



# Oak Tree News



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Summer 2009

ARE YOU READY FOR



the big lunch

**Sunday July 19th**

**LET'S ALL HAVE LUNCH!**

Oak Tree Neighbourhood Management Team are holding a community picnic as part of the nationwide Big Lunch event. Everyone is invited to bring their lunch and come and join us on Sunday 19th July, 12noon-2pm on the grassy area behind Roston Court. Please bring something to sit on and an umbrella (hopefully not needed!)

For more information, ring 07969 736 024 or email [oaktreenmt@clara.co.uk](mailto:oaktreenmt@clara.co.uk)

**SureStart**

Oak Tree Children's Centre

Summer at Oak Tree Children's Centre

It's that time of year again when we're thinking about the summer holidays again (yes it's not that far away!!). This year we are planning lots of fun activities including trips, drop-in sessions, creative activities, healthy walks and a Summer Fun Day on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

Please look out for our activity leaflets which will have more information about what's happening and when. You can call into the Children's Centre and speak to a member of staff who will be more than happy to help you or

give us a call on **01623 663220**.

## KID'S ADVENTURE PARK A SUCCESS - LET'S NOT SPOIL IT!

A lot of thought, hard work and planning, as well as expense, has gone into the provision of a marvellous adventure playground for Oak Tree Lane's children. Fun and physical activity in fresh air in the heart of their community is just what they need – but what we, the residents, don't need is an irresponsible bunch of older kids using this facility after hours for all kinds of other activities, including drinking and rowdy behaviour.

**COMPLAINTS:** There has been a complaint that the slide overlooks some gardens, so the slide will be moved. A spokesman for Mansfield District Council told us that: "I am visiting a local resident to discuss the issue. I have also had a number of conversations with Play England, The Play Builder Co-ordinator, our Portfolio Holder for Leisure and my colleagues here at the Civic Centre."

**MATTER:** He continued: "Anti-social behaviour is a police matter and we are hopeful of setting up a meeting with the police and youth service to determine a way forward. What is needed is a joint approach to this problem and maybe undertake some consultation with the perpetrators. I have had reports that the park is really well used during the day and it is a shame that an irresponsible few are spoiling it for everyone."

**MOSQUITO:** Under consideration is the possibility of a highly successful Mosquito, an electronic device which repels teenagers – it seems sad to have to do so, because not all young people cause mayhem, but it will help to preserve the park – and the peace.

**Public Meeting to discuss the issue:  
25th July 10:30am Willingham Court.**

**Police & Mansfield District Council present –  
come and air your views!**

**Oak Tree's younger kids already love this facility....**



Remember – if you're one of those people we're complaining about, you might well be a parent yourself one day and then you'll appreciate what a wonderful facility our playground is.

**SO, REMEMBER, TEENAGERS - GROW UP - IT'S FOR CHILDREN – DON'T RUIN IT – FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO DO AND STAY AWAY! IF YOU WANT 'RESPECT', SHOW SOME!**

**There's still work to do yet - so let's be patient and give it a chance!**



**Oak Tree SAFE Friends of Group**

**LOCAL NATURE RESERVE CELEBRATIONS**

**FUN, FREE FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009 11.00 – 3.30 pm**

**Oak Tree Heath Local Nature Reserve**

(Site behind Roston Court, Jubilee Way South)

**A Family Wildlife & Conservation Day To Celebrate Local Nature Reserve week in your area Oak Tree Heath & Strawberry Hill Heath**

DISPLAYS & INFORMATION STANDS AND ACTIVITIES

MEET SOME FRIENDLY SHEEP, MAKE A BAT BOX/BIRD & BIRD FEEDER, HEATHLAND BUG HUNT, MEET OAK TREE'S STORY TELLING RANGER, CRAFTY ACTIVITIES, BUSH CRAFT, FACE PAINTING, AND MORE


- ❖ WELCOME RETURN FROM 'SHAM THE JESTER'
- ❖ GUEST APPEARANCE FROM SIX HEBRIDIAN SHEEP

For more information please contact Barbara on (01623 638880 / 07873247867)

**Enter our Oak Tree News Survey and win a Voucher!  
Who's Who in Housing on Oak Tree Lane...Soccer Skills for kids!**

# OAK TREE HOUSING – WHO'S WHO

If you thought Oak Tree Lane Estate was solely a Mansfield District Council Housing area, then you'll be surprised to find that there's a variety of housing providers supplying accommodation. For example, Framework Housing Association is a homelessness charity providing housing, support, training, care and resettlement services - opening doors to thousands of homeless and vulnerable people throughout Nottinghamshire, and Leicester Housing Association and Spirita and Places for People are continuing to help make Oak Tree an even more pleasant place to live. So, here's their details...

ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF PROPERTIES ON OAK TREE LANE	CONTACT DETAILS
 <p>Opening doors to homeless and vulnerable people</p>	Fritchley Court is self contained supported accommodation for 32 young people aged 16-25 Sandfield Close is a supported housing service for 10 young people aged 16-25	For further information about Fritchley Court, contact the service on 01623 675401. For Sandfield Close, contact the service on 01623 424002. <a href="http://www.frameworkha.org">www.frameworkha.org</a>
<p>Upper part of Oak Tree</p>  <p><b>Mansfield District Council</b> Creating a District where People can Succeed</p>	480 properties at present, and this is a mix of flats, houses, bungalows and 2 complexes that house 80ish residents in self contained secure flats.	Helen Howis has a surgery at Barrowhill on Friday mornings between 9.30 and 12.30. Her next walkabout will be Tuesday July 21st meet at 10am at Willingham Court car park. Contact Helen at Sandy Lane on 01623 463356.
<p>Lower part of Oak Tree</p>  <p><b>Mansfield District Council</b> Creating a District where People can Succeed</p>	366 properties at present, and this is a mix of flats, houses and bungalows	Mrs Kerry Chapman Housing Officer Housing Property and Operational Services 79 Sandy Lane Mansfield Notts NG18 2LS tel: 01623 463353 Surgery, Barrowhill Monday afternoons between 1.00 - 4.00. e-mail: <a href="mailto:kchapman@mansfield.gov.uk">kchapman@mansfield.gov.uk</a>
<p>Leicester Housing Association</p>  <p>The New Housing &amp; Regeneration Agency</p>	22 properties on Oak Tree Lane Plus 6 sheltered bungalows.	Call Leicester Housing Association's Main number on 0116 2576716
<p>Spirita Ltd.</p>  <p>Breathing life into communities</p>	114 (including some on Bellamy Road)	Jeff Smith is based at Spirita's Derby office with our main office located at Raleigh House, Alfreton Road Nottingham, tel; 0115 9887100. Attends Neighbourhood Management Team Meetings on the Oak Tree Lane Estate alongside the monthly Oak Tree Tenants and Residents meetings.
	700 properties including 49 properties on Sandown, Sandalwood Close, Teal Ave, and Turnstone Crescent.	Services Officer Stewart Ashton. Neighbourhood Officer Victoria Turner can be contacted on 0115 969 0244 , via our contact centre on 0800 432 0002, or via email <a href="mailto:victoria.turner@placesforpeople.co.uk">victoria.turner@placesforpeople.co.uk</a> .

## Activities At Sawley Drive Centre

Oak Tree Neighbourhood Management team have funding to use the Sawley Drive centre up to 4 sessions a week to put on various activities for everyone. They are starting with coffee afternoons and advice sessions on Mondays 2-4pm starting on **27th July**, when you can **meet your new Warden Lorraine (3-4pm only)**. Sessions are open to all ages, why not come and have a drink and cake whilst having a chat and making friends, you can also pick up leaflets and get advice from our various guests. You can also have your say on what you'd like to see happening at the centre, what you like and don't like about the estate and hopefully we can help.

- **Mon. August 10<sup>th</sup> – First Contact**
- **Mon. August 24<sup>th</sup> – Ruth, Local Health Trainer**
- **Mon. Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> – Getting Into Work.**

For more information ring 07969 736024 or email [oaktreenmt@clara.co.uk](mailto:oaktreenmt@clara.co.uk)

## OAK TREE'S POLICE & WARDENS – HERE TO HELP YOU.

Illegal motor bikes, both mini and grown-up, anti-social behaviour, dog fouling, crime, drugs, abandoned cars and noisy neighbours – these are just some of the problems that can blight our daily lives. But your Community Police are keen to hear from you if you have something to report. And remember – even if you can't get through first time, don't give up – or call 420999 because your call will be logged and that means whatever you've called about will receive attention. Don't put up with bad behaviour!



