

# Fosse Community Meeting

**Fosse Neighbourhood Centre,  
Mantle Road**

**On Tuesday, 13 October 2009  
Starting at 6:00 pm**

**The meeting will be in two parts**

**6:00pm – 6:30pm**

**Meet your Councillors and local service providers dealing with:-**

**INFORMATION STALLS:**

- Traffic and Highways Issues
- Council Housing Advice and Benefits
- Police Issues
- Health Issues – STOP! Smoking Service
- General Council matters and other issues.

**6:30pm – 8:00pm**

**Get involved in your area and planning for the future. There will be presentations and discussions on:**

**PRESENTATIONS ON:**

- Traffic and Highways Issues
- Community Services in Fosse
- Football Summer Project - Feedback

**OTHER ISSUES INCLUDE:**

- Police Update
- Update on Ward Priorities
- Budget 2009/10

**YOUR community. YOUR voice.**

**Your Ward Councillors are:**

**Councillor Manish Sood  
Councillor Rob Wann**



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<b>Highways and Transport</b> An Officer from the Highways department will be present to discuss any Highways and Transport issues in the area.	<b>Council Housing Advice and Benefits</b> An Officer will be present to answer any queries relating to Council Housing or Benefits issues.
<b>Police Issues</b> Talk to your Local Police about issues or raise general queries.	<b>Health Issues – STOP! Smoking Service</b> Find out about the NHS's Stop Smoking Service.
<b>Ward Councillors and General Information</b> Talk to your local councillors or raise general queries	

**The first part of the agenda covers formal items which the Councillors need to deal with to ensure that regulations on holding meetings are kept to.**

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Councillors will elect a Chair for the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The first main item on the agenda is Declarations of Interest where Councillors have to say if there is anything on the agenda they have a personal interest in. For example if a meeting was due to discuss a budget application put forward by a community group and one of the Councillors was a member of that group, they would not be able to take part in the decision on that budget application.

Councillors are asked to declare any interest they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Appendix A**

The minutes of the previous Fosse Community Meeting, held on 1 July 2009, are attached and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

**This next part of the agenda covers items where input from you on issues that affect your community is welcomed.**

**5. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES**

An Officer from the Highways department will be present to discuss any highways and transport related issues in the local area.

**6. COMMUNITY SERVICES IN FOSSE**

Steve Goddard, Head of Community Services will be present discuss Community Services provision in the Fosse Ward.

**7. FOOTBALL SUMMER PROJECT FEEDBACK**

An Officer from the Sports Services section will be present to provide feedback on the Summer Soccer Academy funding application that was approved at the last Community Meeting.

## 8. POLICE UPDATE

The Police will provide an update on crime issues in the area.

## 9. UPDATE ON WARD PRIORITIES

Anita Patel, Members Support Officer will be providing an update on the ward priorities for the Fosse ward.

## 10. BUDGET

**Appendix B**

**Councillors are reminded that they will need to declare any interest they may have in budget applications, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.**

Anita Patel, Member Support Officer will give an update on the Fosse Community Meeting Budget.

The following budget applications have been received:

- Epworth Methodist Church, Kitchen Refurbishment  
– £10, 000 **Appendix B1**
- Paul Saville, Extended Services Co-ordinator, February Half Term Activities – £2,622 **Appendix B2**
- Ahmed Faraji, Parks Officer, Tudor Gardens Refurbishment – £2,580.80 **Appendix B3**

## 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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# Fosse Appendix A Community Meeting

**Your Community, Your Voice**

**Record of Meeting and Actions**

**6:00 pm, Wednesday, 1 July 2009**

**Held at: Fosse Primary School, Balfour Street**

Who was there:

Councillor Manish Sood
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## INFORMATION SHARING – ‘INFORMATION FAIR’ SESSION

The following information stands were sited in the room. Members of the public visited the stands and were given an opportunity to meet Councillors, Council staff and the local Police and to bring enquiries and raise and issues.

### **Ward Councillors**

Residents could raise issues with Councillor Manish Sood.

### **Highways**

Information and advice on a range of highways issues.

### **Britain in Bloom**

Information about Leicester’s plans for Britain in Bloom this summer.

### **NHS Leicester City**

Advice about local health services.

