



# WOODHOUSE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM

# Newsletter

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## Season's Greetings from the Chair

Once again it has been a busy year with great contributions and cooperation from all the Agencies active in Woodhouse. We have been very active in helping to get the Designated Public Places Order in Woodhouse and stop people drinking on the streets. The good news is that it was a great success and has been extended for a further 12 months, thanks to the prompt action from South Yorkshire Police.

We also have been working with the youth groups within the area and have had very good cooperation from the Youth Worker at the Salvation Army who is engaging our young people in youth projects around Woodhouse

There have been new groups formed in the area who have made a significant contribution to the parks and woodland around the district.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Forum's staff, its volunteers and Management Committee for their hard work and support.

We have once again received help and support from all of our City Councillors which is always much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Howard Constable - Chair

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# Update from your Local Woodhouse and Mosborough Safer Neighbourhood Teams Inspector

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on the work of your local Woodhouse and Mosborough Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) and partners in the Woodhouse area.

It is now April since we were granted the first Designated Public Place Order (DPPO) outside of Sheffield city centre, for the centre of Woodhouse village. The DPPO was put in place to address adults drinking openly in the street and those involved in alcohol fuelled antisocial behaviour. It was achieved by working alongside the Sheffield Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT), the Woodhouse Forum and local councillors. So far we have used our new powers on 43 occasions between April and August, but we have not been required to use the power during September. We are now finding most people know the order is in place and this is acting as a deterrent to those who may drink antisocially. We conducted some recent consultation in the village and the results would indicate that local residents and businesses in the area have noticed a reduction in street drinking since the DPPO was introduced and that they generally supported the DPPO to continue.

I am pleased to say that on the 6 October 2011 the Sheffield Licensing Committee heard the results of the first six months and agreed that Woodhouse can keep its DPPO for another year. This is a good opportunity to build upon a positive start and ensure that we address the problems of adult street drinking in Woodhouse village. After seeing first hand the village this summer I feel it has been a far better place but you the residents, must continue to call us if you witness such behaviour. We will continue to monitor surrounding areas to ensure that we have not moved the problem outside the zone.

We are keen to tackle the issues that concern you the most. We are continuing to tackle rogue unlicensed scrap metal collectors in and around our area. This work has involved other SNTs from both Sheffield and more recently cross border with Derbyshire. To tackle this issue we have been conducting regular joint operations involving a number of additional police specialist departments as well partner agencies including the Sheffield City Council, Department for work and Pensions (DWP), SmartWater and the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA). Can I please remind people to keep items of value secure and do not leave them on display in your cars and homes and ensure gates to rear gardens are locked wherever possible to deter those opportunist thieves. So many times in any single day my team out on patrol find vehicles and houses left insecure and items left on display, making it easy for thieves.

Just to keep you up to date, I have recently re-organised my team in Woodhouse and there will now be three Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in Woodhouse. It's a big welcome to PCSO Tom Skeehean who has moved from Stradbroke and will work with a well-known face, PCSO Jane Eklid-Singh in the upper part of the village. PCSO Justine Wieteska will primarily look after everything from the Badger estate down to Woodhouse Mill but between the three of them they will look after everything in Woodhouse and Woodhouse Mill. Three officers in the area should allow for them to be seen more often by local residents and show an increased presence across the entire area including Woodhouse Mill. The SNT are all located on Station road in Woodhouse and I am keen to show a strong policing commitment to the residents of both Woodhouse and Woodhouse Mill.

Our aim is to have our SNT website up to date with what we are doing locally. Just visit [www.southyorks.police.uk](http://www.southyorks.police.uk) and enter your postcode. I also send daily updates out using Twitter, which again lets you know what we are doing for you locally so please follow KCInspector.

My team and I remain committed to our local area and making the area a safer place. We attend almost all Woodhouse Forum meetings, as well as linking in with local groups such as the Tenants and Residents Associations (TARAs), but we also welcome visitors to our station direct if you wish to discuss any local concerns.

