

Headway

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News on the way we're heading in & around Headingley

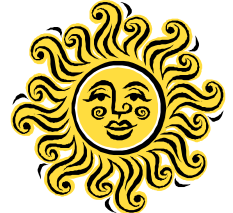
July 2007

Headway aims to let local residents know which way we're heading in & around Headingley. Local community associations have got together to share & circulate information – Cardigan Triangle, Far Headingley, Headingley Network, Kirkstall Village, Moor Parks, North Hyde Park, South Headingley & Turnways. We'd be pleased if other associations joined us. Everyone is invited to send us any news that matters to Headingley. **Headway** is an initiative of Leeds HMO Lobby, the collective campaigning for local housing balance.

Here's how it works: Latest news is published on an ongoing basis on the Headingley Community website. The printed version of **Headway** comes out every quarter. Anyone is welcome to send us items for either or both of these. Anyone is welcome to be on the mailing list. Let us know if you are online, and we can deliver **Headway** by email. See back page for contact details.

Summer in the City, 2007

Local residents celebrate their communities!



July: KIRKSTALL FESTIVAL, Kirkstall Abbey, Saturday 14 July 2007



Don't forget, put it in your diary now, Saturday 14 July is the 27th annual Kirkstall Festival held in the beautiful grounds of Kirkstall Abbey. We have a full day packed with entertainment starting at around 11am. Our main attraction this year is "Jousting". Try and watch the Parade led by a fantastic Pipe Band as it makes its way to the Abbey, we set off from Hesketh Road at 12 noon and make our way along Park Mount, down Station Parade turning right up Morris Lane, left down Abbey Walk, left on to the A65, then turn right into the Abbey grounds right up to the Main stage arriving at 12.55pm for the official opening of the Festival. Do try to attend the Festival church service in the Nave at 4.15pm, this year the welcome led by Revd Christopher Cornwell, Area Dean of Headingley. There really is something for everyone this year; I do hope you can be with us.

John Liversedge, Kirkstall Festival

August: UNITY DAY, Woodhouse Moor, Saturday 4 August 2007

Our annual community event takes place on Saturday 4 August. This is a chance for the residents of Hyde Park to work together as volunteers and pool their skills and ideas to produce an event which showcases the talent of our varied and vibrant community. The event begins at 12 noon and finishes at 11pm. As well as music ranging from break dance to rock, there will be a children's area, a football competition, refreshment stalls and stalls selling new and used goods. From the information and community stalls you will be able to find out about plans in Hyde Park, such as what is going to happen to the Royal Park School building and the development of the Leeds Girls High School site. [See also back page]



Liz Boyd, Hyde Park Unity Day

September: CELEBRATE HEADINGLEY, Central Headingley, Sat-Sun 8-9 September 2007



Residents of Headingley will get together again on 8 and 9 September to celebrate the fact that we live here. You can meet friends, make new ones, enjoy the good things about our lovely but threatened neighbourhood. We kick off in style on Friday with poets in Citrus. On Saturday we have the brass band playing at the Deli Market, tombola and children's events in the Community Centre. All day there will be a Craft and Art Market in the Methodist Hall, with cream teas after lunch, accompanied by bingo... In St Michael's Hall will be a Youth Bands Thrash, and later in the evening a ceilidh for all the family. On Sunday there will be a barbecue at the New Headingley Club with live music. Interesting activities for children and adults will take place in Headingley Library. Other events will be added, look out for the programme.

Rachel Harkess, Celebrate Headingley

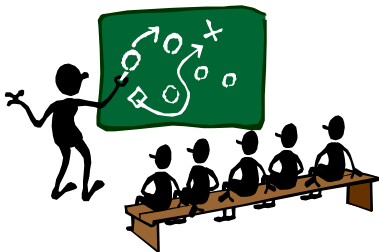
Neighbourhood Restoration



In the last **Headway**, we reported on the Area Committee's commitment to a new

vision for Inner NW Leeds. Moves have been made towards realising this vision. On the planning side, the planning Group is to put together proposals for an **Area Action Plan** for Inner NW, to go to the next Area Committee. On the housing side, the Area Committee has set up a Housing Strategy Group, and this Group, working with Headingley Development Trust, organised a Seminar on housing in the Area of Housing Mix. On 18 June, leading figures from the Council, from housing associations, from local agents & developers, and from the university, met to look at current housing policy, research on current developments in the local housing market, and to consider ways to increase affordable housing and greater mix in our area. The outcomes will now be fed into plans for a local **Housing Strategy**.

Leeds University Strategies



The University of Leeds has launched its new **Community Strategy** for Inner North West Leeds, alongside its **Housing Strategy** update

and re-launch of the Neighbourhood Helpline. At its inaugural Community and Housing Forum on 26 June, key stakeholders from the local community met with University staff to find out more about the documents and the future of our community engagement. The strategies are endorsed by Leeds University Union and will be delivered in partnership with other organisations including the District Partnership, Primary Care Trust, the Police and of course the community. Copies of the strategies can be downloaded from www.leeds.ac.uk/ace

The University is seeking to develop a stronger communication with the local community through a genuine, open, two-way dialogue. The Community and Housing Strategies will be dynamic and flexible to meet emerging priorities, policies and best practice.

Greg Miller, Access and Community Engagement,
University of Leeds

Local Developments



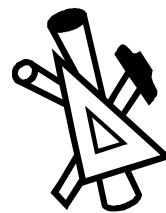
Two major developments are under way, which will impact on local communities.