### **Libraries**

Information about the local library service and activities.

### **Police**

An opportunity to raise issues with local police.

### **Life Coaching**

Information about the benefits of life coaching.

At the conclusion of this informal session members of the public were invited to take their seats and take part in the formal session of the meeting.



## **1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Councillor Manish Sood took the Chair for the meeting.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Wann

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to declare any interests in the business on the agenda and/or declare that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them. No declarations were made.

## **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 March 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

## **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS ISSUES**

Mike Richardson, Head of Planning Management & Delivery explained issues relating to planning applications, particularly regarding applications for turning premises into flats. He noted that this issue was particularly pertinent to the Fosse Ward.

Mike said that there were regulations and legislation that had to be followed in dealing with planning applications. He explained that when an application was received, it had to be publicised correctly. Most applications were decided by Council officers, but some were sent to the Planning and Development Control Committee to decide. Councillors also received a list of applications and they could ask that an application be sent to the Committee. Ward Councillors could speak at the meeting on behalf of anyone who requested. If an application was refused, the applicant had the right to appeal.

Mike said that he was aware that parking was a concern of local residents when applications for flats were made. He said that there was Government guidance on requiring parking for such developments, and it was often difficult to argue refusal on these grounds at appeal. The Planning Inspectorate had overturned some refusals in Leicester on parking grounds. The Fiveways House development in the ward would be a test of this, when it went to appeal. He said that residents had opportunity to make their case.

Residents expressed their concern regarding the parking guidelines, saying that existing developments already caused significant problems. Mike said that the Government was encouraging such developments to protect the countryside. Leicester needed 20,000 new homes in the next twenty years. Government policy aimed at creating "sustainable urban areas" where people could walk, cycle or use public transport.

The Chair thanked Mike for the discussion.

## **6. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT**

Jeff Miller, Service Director, Regeneration, Highways and Transportation, gave a presentation on highways issues in the City and the Fosse Ward. He also gave out a newsletter.

He identified main issues from previous community meetings. These included parking provision and obstruction, speeding and road safety, and condition of roads and footways. He explained how the work of the team fitted into main Council strategies and gave an indication of the extent of the work they were responsible for, including roads, footways, lights, traffic lights, highway trees and car parks.

Jeff explained how the team could help with the issues identified. Parking could be dealt with by possible parking schemes, verge hardening, laybys, enforcement and highway design. Ways of tackling speeding and safety included speed surveys, vehicle activated signs, safety cameras, traffic calming, pedestrian crossings and lower speed limits. It was noted that Leicester was the first city to roll out 20mph speed limits on residential roads.

Jeff stated that roads and footways in the city had been assessed as in fair condition, but had deteriorated in some cases following the harsh winter, causing an increase in potholes. Highway inspections were being done, and the Council had introduced a rapid response team to deal with any dangers that were reported. There was also the Council's winter service which gritted the roads.

The following questions or points were raised by residents and answered by Jeff:

- 1) *Some roads were resurfaced last year at the wrong time, and now they are damaged and being trodden into our homes. Will they be redone?*  
The road surfaces will be repaired. The details will be confirmed to the next meeting.
- 2) *Parking is a problem in the area. There may be interest in a parking scheme. Double yellow lines and bollards also add to the problem, as they push the cars elsewhere.*  
It is known that this is a big issue. Many households now have more than one car. We can consult on a residents' parking scheme if people ask us to.
- 3) *If more flats are approved, will all of these new residents be able to apply for a permit if we have a parking scheme?*  
If planning permission was granted on the basis that only a certain number of spaces are required, we would not make permits available to any more than this number.
- 4) *Is a set number of people from each street required to approve a parking scheme for it to go ahead? Also, a lot of households in the area are tenants and may not want the scheme. This would disadvantage permanent residents.*

A majority over the whole area would be required, not specific streets. In Clarendon Park, much of the student population didn't reply to the consultation, meaning that the decision was made mainly on the basis of permanent residents' opinion.

5) *Will 20 mile an hour limits be introduced in Fosse Ward soon?*

It is expected that they will be introduced in Fosse in the next 12 months.

6) *Who would have to pay the £25 charge for a parking permit?*

Any residents who wanted to park would have to pay. This covers the running costs only and does not make any profit.