## Inspector Jason Booth

Woodhouse and Mosborough Safer Neighbourhood Teams

## Walking for Health

Woodhouse and District Community Forum are planning a series of Health Walks in the local area. A health walk is a short led walk (no longer than an hour) in your local area. We are not about walking miles and miles in big boots but are here to help prevent and manage: Diabetes, Asthma, High Blood Pressure, Coronary Heart Disease, Stroke, Weight, Depression, Stress, Joint problems, Osteoarthritis and Osteoporosis.

No special equipment required, just dress for the weather! Come along and have a chat, meet new friends and find out what's happening in your community. The walks will start on Wednesday January 25th at 10:30. We meet at the Badger Tenants and Residents Association, 2, Goathladn Place, Woodhouse (just off Badger Road).

For more info call the Forum office 0114 269 0222.



## Positive Activities Summer Holiday Project

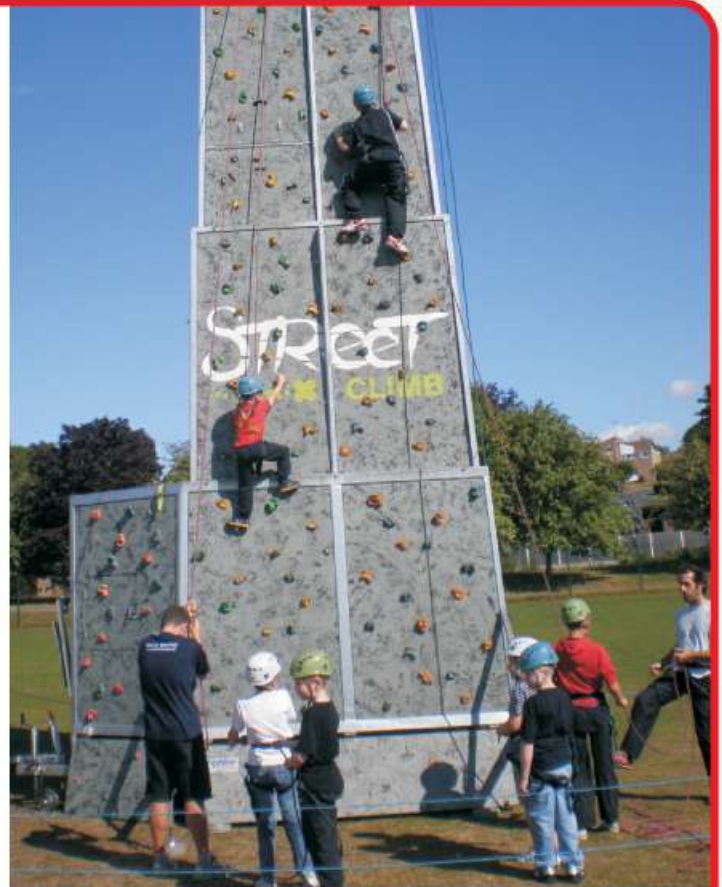
The Salvation Army working with Sheffield City Council Children's and Young people services delivered a nine day programme of activities for 8 to 13 year olds split between Westfield and Woodhouse. The first week was located at the newly established youth centre on the Westfield estate, Com.Unity that provides a range of activities for children and young people and is supported by local parents; the second week was located at the Woodhouse Salvation Army Hall. One of the aims was to break down barriers between estates and children from each community attended both weeks.

The programme was a mixture of leisure activities and structured activities included urban art, digital storytelling, circus skills and in the first week a climbing tower was used which was very popular with the children. Fortunately the best day for the weather was on the day allocated to the climbing wall!

The programme was staffed by The Salvation Army and Emmanuel Church Westfield supported by the management team at Com.Unity.

This was a great opportunity for both children, adults to get to know each other, have fun and deliver positive activities to the community.

Both the Salvation Army and Emmanuel church intend to work closely on future youth projects. At Woodhouse a continued programme of activities is running from 4.00pm to 5.30pm on Thursday and is free to all children between 8 and 13 years old.



## Report from Friends of Shirtcliff Wood

There had been a few minor fires, not necessarily deliberate. Part of the hedge between Myrtle Bank Farm and the Edge had been damaged, and perhaps a quarter of the whips planted in Spring had been lost. At the end of the school holiday, someone set extensive fires in the Grasslands on the Edge and down the Western slope between the Scrub and Smelter Wood.