Beat Manager  
PC1040 Bromley.  
Mobile 07709 617774



Neighbourhood Warden  
Lorraine Dryden  
07946 335777



**Job club and advice sessions**  
**Every Wednesday morning @ Barrowhill**  
**Community Link**  
**9:30am to 1pm**

Do you need advice, help and support to access training or work opportunities?

If the answer is yes the Getting into Work team can help.



Our friendly one to one service is completely free and flexible. We offer support in an informal and friendly environment providing advice and guidance in respect of training, job opportunities and job search techniques

Drop in on Wednesdays  
or call the team on:  
**01623 620222**





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**Oak Tree Neighbourhood Management Team Tel: 07969 736024**

**ENTER OUR SURVEY... AND WIN A VOUCHER!**  
The Oak Tree News is just one of various initiatives run by volunteers on Oak Tree Lane, all with the aim of making this a better place to live. So, we'd like to hear from you – tell us what you think in our survey, and we'll draw one of your names out of the hat at our September AGM meeting and whoever it is gets a voucher to spend. Please take any completed forms to any meeting on the estate or to Barrowhill Community Link before September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Q	JUST USE THE BOXES, A/B or C (right) TO TICK YOUR ANSWER	A	B	C
1.	Do you read Oak Tree News? (a) YES (b) NO (c) This is the first time I've seen it			
2.	How much of it do you read? (a) all of it (b) part of it (c) none of it			
3.	Do you find Oak Tree News useful? (a) YES (b) NO (c) Some of it is			
4.	Do you find it interesting? (a) YES (b) NO (c) some of it			
5.	Do you visit the Oak Tree website - <a href="http://www.oaktreenmt.org.uk">www.oaktreenmt.org.uk</a> (a) YES (b) NO (c) don't have internet access			
6.	Do you think Oak Tree News should continue? (a) YES (b) NO (c) don't know			

7. How can we improve it? Jot down your suggestions here:  
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Would you like to help deliver future issues?  
(Tick Box) (We could really do with your help!)  
YES  NO

To enter in our draw, or to help us deliver future issues, please include your address, email or phone number so we can contact you. Alternatively, you may wish to remain anonymous.

**NAME**  
**Address**  
**PHONE:** **E MAIL:**

**TENANTS & RESIDENTS-  
IF YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS, QUESTIONS  
OR SUGGESTIONS ABOUT LIVING ON  
OAK TREE LANE – COME ALONG AND  
DISCUSS THEM!**

**Come & Support NOTRA!**  
Oak Tree Lane is a big estate so it's hardly surprising to find that there are two busy and well-organised residents' organisations and they'd welcome your attendance at a meeting. NOTRA,  
**The North Oak Tree Residents' Association**  
have the following meetings coming up:  
Monday 13th July 6pm  
28th September meeting 10am  
both at  
**Bamford Drive Centre. All welcome!**

**Oak Tree South Tenants & Residents' Association**  
Invite you to the following meetings:  
14th July 10:30am Willingham Court  
10th Sept. 6.30 pm Willingham Court  
13th October Annual General Meeting  
10:30am Willingham Court  
10th November meeting 10:30am Willingham Court

**MORE DIARY DATES!**  
Sun. July 19<sup>th</sup> - the big community lunch picnic  
Weds. July 29<sup>th</sup>. Oak Tree Heath Nature Park Day  
**Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. 6.30 pm**  
**Oak Tree Neighbourhood Management Team**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
Venue to be announced: ring 07969 736024  
or check [www.oaktreenmt.org.uk](http://www.oaktreenmt.org.uk)



The soccer skills sessions are starting again on Oak Tree, every Wednesday during the school holidays starting 5th August, 10:30am-12 noon on Oak Tree Primary school field. These are run by FA level 2 and 3 coaches for under 12's and cost just £1.00 per session. If they are popular, - which they should be, this is football, after all - it is hoped that the sessions will continue, either on the school field, the 5-a-side pitch or even both! It is also hoped that a team can be set up. For more information, contact Tony on 07538 333226