## **7. POLICE**

Representatives from the Hinckley Road Neighbourhood Policing Team were present to discuss local policing issues.

Sergeant Julie Strong gave an explanation of Operation Stay Safe. This took place on the Friday evenings of 19 and 26 June. Officers worked with other agencies to address antisocial behaviour. On one evening they met with over 50 young people and referred them to appropriate agencies and services. They had received positive feedback, showing that it had been worthwhile. It was hoped that such evenings would become more regular.

PC Anton Wilson gave an update regarding crime statistics in the area and gave details of surgeries that had been set up for residents to visit and discuss concerns. He detailed figures for the previous four weeks on a wide range of crimes. He also gave information on detection rates. He said that, in some cases figures were low and therefore statistical comparison was difficult. In response to a resident's query, he said that there was not a big drugs problem in the area.

PC Wilson discussed parking and road safety issues, stating that there was a campaign to stop illegal parking. Where double yellow lines were painted on corners, they would enforce this in order to increase safety. Residents were concerned that this could make the congestion worse, but it was felt that such a move could reduce the number of people coming to the area to park and then walking to town.

The meeting discussed the possibility of setting up a residents' association to tackle a variety of issues in the area. PC Wilson said that the police would support this. He also explained how the police were able to assist the Polish community, referring them to appropriate advice organisations. The transient population had made it difficult to set up a neighbourhood watch scheme in the Tudor Road area, so a "Police and Communities Together" scheme was being piloted, which involved schools, Councillors, Police and other organisations in order to build the community.

The Chair thanked the Police for their input and encouraged residents to attend the surgeries. A resident thanked the officers for the Friday night operations, stating that it had made a difference and that they had dealt with some difficult situations. The area had benefited from having such a good policing team.

## **8. BUDGET**

Anita Patel, Member Support Officer, gave an update on budget issues and introduced applications for consideration.

Anita stated that on 25 March 2009, £500 had been allocated to set up a joint residents and police initiative. Work was ongoing on this, and, once a substantial plan was in place, the money would be released. Also on 25 March, £3000 had been allocated for environmental improvements. This was being used on a variety of things, such as clean-up events, additional litter bins and graffiti clearing. A breakdown of this would be brought to the next meeting.

Anita explained that a total of £17,000 had been allocated to the Community Meeting for 2009-10. This was £5,000 for the Ward Community Fund, £2,000 for the Community Cohesion Fund and £10,000 for the Ward Action Plan Fund.

The following bids were submitted for discussion. Any award of funding would be subject to the support of Councillor Wann and the final approval of the Cabinet Lead.

### **Leicester City Council Sports Services Summer Soccer Academy**

The meeting felt that this was a good initiative, but expressed disappointment that no-one had attended the meeting to present the application. It was noted, however, that postponement to the next meeting would miss the summer holidays.

AGREED: That the Community Meeting supports the funding of £2,500 from the Ward Action Plan Fund.

### **Woodgate Residents Association, Refurbishing Kitchen**

It was noted that the refurbishment was subject to the approval of additional funding from Voluntary Action Leicester (VAL). The centre was well used for a variety of activities such as older persons' lunches and a nursery.

AGREED: That the Community Meeting supports the funding of £1774.65 from the Ward Community Fund, subject to a request for additional funding from VAL being approved.

## **9. UPDATE ON WARD PRIORITIES**

Anita Patel, Member Support Officer, gave an update on the Ward Action Plan that had been compiled at previous Community Meetings in the year 2008/09. She outlined progress as follows:

- 1) Antisocial behaviour and vandalism – some issues had been addressed and action was continuing.
- 2) Street Scene – work had taken place regarding clearing litter and Adrian Russell, Service Director, Environmental Services had picked up issues at meetings to address.
- 3) Security and CCTV, particularly on the Rally– Project officers had done presentations about their vision for the Rally. The Community meeting would be kept informed.

- 4) Lack of youth provision – young people from Woodgate had attended a Community Meeting. It had been suggested that neighbourhood centres should be used more.
- 5) Derelict and unsafe buildings – officers from Building Control had visited sites and were addressing issues.

Anita said that residents had commented that the items on previous agendas had seemed irrelevant to the area. New items could be added to the Ward Action Plan if felt necessary. Residents said that this meeting had been much more relevant and they had had the chance to talk about important issues. They thanked officers for action taken to previous requests, such as street cleaning.

