

# **Sale Moor Partnership**

## **NEWSLETTER**

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## **SALE MOOR PARTNERSHIP**

## **LAUNCH & FUNDING EVENT**

### **UPDATE HELD ON:-**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2003**

The launch of the Sale Moor Partnership was promoted as a major funding event. As a result of the generosity from Greater Manchester Police and the Primary Care Trust, the Partnership was able to offer £10,000 in funding for schemes and projects which would benefit the local community.

Community groups and individuals were invited to apply for funding in support of a new initiative or by adding value to an existing initiative for projects up to £1,000. The Sale Moor Partnership launch and funding event was advertised in the Partnership newsletter, which was distributed to all households within the identified Partnership area of Sale Moor, and posters were displayed in public areas, i.e. Sale Moor Centre Point, Conway Road Health Clinic, St Francis Church etc. Application forms were included with the newsletter, and were also sent by post to identified community groups and sports groups, Tenants and Residents Groups, Jeff Joseph Technology College, Lime Tree Primary School, the Guide and Scout Association, plus other individuals who had participated in the Community Needs Assessment.

The criteria for applications required that the scheme would meet the needs of the local community and provide benefits for healthy living. The application should demonstrate how the project would be of benefit to specific target groups and how this had been developed in consultation in those areas.

The event commenced at 4.00 p.m. and multi-agency groups working in Partnership for the Sale Moor area were invited to promote and display their group activities, these were very well represented by: Sale Villa Project, Home Watch Co-ordinators, Sale Moor Art Club, Greater Manchester Police, Job Centre Plus, South Trafford College, Trafford Council's Choice Based

Lettings / Good Neighbour Unit / Information, Advice and Guidance Service, and a representative from the Primary Care Trust offered a blood pressure testing service.

The event was very successful and was attended by approximately 70 people, varying with representation from the local community and including a visit from the newly formed Lostock Tenants and Residents Group who came from the Stretford area.

Applications for funding were to be presented to the panel of judges at the closing time of 7.00 p.m. The judges invited to participate in the consideration of applications were as follows:

Councillor Gratrix - Sale Moor Ward Member  
Councillor Mrs Bullock - Brooklands Ward Member  
Inspector Openshaw - Greater Manchester Police  
Lisa Davies - Primary Care Trust  
Colin Barson - Voluntary Community Action Team (VCAT)  
Dave Galvin - Head of Sale Area Services

### **THE APPLICATIONS**

A total of 16 applications were submitted for approval, 7 of these applications were granted for a total of £5,490. 6 of the applications were refused as they did not fulfill the requirements of the funding criteria. The remaining 3 applications have now been advised that although they were not approved at this stage, they could resubmit their application following further investigation into their project fulfilling the requirements of the funding criteria.

The project approved were as follows:



1. Initially a 3 month project for a "Mum's and Tots" group to run twice weekly at a local venue. To promote use of Community House and offer opportunities to parents to access IT Training at the same time. The aim is to bring mum's together locally to develop relationships and promote good parenting, with the addition of IT training. The project will be co-ordinated by Sam King of the Sale Villa Project using the Sale Moor Community Centre and Beech Farm Community House. Funding approved for £1,000.



2. The Basket and Tubs Club is an existing initiative for the retired residents of a sheltered accommodation housing estate in the Buxton Crescent area. The project is aimed at improving the appearance of the estate for the benefit of its residents, and the funding will be used for garden maintenance equipment and computer equipment to enable the Club to further develop its membership database. Funding approved for £750.

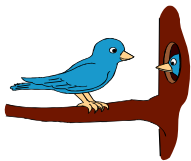
3. Sale United Football Club use the playing fields at Moor Nook Park in addition to Crossford Bridge Sports Ground, and intend to

provide football coaching skills training which will lead to a Community Sports Leader Award.



The project is planned for up to 14 young men aged between 16 – 19 years, targeting 'at risk' individuals who are not in education or Employment, which can lead to further education or paid employment within the leisure industry.

Funding approved for £1,000



towards the cost of the project.

4. Lime Tree Tenants and Residents Association are a newly formed group who want to enhance Baguley Lane, for the local residents and the community who use this Lane to walk down. The project is to include participation from the local schools, younger children and adults to teach them how to respect the wildlife in their local area by mounting bird boxes, and cultivation of plants/shrubs to encourage wildlife activity to flourish.

Funding approved for £740.

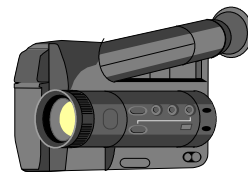
5. Tim Gillibrand is a Computer Technician working at the Beech Farm Community House, developing IT Training as part of the New Opportunities Funding Project. The project for this funding is "20/20 Vision" involving both

young people and adults from the area to produce an intergenerational video looking at where people were 20 years ago, and where they want to be in 20 years time. This will engage local people in using digital technology to tell their own stories, developing skills, knowledge and attitudes that may provide a route to further training and employment.

Funding approved for £1,000.