The fire along the Edge just burnt off the dead grasses. This is now regenerating.

The fire down the Western Grassland was much more serious. The upper part of the slope was where the Harvest Mouse colony was; Burnet Moths and Ringlet Butterflies also bred here. The coarse grasses in this area are now regenerating, however we won't know until Spring how badly the fauna has been affected.

About three quarters of the way down the slope was

a large stand of Rosebay Willowherb and Bramble. This vegetation has been burnt out. The fire was so hot that the soil itself may have been incinerated.

In addition, the fire got into the top stretch of the hedge and bank separating the Scrub from Smelter Wood. This was an old, well-established, hedge rich in species. This stretch is now ruined. It can be replanted, but will take many years to be restored.

FoS e-mailed the police with a report, photographs, and an annotated map – as well as notifying the Fire Brigade. These two Forces consulted together, and as a result mounted patrols are now going through the Valley. Also, FoS were contacted by the SY Police Air Operations Unit (the police had passed our information on to them).

The helicopter will also give the area some attention when flying to and from other operational tasks.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## Christmas Services at Woodhouse Churches – 2011

### Sunday 27 November

10.30 am Advent Songs of Praise for all churches at Salvation Army – followed by a shared lunch.

### Sunday 4 December

10.30 am Toy Service at Salvation Army

10.30 am Christingle Family Service at St.James

5.00 pm Carols by Candlelight at Salvation Army

### Sunday 11 December

4.00 pm Southern Light Christmas Carol Service at Beighton Sports and Welfare Recreation Ground

6.00 pm Carol Service with Woodhouse Prize Band at Trinity

### Monday 12 December

4.00 pm Community Carol Service with Woodhouse Tenants & Residents Association at Salvation Army

### Sunday 18 December

10.30 am Messy Christmas Church [for all the family with meal afterwards in church hall – children may come dressed as a character from the Nativity at St.James

10.30 am Nativity Service at Trinity

5.00 pm Church Carol Service at Salvation Army

5.30 pm Church Carol Service at Southern Light

6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight at St.James

### Saturday 24 December

11.30 pm Midnight Communion at St.James

### Sunday 25 December

10.00 am Christmas Celebration at St.James

10.30 am Christmas Day worship at Salvation Army

10.30 am Christmas Day worship at Trinity

## Woodhouse Pharmacy Christmas Opening hours...

Please remember to order your prescriptions in plenty of time for us to get them processed for you during the Christmas period.

### Our changed opening hours over this time will be:

Monday 19th to Friday 23rd December: 07.00am -11.00pm

Saturday 24th December: 07.00am – 05.00pm

Sunday 25th to Tuesday 27th December: **CLOSED**

Wednesday 28th to Saturday 31st December: 07.00am – 10.00pm

Sunday 1st January: 08.00am – 6.00pm

Monday 2nd January: **CLOSED**

Tuesday 3rd January: 07.00am – 10.00pm

– Hours back to normal from then on.

### Woodhouse Medical Centre

Normal opening hours...

Monday-Friday 8am-1pm 2pm-6pm

Thursday we close at 12pm.

Saturday and Sunday **CLOSED**

### Christmas opening hours...

Friday 23rd December 8am – 1pm & 2pm – 6pm

Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th December **CLOSED**

Wednesday 28th December 8am – 1pm & 2pm – 6pm

Thursday 29th December 8am -12pm

Friday 30th December 8am – 1pm & 2pm – 6pm

Monday 2nd January **CLOSED**

Tuesday 3rd January 8am – 1pm & 2pm – 6pm

**NORMAL OPENING HOURS FROM THEN ON !**

**Emergencies call our number 0844 815 1992 and you will be put through to Out of Hours.**

# COURSES IN WOODHOUSE

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FROM SEPTEMBER 2011

## Maths

£10\*

10 week course for various levels including basic, Level 1 & 2.  
Accreditation optional

Badger TARA, 2 Goathland Place 10:00am - 12:00 noon Wednesday

## English

£10\*

10 week course for various levels including basic, Level 1 & 2.  
Accreditation optional