Residents asked that the previously mentioned issue of road surfacing be addressed. Anita said that officers would look into this.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair invited Bally Gill, from the Montessori Grammar School, to speak to the meeting about the benefits of life coaching.

Bally said that life coaching could affect the individual and the community. It enabled people to succeed and improve their quality of life. It developed personal and professional areas of life, providing techniques as required. It could be carried out in groups or one to one, identifying aspirations and setting deadlines and goals. It also could identify how to improve a person's life by helping others.

## **11. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.

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## Ward Community Fund Proposal Form

Please read the Guide to the Ward Community Fund before you fill in this form

Then complete Section 1: Budget Proposal.

If you are proposing to deliver the project yourself, please complete Section 2: Delivery agency as well. We can help you with this or do it for you – see who to contact in the Guide to the Ward Community Fund.

Continue or separate sheets if you need to, or expand the boxes if you are filling in the form electronically.

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### Section 1: Budget Proposal

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1. Name of Ward

ROSSE RECEIVED MEMBERS' SUPPORT

2. Title of proposal

EPWORTH METHODIST CHURCH KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT

3. Name of group or person making the proposal

MARJORIE UNDERWOOD

4. Short description of proposal. Please include information on **how the money will be spent, who will benefit, when they will benefit, and how we will know when the proposal has been successful.**

It is important that your answer to this question is clear, because we will only pay the costs when we can see evidence that the outcomes you describe here have been achieved. You can provide further details in your supporting information if you want to.

In the refurbishment of the whole building we propose to extend and refurbish~~ment~~ the kitchen. This would benefit the lunch club that caters for elderly people on a weekly basis. It will also better facilitate the education of young people who are members of the Youth club, Girls' Brigade, Boys' Brigade, and Parents' and Toddlers' Group in healthy living and eating as preparation and cooking can be better supervised. These also meet on a weekly basis. Estimates for the work are enclosed.

5. Have you provided supporting information?

Tick if yes

6. What is the total cost to the Community Meeting?

£10,000.

7. How have you estimated or calculated the cost? Please show each item of expenditure and say whether it is an estimate or an actual cost.

Item	Cost £	Estimate or actual cost?
Demonstrations	2203	Actual
New work	9255.	"
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,458</b>	

8. Have you tried to get funding for this project from anywhere else, either in the Council or from another organisation? If so, please give details

Methodist Church have given grants totalling approx. £70,000 for a project costing £273,000

9. Who proposed the project? Please provide contact details.

Name of contact person	MARJORIE UNDERWOOD
Your position in organisation or group	CHURCH SECRETARY
Name of organisation or group	EPWORTH METHODIST CHURCH
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]



**Section 2: Delivery agency (this could be a single person, group of people or a group or organisation)**

10. Who will deliver the project? Please provide contact details.

Name of contact person	MARJORIE UNDERWOOD
Your position in organisation or group	CHURCH SECRETARY
Name of organisation or group	G P WORTH METHODIST CHURCH
Address	[REDACTED]
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email	[REDACTED]

11. Declaration

I have read the *Guide to the Ward Community Fund* and I accept the arrangements described in that guide. I confirm that the information I have given on this form is true. I will inform the council immediately if any of the information I have given on the form changes.

Name	MARJORIE UNDERWOOD (Ms)
Signature	M. Underwood
Date	25.7.09

Please send this completed form back to:

Bhawna Arya, Member Support Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall, Leicester City Council, LEICESTER, LE1 9BG.

Fax No: 0116 229 8827

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## Ward Action Plan Budget Proposal Form

Please read the Guide to the Community Plan Budget before you fill in this form

Then complete Section 1: Budget Proposal.

If you are proposing to deliver the project yourself, please complete Section 2: Delivery agency as well. We can help you with this or do it for you – see who to contact in the Guide to Community Plan Budget.