This is YOUR newsletter – YOU can contribute! If you have any events, pictures or stories contact either  
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or phone 07969 736024  
or the Editor, Roy Bainton on  
01623 646070, [roybainton@hotmail.com](mailto:roybainton@hotmail.com).  
**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

# It's All Happening with Bellamy Adventure Club!



## We're off on a Bellamy Adventure!

Wed 16 February:  
Bouncing Oak Tree Lane juniors & brave volunteers waiting for mini bus to take them to Walesby Forest Camp

funded by Notts County Council / Youth Initiative Grant

**Above: Bellamy Adventure Club – Mid-Term Residential** 19 young people from Oak Tree Lane Estate, and Mansfield attended a 4-day over night residential stay at Walesby Forest Camp in the February School holidays. The residential included fun based activities throughout the week from Climbing/abseiling, kayaking, archery, rifle shooting, crate stacking, and swimming to team building exercises – other activities included arts & crafts and singing / karaoke style. Thanks to all volunteers & young helpers who attended and helped on camp.



**Above: Bellamy Adventure Club – 8 week Singing & Song Writing Workshop** A group of young people have fully participated in the singing & song writing workshops. They showed what skills they can achieve by listening and learning as well as the confidence to perform; 6 young people took up the chance in writing a song around 'knife crime' their thoughts & feelings around the issues of knife crime. Song writing tutor *Adrian Hazzard* - song was recorded at the Old Library. Singing workshops run by *Alexs Belford Workshops* funded by Notts County Council – 'Knife Crime Programme' Initiative

**Right: Bellamy Adventure Club – Easter Art Project** 37 young people attended a 4-day Art based projects at Oak Tree School Sports Hall during the School Easter holidays. Workshops included Stone Carving – young people had the chance to work with professional artist Richard Janes creating and designing 6 magnificent stone carvings and a central Metal carving which was created designed and completed by young people from Oak Tree in 2008. The carvings will be installed near the Oak Tree's community garden. Also Painting and Arts & Crafts workshops provided by Clive Belford & Artist Jessica Grieg with some great masterpieces designed and painted by young people. The Stone Carvings Project was funded by Nottinghamshire Community Foundation / Grassroots fund



## COULD OAK TREE LANE BE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF THE YEAR?

Oak Tree Lane is through to the final of the Nottinghamshire Color Neighbourhood Of the Year Competition. Judges were on the estate for 2 hours on 30th June and saw presentations by local groups, had a tour of the estate and asked questions. They were looking for 'well balanced, pro-active, caring village and neighbourhood communities which, irrespective of size, are making the best of local opportunities in order to enhance and sustain a better quality of life for all inhabitants'. They are judging in 5 categories: Community - a better place to live, Business - a better place to work, Sustainability - a better future, Communications - being in contact, Safer & Stronger - a healthier and secure place to live. Results will be announced on oaktreenmt.org.uk and in the November issue of *Oak Tree News*.



### OTL Sunflowers Competition Update

Just to report that everything is blooming lovely and those Oak Tree Flowers are growing tall. We'll have the results of the competition for you all to see in our November issue – watch this space!

### Oak Tree Website

[www.oaktreenmt.org.uk](http://www.oaktreenmt.org.uk)

log on, take a look, and get your organisation on screen!

### The Health Trainer Programme

## GET FIT!

The local health trainer is available on either

01623 651177

or 01623 662200.

The Health Trainer Programme has been introduced in the Mansfield area through Mansfield CVS and Jigsaw Support Services. The service is offering support to anyone who wants to change any unhealthy lifestyle behaviours, such as stopping smoking, reducing drinking, eating healthily and increasing their physical activity levels. Whilst the Health Trainers are in training with the NHS, the service will offer clear, up-to-date information to people about health and wellbeing, and offering information on local services and organisations that can help with your goals. When we are qualified at the beginning of September 2009, we will be able to offer a structured 1:2:1 service providing more than just advice and support. We will help you become your own Health Trainer, enabling you to set and manage your own behaviour goals. Alongside this there are some Launch events, the main one being on the 12<sup>th</sup> September between 10-4 in Titchfield Park. More news on this will be available closer to the date.