buckstone Road/ Buckstone Loan - new pedestrian barrier/ bollards - £5k

f] Swanston Muir/ New Swanston - new street lighting - £7k

Presence in the Pentlands

The Pentlands Hills Park proudly boasts Green Flag status and is one of the most popular places in the Lothian's area for outdoor recreation and attracts many visitors from near and far. The Park is very close to a large number of urban areas and has been suffering from high levels of visitor pressure in certain key locations, such as Bonaly Hill and Harlaw Reservoir.

Repeated use of these sites has resulted in a minority of people

- **damaging trees**
- **littering**
- **allowing their dogs to foul and behave in an aggressive manner**
- **lighting fires**
- **irresponsibly camping**

This has led the City of Edinburgh Council to establish a Problem Solving Partnership to resolve these anti-social behaviour issues.



We would like visitors to the Park to report any suspicious or antisocial behaviour or criminal activities to the Police, the South West Community Safety Team or the Environmental Wardens as soon as it happens. Any information provided particularly descriptions of perpetrators, names if known or vehicle number plates are useful. Information can be given anonymously and is treated in the strictest confidence.

For further details tel. the Comm. Safety Team on 0131 527-3812

AREA BOARD UPDATE

Neighbourhood Environmental Programme (NEP)

At the Area Board selection meeting on Monday 29th March Board members approved the recommendations put forward by the Property and Estates team. The total number of projects assessed totalled 30, of which 22 were proposed to the Board.

The Board expressed their approval at the transparency of the new selection system and were grateful to the Property & Estates team for all their hard work in delivering the project briefs and associated information to allow them to make an informed choice of the projects presented. Officers were on hand to answer any Board Members questions and this proved to assist the selection process.

If you wish further information contact either Tommy Walker Property Team Leader on tommy.walker@edinburgh.gov.uk for further information on the South West Area Board go to the following link http://www.edinburghnp.org.uk/page/South_West_Area_Board.aspx

Pentland Projects Approved

Project Number 322 - 6 – 8 Oxgangs Avenue £26,000

Project Number 324 –4 - 7 Clovenstone Park £25,000

Project Number 325 –8 - 11 Clovenstone Park £45,000

Project Number 326 –11 Oxgangs Place £35,000

Project Number 336 –Various Areas £13,000

Project Number 355 – Stewart Road Sheltered Housing £6,000

Project Number 372 -Various Areas £10,000

Project Number 376 –Wester Hailes/Greenacre £50,000

Estimate costs £246.000

Pictured is 11 Oxgangs Place



NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP DATES AND VENUES

08 Jun 2010 Colinton Mains Parish Church Theme: End of Year Report

Community Grants Fund

Buckstone Community Family Fun Day

As the sun rose on the morning of Saturday 20 March 2010 a few anxious people looked out of their windows and checked the weather forecast for the area on the internet and the TV.

It was the day of the Buckstone Community Family Fun Day being held to mark the 30th anniversary of the Buckstone Youth Club.

The organisers, James Gow and Paul De Luca, who were overseen by the youth worker, Margaret Walker, all sighed with relief. The high winds of the previous day had subsided and it was dry.

Over 900 people came through the gates to visit stalls such as Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh Leisure, the Community Council and Community Safety Panel, local Guides, Scouts, Beavers and Cubs. Other local organisations and volunteers and parents manned stalls such as teas, cake and ice cream, face painting, raffle and bottle stalls. Circus skills were performed in the arena as was group dancing and an ambulance and a police traffic car also visited.



Live music was provided by a local band as well as members of the Youth Club and Project. Some of the members even performed vocal solos.

Overall this was very successful event which helped to draw the community together and the grant from the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership was well invested in both the local community and the local youth.

Want to know more about the Community Grants Fund? Go to www.edinburghnp.org.uk to download guidance notes and an application form.

Talk to Your Community!

The Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership Update comes out quarterly. It goes to Community Councils, elected members, service partners, schools, community groups and local libraries.

The Update tells you about the work of the Neighbourhood Partnership and other groups towards achieving the outcomes of the Local Community Plan, developed with local communities to reflect the priorities that matter to you.

If you would like to know more about Neighbourhood Partnerships, the Pentlands Local Community Plan, or the Partnership Update, please contact the South West Partnership & Information Team on 527 3884, southwestteam@edinburgh.gov.uk, or www.edinburghnp.org.uk.