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01 OCT 2009

### Section 1: Budget Proposal

1. Name of Ward

Fosse Ward

RECEIVED  
MEMBERS' SUPPORT

2. Title of proposal

February Half Term Activities

3. Name of group or person making the proposal

Paul Sawille - Extended Services Co-ordinator

4. Short description of proposal. Please include information on **how the money will be spent, who will benefit, when they will benefit, and how we will know when the proposal has been successful.**

It is important that your answer to this question is clear and detailed, because we will only pay the costs when we can see evidence that the outcomes you describe here have been achieved. You can provide further details in your supporting information if you want to.

Activities would be provided for children in the Fosse Ward aged 5-11 yrs during the February 2010 half term - for 3 days  
The activities will include a range of sports, drama, arts & crafts, exotic animals and willow weaving. The scheme will be for 45 children per day in a closed safe setting, so 135 children over the three days.  
All the activities are tried and tested in other areas, and are designed to compliment ~~the~~ local educational targets.  
All staff are experienced in working with children and are CRB Enhanced checked.

5. Which priority or priorities in the Ward Action Plan does your proposal support? (Add further rows or continue on a separate sheet if needed).

Priority number and priority description (taken from the Ward Action Plan)
Activities for young people
Bringing diff. children together to develop understanding awareness and tolerance.

6. Have you provided any supporting information?  Tick if yes

7. What is the total cost to the Community Meeting? £

8. How have you estimated or calculated the cost? Please show each item of expenditure and say whether it is an estimate or an actual cost.

Item	Cost £	Estimate or actual cost?
2 qualified sports coaches for 3 days	800 =	
1 qualified art & craft teacher for 3 days	300 =	
Craft Materials	95 =	
1 qualified drama teacher for 1 day	125 =	
1 qualified willow weaving teacher for 1 day	250 =	
Advertising + admin	75 =	
Manager + 2 support staff	777 =	
Total Exotic Animals brought in staff member	200 =	
Total £ 2622.00		

9. Have you tried to get funding for this project from anywhere else, either in the Council or from another organisation? If so, please give details

No.

10. Who proposed the project? Please provide contact details.

Name of contact person	Paul Saville	
Your position in organisation or group	Extended Services Co-ordinator	
Name of organisation or group	Extended Services in West Leicester	
Address	Paul has a desk in New College, Greencoat Road, Leicester, LE3 6RN.  <del>Address</del>	
Phone number	07929 826 877	Email Paul.Saville@leicester.gov.uk

**Section 2: Delivery agency (this could be a single person, group of people or a group or organisation)**

11. Who will deliver the project? Please provide contact details.

Name of contact person	Paul Saville	
Your position in organisation or group	Extended Services Co-ordinator	
Name of organisation or group	Ext. Services in West Leicester	
Address	c/o New College, Greencoat Road Leicester LE3 6RN.	
Phone number	07929 826 877	Email Paul.Saville@leicester.gov.uk

12. Declaration

I have read the *Guide to the Ward Action Plan Budget* and I accept the arrangements described in that guide. I confirm that the information I have given on this form is true. I will inform the council immediately if any of the information I have given on the form changes.

Name	Paul Saville
Signature	P. B. Saville
Date	24 <sup>th</sup> September 2009

Please send this completed form back to:  
Karen Shelton, Member Support Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall, Leicester City Council, LEICESTER, LE1 9BG.

Fax No: 0116 229 8827

Dear Councillors,

I would like to introduce my self.

I am employed by the City Council as an Extended Services Co-ordinator in west Leicester. My job is to work with the local schools and community groups to provide activities for young people, parents and local residents.

The activities for young people take place outside the normal curriculum day, and although the schools spend some of their budget on after school clubs etc., they have no money for holiday provision.

Holiday time is when the children become bored, possibly get into trouble and can be left to either watch television or computer games all day. Holidays are also a problem for working parents. Schemes, like the one I have applied for funding for, are a beginning in tackling this problem. It is intended that in the future there will be activities for teenagers.

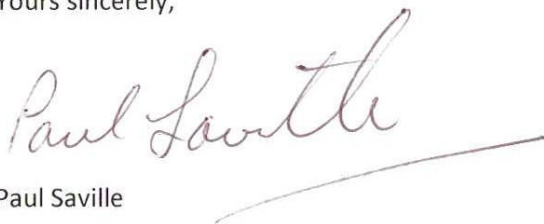
The final decision as to the location for these activities has not as yet been made, but it is expected that it will be either Fosse Primary School or Slater Primary School. These schools would be offering their premises at no charge.