Badger TARA, 2 Goathland Place 1:00pm - 3:00pm Wednesday

## Computer Courses

See Below\*

Various courses from beginners to level 2

Badger TARA, 2 Goathland Place Mondays: 10:00pm - 12:00 noon

Tuesdays: 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Woodhouse Library

Wednesdays: 10:00pm - 12:00 noon

## ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence)

£20 per term

Gain a recognised computer qualification covering Microsoft Word, Powerpoint & Excel

(£10 if on means tested benefits)\*

Badger TARA, 2 Goathland Place

Tuesdays: 10:00pm - 12:00 noon

3 terms (10 weeks per term)

## First Aid

From £20

Various Courses: 6hr, 12hr or First Aid at Work,

First Aid for Childminders - Certificated for OFSTED

Badger TARA House

TBA days or evenings - please call with preference

£40

## Book Keeping

See Below\*

Book keeping techniques and software training

(Please call for further detail)

Badger TARA or Woodhouse Library - 1:00pm - 3:00pm Mondays

## Festive Flower Arranging

£30

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Each week make and take home a finished flower arrangement, including table centerpieces & wreaths.

Badger TARA Thursdays 1:00pm - 3:00pm for 4 weeks from 24th November - 15th December inclusive.

## Other Courses

Various

- Jewellery Making
- CIEH Food Safety Level 2
- Beginner's French
- Family History

\* Cost: £10 Registration + £4 per week (£10 only, if on means tested benefits)

\* Please enquire as Bursaries may be available

**For all enquiries and details of other courses available, please call our Community Learning Champions:**

**Liz 07847 602644  
or Jackie 07847 602613**

# Woodhouse

## Christmas Market

Join us for festive fun on:

**3rd December**  
**In Market Square**  
**From 10am - 2pm**

Join us for:

- Live festive music
- Hot Chestnuts
- Mince Pies
- Festive stalls

If you would like a stall call Jack on: **07954383051**

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### MINCE PIES

30 mins to 1 hour Preparation time.  
10 to 30 mins cooking time. Makes 12 pies.

#### Ingredients

- 350g/12oz high quality mincemeat, preferably homemade
- 200g/7oz plain flour, sifted
- 40g/1½oz golden caster sugar
- 75g/2¾oz ground almonds
- 125g/4½oz unsalted butter, diced
- 1 large free-range egg, beaten milk, to glaze

#### Preparation method

1. Lightly butter a 12-hole pie or patty tin. Tip the mincemeat into a bowl and stir so that the liquid is evenly distributed.
2. Place the flour, sugar, almonds and butter in a food processor and process briefly until resembling breadcrumbs, then slowly add the egg through the feeder tube. (Or rub the butter into the dry ingredients by hand and stir in the egg.)
3. Bring the mixture together with your hands, wrap in cling film and chill for an hour or so. Thinly roll out the pastry on a floured surface. Cut out 12 circles with a fluted pastry cutter, large enough to fill the base of the prepared tin. Press gently into each hole, then fill with the mincemeat.
4. Cut out another 12 slightly smaller discs and use to cover the mincemeat. Press the edges together to seal. Make a small slit in the top of each, then brush lightly with milk. Chill for about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.
5. Bake the pies for 20 minutes until golden brown. Remove to a wire rack and serve warm.



## Flu Jabs

It's that time of the year again! We recommend that anyone aged over 65, or those who have had a heart attack, stroke or angina, diabetes, asthma, copd all have a flu jab. If you are over 65, or have any of these conditions and you don't want to have an injection, then please write to us or let reception know.

### WOODHOUSE HEALTH CENTRE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Are you interested in find out more about Woodhouse Health Centre?  
Would you like to influence the development of local health services?

The Health Centre is keen to recruit new members why not come along to discuss your ideas and hear about planned changes.

The meetings will take place between 6-8 weekly intervals at Woodhouse Health Centre

If you would like to come along to the meeting, or if you have any queries about the Patient Participation Group, then please contact the Practice We are also interested in patients who would like to support the practice by the use of an E-mail group, who we can email from time to time with ideas and questions about future changes. Please see our new website "woodhouse healthcentre.co.uk" for further information or ask at reception.

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