6. The Beech Farm Community Association provides IT training and use of the computer facilities for the local residents. This project is to encourage wider use of the facilities and courses by promoting awareness to the community and ensuring the premises are available for new courses to be set up.

Funding approved for £400.



The Beech Farm Community Association operates from 28 Chorley Road, and the project is to work in partnership with Ground Work Trust to refurbish the front garden of the house into a low maintenance garden. The aim is to include 12 young people aged between 14 – 16 years who may be looked upon as semi or border line disaffected, giving them a sense of achievement and ownership of the project.

Funding approved for £600.

Sharman Frost  
Sale Area Services Office

## **GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE TRAFFORD HOME WATCH.**

Residents of a community possess a very specialised knowledge of their neighbourhood that even the proverbial "Village Bobby" would take years to achieve.

A Police Officer might not recognise someone in your garden as a stranger, but a neighbour would, this is what Home Watch is all about.

Some residents think they shouldn't ring the Police when they see something suspicious going on at a neighbour's house as they don't want anyone to think they are being nosy, prying around net curtains at other people's business. In Home Watch the residents all agree that they want the residents to be vigilant as far as crime is concerned. If you have the phone number of the man next door and you ring him at work to check that a removal firm should be clearing his house out, who wouldn't be grateful?

### **The Role of the Co-ordinator.**

It is important that members appreciate that the Police do not wish to run Home Watch Schemes. Whilst they will render every assistance in starting and supporting a scheme, it is fundamentally the members who will run it.

The success of a scheme is often dependent on the enthusiasm of its Co-ordinator. The Co-ordinator is someone who is prepared to act as a central pivot but also recognise that work must be shared, so that all members feel they have a role to play.

Although the Co-ordinator's duties will depend on the assistance offered by scheme members, his/her duties are basically:-

To encourage full participation in your scheme amongst residents.

To circulate information received from the Police to residents and vice versa.

To organise and attend local Home Watch meetings if necessary.

To liaise with the Watch Scheme Administrator when necessary.

### **The next stage.**

If you want to start a scheme, decide on the area to be covered. There are no hard and fast rules over the number of homes involved, although on average, it tends to be between 10 & 20 houses. The size is entirely up to the Co-ordinator as he or she is the one that will probably have to visit every house several times. The geography of the area, may also decide for you, (a cul de sac, block of flats or a section of road between two junctions etc.)

The first job is to canvas your neighbourhood to see if there is sufficient interest. If you have a good response, contact The Watch Scheme Administrator, Eleanor Kelly to arrange an evening for her to give a talk to everyone. The meeting can be in a local hall, school or preferably, in someone's front room. You'll never manage to fix a date to suit everyone so just arrange a meeting with Eleanor and she'll give you some invitation cards to pop through the letterboxes.

You will probably have a hundred more questions regarding how Home Watch works, e.g. if there's any cost (there isn't unless you want street signs). How to get Street Signs, How to mark property etc, Eleanor will explain all this at the meeting, so don't worry you've nearly completed the hardest part!!

**If you want to start a Home Watch Scheme ring Eleanor Kelly, The Watch Scheme Administrator, at Stretford Police Station on 0161 856 7745.**



## COMES TO SALE MOOR AREA.

The Dreamscheme has come to Sale Moor. For those of you who do not know what the Dreamscheme is here goes; The Dreamscheme is where young people aged between the ages of eight and eighteen can do **Community Work** to earn **Points** to exchange for **Trips**.

For every hour of **work** they earn ten **points** to exchange towards the cost of **trips**.

Over the October school break some of the young people in Sale Moor have done the following **work**.

1. Planted bulbs and cleared up leaves in Ashbourne and Buxton Crescents with the residents there.
2. Cleaned off graffiti on the shutters of the Norris Road Shops.



3. Clean up of the Hedgerow in front of Jeff Joseph Technology College.



They worked with TMBC Street Wardens and different teams from the Environmental services.

The P.C.S.O's from Greater Manchester Police and Jamie Rennie from Sale Moor Partnership as well as Sale Villa Project.

The children and young people earned lots of **points** towards their **trips**.

The first **trip** was on the Friday where fifteen of the young people went to Laser Quest along with Rob and Clair (P.C.S.O's), Louise and Peter from Sale Villa Project.

A really good time was had by all and friendships were formed.

If you would like more information about the Dreamscheme then you can contact Jamie at the Centre Point Office, 339 Norris Road, Sale Moor. M33 2UP. Or you can telephone him on 0161 912 2641.



## Neighbourhood Warden Update

The Neighbourhood Wardens have been very busy in Sale Moor during August, particularly in the last two weeks of the month. Between the 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> August, the Wardens and Cleaner Streets cleaned up the Beech Farm estate. We were able to provide skips on the estate for three days, thanks to funding from Sale Area Services. Residents were encouraged to fill the skips with any unwanted domestic items, or leave them outside their property. We 'slightly' underestimated the number of skips needed, but fortunately the Wardens and Cleaner Streets were on hand to remove a further 10 wagon loads of fridges, settees, TV's, beds, etc. etc. We are hoping to carry out another clean up in a different area of Sale Moor, before Christmas.