New College have kindly given me an office in their school as they feel that this kind of work is so important. They have also agreed to manage the extended services account and make sure that all the finance administration is carried out correctly.

In the future I will be working with local organization as well as schools to promote activities for young people and adults.

I will be attending the Fosse Ward Committee meeting and look forward to meeting you. In the mean time I hope that you feel able to support my application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Saville". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line that extends to the right.

Paul Saville

# Appendix B3

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2. Title of proposal Site Refurbishments

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25 JUN 2009

3. Name of group or person making the proposal

Ahmed Faraji/Leicester City Council

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4. Short description of proposal. Please include information on **how the money will be spent, who will benefit, when they will benefit, and how we will know when the proposal has been successful.**

It is important that your answer to this question is clear, because we will only pay the costs when we can see evidence that the outcomes you describe here have been achieved. You can provide further details in your supporting information if you want to.

Refurbish a dilapidated raised planting area. Repair structure and replant  
With mixed lavender species.

5. Have you provided supporting information?



Tick if yes

6. What is the total cost to the Community Meeting?

£ 2580.80

7. How have you estimated or calculated the cost? Please show each item of expenditure and say whether it is an estimate or an actual cost.

Item	Cost £	Estimate or actual cost?
Repair and replant area	£2580.80	£2580.80
<b>Total</b>		

8. Have you tried to get funding for this project from anywhere else, either in the Council or from another organisation? If so, please give details

NO
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9. Who proposed the project? Please provide contact details.

Name of contact person	Ahmed Faraji
Your position in organisation or group	Parks Officer
Name of organisation or group	Parks Services
Address Braunstone Park The stable Gooding Avenue Leicester LE31YX	
Phone number 0116 2548 540	Email Ahmed.Faraji@leicester.gov.uk

**Section 2: Delivery agency (this could be a single person, group of people or a group or organisation)**

10. Who will deliver the project? Please provide contact details.

Name of contact person	As Above
Your position in organisation or group	As Above
Name of organisation or group	As Above



Address As Above	
Phone number As Above	Email As Above

11. Declaration

I have read the *Guide to the Community Fund* and I accept the arrangements described in that guide. I confirm that the information I have given on this form is true. I will inform the council immediately if any of the information I have given on the form changes.

Name	Ahmed Faraji
Signature	
Date	16/06/2009

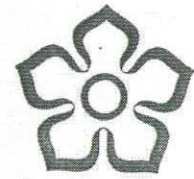
Please send this completed form back to:

Bhawna Arya, Member Support Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Town Hall, Leicester City Council, LEICESTER, LE1 9BG.

Fax No: 0116 229 8827

**Please ask for:** Ahmed Faraji  
**Telephone:** 0116 2548540  
**Email:** ahmed.faraji@leicester.gov.uk  
**Our Ref:** TG/LCC.AF09

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2009



**Leicester  
City Council**

Regeneration & Culture

Bhawana Arya  
Members Support Team  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Town hall

### Tudor Gardens

Tudor Gardens is a small green space that is well used by the local residents as well as a cut-through. In the past, the gardens have suffered from anti social behaviour and drug problems. But since the site was cleared of obstructing vegetation about a year ago and consequently the area has a safer feel to it. There has been a significant reduction in reports of this type of behaviour. And in last year or so, Parks Services in partnership with the police have organised few activities involving school children in planting the borders and grassed areas with daffodils and tulips bulbs to give the area a new look and a feel good factor for residence and visitor alike.

With our frequent visit, patrol and consulting local residents, one of the ugliest and unsightly site of this lovely green space is an old and dilapidated raised structural break shaped island in the middle of the greens, to repair it, removing huge rocks that are mainly used to smash bottles against them, and replanting it with mixed Lavender species will give Tudor Gardens its original purpose as a beautiful and inviting sitting to residents and visitors to the site.

Parks Services has allocated some funding to wards the installations of more seats, bins and major repairs to the perimeter fencing as an enhancement to the quality of the place and the attractiveness of the site.

By financing this project, Tudor Gardens will not only have a facelift but preserving and giving a life back to an attraction that is well loved by people and cared by local authority.

