

## Crime in the Community

**Meersbrook Park indecent exposure.** South Yorkshire Police have made an arrest, and no further incidents have been reported.

**Section 30 Dispersal Order.** These powers cover part of the area of our local Safer Neighbour Team, allowing the Police can move on groups of 2 or more persons behaving in an anti-social manner. Additionally anyone under the age of 16 years can be taken home or to another place of safety between 9.00pm and 6.00am. We encourage parents to explain these new rules to their children to avoid the embarrassment of them being returned home by the Police!

**Brindley Estate Crime Reduction Morning** on Wed 30 April, where you can find out about Neighbourhood Watch and the campaign to prevent unsolicited callers at the door. Contact PCSO Rachael Graham.

**Allotment Watch.** Our local PCSO's now have keys to both local allotments and will include these areas in their regular patrols.

### YOU are the eyes and ears of the Police

Report any **anti-social behaviour** by phoning the new **101** number or call the **Police** directly on **0114 2202020**.

When logging calls you should ask for an *incident reference* (today's date and a number). THoRA keeps a record of local incidents, to advise us contact **Richard May** on **0114 255 1793**. If you want to remain anonymous Richard can log an incident for you.

To follow up your incident with local officers contact the **Safer Neighbourhood Team** on **0114 296 3680** or **Rachael Graham** our PCSO on **0114 296 3731**.

### Thank You to the Parents

As we reported in the September newsletter just a few of the local young people cause the majority of problems in our area. Soon after that newsletter was distributed we noticed parents coming on to the streets late at night to round up their children. On behalf of everyone we want to say a big **THANK YOU!** Hopefully all parents will now take the same responsibility for *their* children.

Thorpe House Residents' Association

THoRA



## Newsletter April 2008

**Annual General Meeting 7pm Tue 15 April 2008**  
**St Paul's Centre, Norton Lees Lane**  
**Everyone welcome - Free meeting - Please come!**

### Inside ....

**Vote for Your Committee**  
Page 2

**Bulb Planting Success**  
Page 3

**Crime in the Community**  
Page 4

### Agenda

- Election of Committee
- Crime In The Community
- South Yorkshire Police and your Local Councillors have been invited.
- Neighbourhood Watch information
- Presentation by SY Fire & Rescue
- Treasurer's Report
- Over to You! (questions and comments from local people)

*If you would an item added to this agenda or a future meeting please contact Dave Holt on 0114 3216251.*



Newsletter corrections, ideas and articles are very welcome, please email [thora.editor@googlegmail.com](mailto:thora.editor@googlegmail.com) or call Dave 0114 321 6251

## Vote for Your Committee

At our AGM on 15 April you will be able to vote for the principal positions of **Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.**

In addition anyone can be a **Committee Member** (of which we have up to 10) who typically gives up one hour per week. Many people involved with making our area a better place join the committee to share ideas and support each other. The committee meets one evening per month. You would be very welcome to join them.

Finally there is the **Newsletter Editor**, which would suit anyone with some creative flair, or who would like to improve their Desktop Publishing skills, and maybe their CV into the deal.

Please come to the AGM, where you can if you wish, stand for any position. If you cannot attend the AGM, or to find out more about any position, contact Dave Holt (Acting Secretary) 0114 321 6251.

If you can only spare 45 mins 4 times a year then please help deliver this newsletter, many hands make light work! Contact Richard to find out more 0114 255 1793.

---

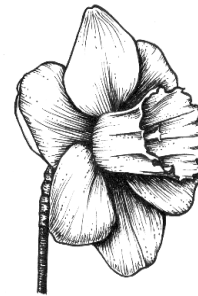
## Advertise Your Business or Service

This local newsletter is delivered 4 times a year to over 1000 households

A business card is just £5, a half page £9, less than 1 pence per advert including delivery! 15% discount when you book multiple issues.

For an information card call 0797 480 0058 or email [thora.editor@googlemail.com](mailto:thora.editor@googlemail.com)

## Bulb Planting.....A Bloomin' Success!



Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the planting of 3000 crocus and daffodil bulbs last November. I think you will agree the grassy bank opposite Bishops House on Norton Lees Lane looks a real picture.

I hope I have inspired future volunteers to have a go at brightening their area. If you are interested in brightening up a grass verge, grassy bank or open space near you, then it is very easy and costs nothing except a little time and effort.

Sheffield City Council Street Force will provide bulbs for planting, free of charge to community groups in the city who would like to brighten up their area. I applied on behalf of THoRA in September, but the earlier you apply for bulbs the more likely you are to be successful. Bags of crocuses and daffodils are available and once the order is confirmed they can be collected from Norton Nurseries at Graves park around October. In order to secure an order Street Force needs to know where you would like to plant the bulbs, how many you would like and which community group you are associated with.

The rest is simple....finding volunteers and tools! The council provides excellent advice sheets on how and where best to plant the bulbs and health and safety issues to consider for your volunteers, Eg. planting by busy roads, steep hills etc.

### How to get your bulbs

Street Force Bulb Hot Line (Marie Grierson) 0114 2736533  
Email [marie.grierson@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:marie.grierson@sheffield.gov.uk)

Alternatively feel free to contact me, Rachel Nicholas 07966 483641 for any advice. Thank you to Norman, Mark, Andrea, Dave, Rachel and others who helped plant the 3000 crocus and daffodil bulbs over a cold November weekend. Thanks also to Jane and Bethany for providing the refreshments!

