

Stanton Hill Regeneration Report – 17 July 2019.

1) Spring Fayre

The Spring Fayre had been a great success. It was very well attended by people in Stanton Hill and the neighbouring locality. There were over 30 stall holders, and several of the stall holders sent messages afterwards to say how they had enjoyed it, and how they wished that other organisers of similar events had advertised it as well as FOSH had. All ages had attended, and it had been an extremely successful day for all concerned.

The only negative appeared to be with many attendees to the fayre, parking in the Co-op, and many Co-op customers had great difficulty parking on the day. Tracey Chapman who is the Co-op Manager is now a regular FOSH member, so at future events there will be some discussions with Tracey beforehand, and alternative parking found.

2) Ashfield Voluntary Action

FOSH are working with Teresa Jackson of AVA. A meeting is being held on Monday the 22nd July, for Teresa to go through what funding there is available for community groups such as FOSH and to give guidance and best practice with regards to managing voluntary groups. This is being held at the Deli on the Hill should any representatives from any of the other committees wish to attend. Those attending are Jane Cooper, Louise Rose, Sharon Berry, Mike Vardy?, Kev Henshaw, Nick James (and one other) from Teversal FC, Lay Minister Matt Arnold from Friends of Pleasley Community Orchard, Debbie Hufton (FOSH and Healdswood School).

Louise, with the guidance of Teresa Jackson, is also looking at the process of registering FOSH as a charity and will be approaching members of FOSH to consider acting as trustees for FOSH. Registering as a charity would increase the scope of grants available for FOSH.

3) Community Activities:

a) Poppies in Stanton Hill

A working group has been set up consisting of Jane, Louise, Debbie Hufton, Allison Westwood, Paul Tingle and Tracy Chapman to organise and plan activities prior to Remembrance Day. The group hope to arrange poppy crafting sessions around Stanton Hill later in the school summer holidays so that children can make poppies from the bottoms of clear plastic bottles. This idea was popular with many parents within the FOSH Facebook group. Louise will source and price up green chicken wire to cover with plastic poppies and then install on Stanton Hill High St on railings and around tree trunks on the high street and she will also price up materials needed for the project. A link will be made with Ashfield Play Forum to see if they can assist with crafting materials. The group will also arrange poppy crafting social evenings in the Grill on the Hill to create more poppies to attach to installations in the village. Debbie Hufton will liaise with the staff at Healdswood Primary and Nursery School to arrange for poppies to be made and installed within the vicinity of Healdswood Park near the Pharmacy in order to continue the remembrance theme further out of Stanton Hill and into Skegby. Jane will apply to ADC Community Fund to cover the

cost of materials for the poppy crafting sessions and residents and businesses will be asked to donate money to pay for poppy wreathes to go on lamp posts and telegraph poles.

b) Children's Christmas Party

There will be two parties for two different age groups and both on Sunday 8th December 2019 at Healdswood Community Centre. The total cost of the parties will be met by money already raised by Stanton Hill Co-op staff and another smaller amount from the main Co-op group. FOSH and TSS won't have to contribute to any of these costs. There will be party food packs made up by Allison Westwood, Paul Tingle and Stanton Hill Fruit and Veg shop. Debbie Hufton's partner and associates will run the disco and party games. There will be an inflatable Santa's Grotto hired from Newton Carnival Team Helen-Ann Smith's Dad has a Santa costume and will be Santa for both parties. Santa's presents will all be books that Debbie Hufton will source in bulk. There will also be a face painter and a crafting section which will consist of the children making Christmas cards to be given to elderly members of the community for Christmas. The majority of services and produce will be sourced as local as possible. Parents will have to fill in forms to secure each child's place with a nominal refundable deposit of approximately £2.00 per child with a £4.00 cap if there are more than two children in a family.

c) Continuing Community Dig (At Co-op)

The main brunt of the work has now been done. Other than clearing maybe more shrubs, and the gardening is now at 'maintenance level'. Two residents of Stanton Hill have taken it upon themselves to be the main maintenance people of the garden, and they visit at least a couple of times a week watering, weeding and general maintenance. Jane and Louise visit regularly as well to help with this. The garden is looking very colourful with newly installed paving stones leading through the garden and there has been many positive comments from Stanton Hill residents on the work done.

d) VE day

Louise is in the early stages of making arrangements for a 75th Anniversary VE Day Party at StarBox Gym for the 8th May 2020 bank holiday. A musical duo, the Moonshiners have already been booked (no deposit required) as well as a face painter to keep children entertained. Louise will also be sourcing a DJ who specialises in 1940's Swing and Tea Party events, a coconut shy and a traditional old time carousel ride for children. There will be costume competitions with good prizes to encourage those attending to dress in 1940's themed clothing. Paul tingle will contact his relative who performs 2nd World War Re-enactments to see if they can provide any sort of role or 2nd World War vehicles during the event. Funding for the event will be sourced towards Autumn this year and more detailed plans made towards the latter end of 2019. This event will have a maximum capacity and it is planned to control numbers via a ticket system and with a hired barrier system.

4) Adult Education – (courses at Skegby Library)

FOSH (Andrew Jenkins) has made links with 'Inspire', and two courses have already been arranged taking place at Skegby Library. These being a first aid course (this has already taken place), and a food hygiene course (Food Safety in Catering (Level 2) - this is running on Saturday the 19 July.

The message coming from Inspire, is that if anyone wants any courses to run, to talk to them.

Louise will be putting a message on the FB page to ask if there might be any courses that people want to be run by Inspire. Some members have already expressed an interest in Paediatric First Aid courses being put on.

5) Meeting with ADC.

On the 31st January, several members of FOSH had met with Charles Edwards (Environment and Cemeteries Manager) and Alex Moorhouse the Lead Environment Officer, together with local councillor Helen Ann Smith. FOSH and ADC had mutually confirmed/agreed some works in areas of Stanton Hill. No works however so far had been completed by ADC on any of the areas agreed by the end of May. FOSH therefore had chased this with Charles, and following another meeting in June, ADC have confirmed the following work, and dates were confirmed on an email.

1) The Coal Container on the roundabout – The trees will be lifted and the container will be prepared and the coal container will be suitable for planting. The tree work has been done. Louise and her Husband have weeded the coal truck and dug the soil over. Jan Smith of Unique Flowers is currently sourcing low growing evergreen plants for the truck to provide year round interest and will be planting the truck up herself.

2) Wharf Road – The large bramble area will be strimmed and sprayed week commencing 17th June. The herras fencing will remain in situ until it has been decided what the land may be used for. ADC are happy to have a further conversation involved Cllr Smith and the group to ensure we make as best use of the land as possible. Unfortunately, one individual on Meden Bank continues to be a nuisance with respect to this land, so this work will probably be delayed whilst numerous agencies and departments attempt to deal with the situation.

3) Top of Brand Lane – ADC are looking at refurbing the benches week commencing 24th June. Further discussion will take place on this area when the Wharf Road matter has been resolved.

4) Brierley Close Entrance – The Sutton Colliery Memorial work was due to take place week commencing 24th June (nothing has been done as yet).

5) High Street Entrance – The maintenance work will take place week commencing 17th June. The trees will be lifted, they will spray the paving, repaint the boxes and look to replace the old bins (nothing has been done as yet).

6) At the last FOSH meeting more people attended than there had been previously. There now appears to be a solid number of people who are keen to help with Stanton Hill regeneration. Key contacts have been made, and also the FOSH FB page continues to ask Stanton Hill residents what they would like to see in the village, and to advertise all of the events that continue to take place.