**Your Help is much appreciated**



2000/01 Improving Housing Maintenance  
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### Accesses to Tudor Gardens

Tudor Gardens has three gates and is easily accessible from all Directions.

There are no buildings on these sites. Tudor Gardens has a centrally Located raised planter feature constructed of granite blocks that stands Approximately 0.5 meters above the pathways.

### Landscape evaluation

Tudor Gardens occupies 0.2 hectares adjacent to the busy St Augustine's / Narborough Road North junction. The surrounding locality has a mixture of terraced housing, more modern town houses and low rise flats. A retail furniture outlet borders one side of the site.

Tudor Gardens is a small and pleasant green space that is well used as a cut-through and consequently can easily and quickly become untidy from dropped litter or anti-social behaviour. The Tudor Gardens and Tudor Road aspects were cleared of obscuring vegetation about two years ago and the site subsequently has a much more open and safe feel about it.

Tudor Gardens is short-mown grass with a perimeter of mixed shrubs including Senecio, Mahonia, Gorse, Berberis, Cornus, Pyracantha and Viburnum.

Many are evergreen, including the Laurel hedge that encircles several sections of the boundary. This hedge has been removed from the northern fenceline to provide unrestricted sightlines, open the area up and discourage anti-social behaviour. Taller shrubs on the western boundary adjacent to a commercial premises disguise this ragged wooden boundary fence. The St Augustines side of the

area has a deeper shrubbery, complimented by the highway verge plantings outside of the area. Together they form an effective screen from the busy road. The site contains a pleasant variety of semi mature trees including; Prunus, Lime, Cotoneaster, Hazel and Rhus. There are currently no plants in the centrally located raised bed and turfing or seeding the area may be favourable.

#### Hardworks, furniture and fencing details

A black-painted hoop-top metal fence surrounds the Gardens, 1.5 meters high. The boundary to 'Mick & Dens Furnishings' shop has a barrier of primarily wood, in a very poor state of repair. Tarmac paths criss-cross the site and there are 2 seats with slabs underneath, 2 litter bins and a vacant wooden post that may once have held a dog bin. In the centre of the Gardens is a raised planter with sides made of granite setts.

#### Site observations

An observation survey was carried over several days, at a variety of times, to observe how the local community use West End & Westcotes Green Spaces. At Tudor Gardens most people were seen walking through the area. Only one person was observed sitting on a seat eating lunch. Several young children were observed at Vernon Street Play Area and adults accompanied these. The main use for St Paul's Pocket Park is as a cut through from the end of Kirby Road towards the City Centre. A small number of children were seen on the play equipment. At West End Neighbourhood Centre Play Area one family were observed using the play equipment. No one was observed in

#### Quality audits

Tudor Gardens scored 49%. In this instance the items: Building cleaning and Play provision / quality were not applicable. Dog fouling, Litter management, Grass maintenance and Shrub maintenance were considered to be meeting expectations. Items that were considered to be below expectations were: Welcoming aspect, Good, safe access for all and Facility and furniture provision / quality. Signage did not meet any expectations as there is none on this open space.

#### Landscape evaluation

The Tudor Gardens and Tudor Road aspects of the site were cleared of obscuring vegetation about two years ago and consequently the area now has a safer feel to it. The metal perimeter fence has some minor damage that requires repair and it would benefit from repainting within the next few years. The boundary fence to 'Mick & Dens

Furnishings' is owned by them and in a very ramshackle state. The tarmac footpaths through the gardens require some minor repairs, although the surfaces are generally worn and complete resurfacing will be required at some point in the future. The 2 seats are in need of decoration and replacement slabs underneath. The vacant wooden post needs to be removed and a replacement dog bin should be installed. The raised planter in the centre of the Gardens is in need of some repairs to the granite setts that form the sides. A very old sign on the Tudor Road fence-line should be replaced with something up to date.

#### Recreational evaluation

This is a small and pleasant green space that is well used as a cut through. In the past, the Gardens have suffered from anti social behaviour and drug problems, but since the removal of some of the perimeter vegetation there has been a significant reduction in reports of this type of behaviour. The central raised bed would be ideal for the creation of a new feature to rekindle local interest. There may be opportunities for this as part of PPG17 funding from the redevelopment of the nearby Riverside. More quality seating within the Gardens could also encourage more people to spend some time here.

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