The following week, after August Bank Holiday, the Wardens were back, cleaning up Baguley Lane. This time, we had a bit more help, with 45 youths from Festival Manchester. Each day, the teams came from Heaton Park to work with the Wardens, Cleaner Streets and Grounds Maintenance, and local youth volunteers, to clear litter, rubbish, weeds and overhanging bushes from the lane. The week was a great success, with teams expanding every day, as more local people turned out to help.

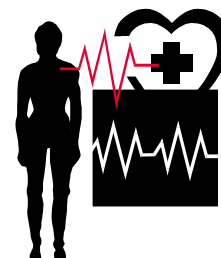
The week culminated in a fantastic fun day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup>, at Moor Nook park.

And finally....there is now a dedicated Street Warden for Sale Moor. His name is Geoff Keen, and he will be working in Sale Moor every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If you have any queries about environmental or community safety issues, call in to see Geoff at Centrepont.



**Don't forget to use the Centre Point office for your Housing repairs, Choice Based Lettings and other Housing issues on a Thursday morning when the Sale Housing Officers will be there to help you.  
10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.**

**Healthy Living and Blood Pressure checks with Sue Long every Monday morning between 10 am and 12 noon.**



### **'Blooming Marvellous' day for judges**

It was with excitement and just a little nervous apprehension that everyone involved in Trafford's entry into this year's prestigious North West in Bloom competition waited for the judges on 22 July. With blue skies and sunshine overhead, they arrived at Trafford Town Hall on cue for their three and a half hour visit. They were first given an opportunity to view a short video, produced by Altrincham Video Society and take in some of the images and information provided by colourful display boards at the town hall.

The judges were then escorted on a 28 mile tour around the Borough, to see at first hand just how local people, individuals and organisations, businesses, community groups and the Council work together throughout the year to maintain Trafford's image as a wonderful place to live, work and relax.

Lead Member for the Trafford in Bloom entry, Jane Baugh, said with such diverse elements and opportunities during the tour, the judges could hardly fail to be impressed with the enthusiasm and commitment shown by all those

involved. When the decision was taken to enter Trafford into the competition, it was decided that the focus of the bid must be on what people do throughout the year to improve areas.

"The competition is clearly about a lot more than pretty flower beds and hanging baskets. Our entry was able to focus heavily on many diverse features, which show the variety of ways we are all working together.

"To be able to show the judges the results of a lot of this work was something we were justifiably proud of and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has worked so tirelessly to make sure that the judges really did have the chance to see the Borough at its best.

"To have so many people finding lots of ways of improving their local environment was extremely good to see and shows just what immense pride there is here. This, coupled with the continuing hard work carried out by the various Friends of Parks groups, town centre partnerships, local schoolchildren and other organisations and agencies involved in nature and environmental improvements helped us produce what I believe to be an incredibly strong entry and one that everyone should feel proud of," she said.

The first stop of the day was to Sale Water Park where the judges viewed an impressive exhibition celebrating the life and work of local naturalist Bessie Harthan at the Mersey Valley Visitor Centre. The exhibition included displays of watercolours of local wildflowers and extracts from her notebooks. From there the judges were treated to the delights of Walkden Gardens where they strolled around the quiet spaces, viewed the fabulous artwork and had the chance to

speak to members of the Friends of Walkden Gardens and find out more about the work they have carried out.

The groundbreaking Springfield Primary School next hosted the judges. As one of only a handful of schools nationally to not only secure but be re-awarded the coveted 'Eco Schools Green Flag award, it showed pupils had done to improve and Protect their environment.

Altrincham town centre with its cosmopolitan bars and café's, attractive shopping areas and historic market area with its

colourful array of stalls and vendors gave the judges the chance to take in the atmosphere of this, one of Trafford's bustling centres.

The final stop took the judges to the hidden gem of Trafford Ecology Park. This is a unique nature conservation site in the heart of Europe's largest industrial estate. With a lake, 6 ponds, woodland and wetland, grassland and meadows the Ecology Park has now been designated a 'Site of Biological Interest'.

Trafford in Bloom Coordinator Mark Brazil said that those accompanying the judges had been quizzed on all aspects of the work carried out and the Borough's future plans.

"Entering this year's competition has proved to be an extremely valuable exercise and has given us excellent opportunities to look more closely at some of the work which all too often we take for granted.

"I am sure that whatever the outcome of the entry, we managed to leave the judges with a really good overall feel for the exceptional joint working and community involvement there is across the Borough," he said.

	Geoff Keen Warden	Warden Services, the Police and many other service areas. If you need any information from the Sale Moor Centre Point Office, We will endeavour to obtain It for you.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	General	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	South Trafford College 10 – 12 Geoff Keen	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Housing 10 – 12	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Citizens Advice Bureau 10 – 12.30. Geoff Keen	