- **Leeds Met** has said it supports the Shared Housing Action Plan

which aims to reduce the numbers of students in the Area of Housing Mix. But this hasn't stopped the Met applying to build accommodation for nearly 500 students at Beckett's Park. Local residents and councillors spoke out against the proposal at the Council's Plans Panel on 14 June. It will increase foot traffic in through residences, it will increase parking, and it will increase even more the number of students. The Panel deferred a decision, asking for more information.

- Meanwhile, consultations unfold on the **Leeds Girls High School** sites in Headingley. A draft Development Brief has been published for consultation. The proposal is entirely residential, and undertakes to exclude students. But a public meeting of over a hundred residents from a wide area on 21 June rejected the plans. Residents are concerned especially about the loss of protected green space, and also about the provision of affordable housing.

Neighbourhood Design Statement



The Inner NW Area Committee has commissioned Headingley Development Trust to produce a Neighbourhood Design Statement (NDS) for Headingley and Hyde Park (between Woodhouse Moor and Shaw Lane), which is a description of

the environment of the area, intended to help guide planning decisions on developments in the Neighbourhood. There is already a NDS for Far Headingley. The Trust has appointed a Consultant and set up a Steering Group, with representatives of all the local community associations concerned – Cardigan Triangle, Headingley Network, NHPNA, SHCA and Turnways. The whole process will get under way in the autumn, beginning with a Launch Event on 15 September, and a 'Survey of Neighbours.' Look out for details. If you live in the Neighbourhood and want to be involved, contact your local association [see back page for details].

Steering Group, Headingley NDS



Headingley Development Trust

● HEART

Headingley Enterprise and Arts Centre is gathering speed, with some very positive recent developments. We have a meeting with Council officers in early July at which we have to present our final proposal and report back on our success with raising the funds. Based on this a report from them and a proposal on the disposal of the school will go to Council's Executive Board in



August. The Council is already impressed by our growing membership – but will be even more

impressed if we **double** that before our meeting with them in July. The size of our membership is very visible evidence of the weight of community support behind this project. HDT has already made a difference with the development of the **Deli-Market** [see back page] – just imagine what a community owned asset like HEART will do for the centre of Headingley. What better way to bring the heart back into Headingley! For further information about Headingley Development Trust visit the website:

www.headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk or call Kim Johnston on 07854 726 865.

● Natural Food Store



The community buy-out of the Natural Food Store is proceeding apace. There has been great enthusiasm for the venture from customers in Headingley and across Leeds. Commitment to

keeping a diversity of retail in Headingley, supporting a valuable and specialist business and a concern for the importance of good quality food is fuelling a huge interest. If you have not already registered an interest, but would like to receive information please let us know by emailing us at

info@headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk or call Kim Johnston on 07854 726 865.

● Housing in Headingley



One of the Trust's major concerns is to help re-balance housing in Headingley. ★ The Trust's

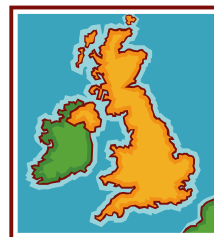
HeadingleyHomes

initiative is available for those who have to leave Headingley – see back page. ★ The Trust is working with a local housing association and with local developers to set up a Community Land Trust to provide *Affordable Housing* for our area. ★ The Trust has worked with the Area Committee on a Seminar to prepare a *Housing Strategy* for the Area of Housing Mix [see page 2].

Contact HDT: website

www.headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk, email info@headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk, mobile 07854 726 865.

National Developments



Effective action locally largely depends on the powers given to the Council by Westminster.

The **National HMO**

Lobby, which brings together residents in

university and other towns

affected by concentrations of shared housing (HMOs), has been actively lobbying the government – which has agreed to look again at local planning powers.

● Meanwhile, the **National Union of Students** has published *Students in the Community*. It's good to see NUS taking an interest. But otherwise, the Report is pretty disappointing – NUS is still in denial over the real problem (un-balanced communities), it misrepresents what residents want, and the Report is full of errors about Leeds.

● On the other hand, the MPs' network, the new **All-Party Group**, has been active in Parliament. They have tabled an Early Day Motion, they have held a Ten Minute Rule debate, and they have staged an Adjournment Debate. All of these have kept the issue of shared houses up the national agenda.

Neighbourhood News



North Hyde Park Neighbourhood Association

Midsummer Gathering & Barbecue,
1pm, 1 July, Dagmar Wood, Grosvenor Road.

Little Woodhouse Community Forum

7pm Tuesday 3 July, Civic Hall, main subject: "A
Neighbourhood Design Statement for Little
Woodhouse."

Little Woodhouse Community

Association *Beating the Bounds: a walk
round our boundaries*, 6-8pm, Thursday, 12
July. Meet 5.45, under Chestnut Tree, by
Swarthmore. Info from 245 9030.

Kirkstall Festival, 14 July: see front page.

Deli Market is at 9.00-12.30 on the second
Saturday of each month, 14 July, 11 August, 8
September, in the Rose Garden, North Lane
(opposite the Community Centre). Organic
vegetables, fish, cheese, mushrooms, meat
(farm reared and organic), honey, bread, free-
range eggs, cakes and baked goods. All these
are local and sold by the producer. Also, guest
stalls.

Woodhouse Ridge Action Group Next
Action Day, 10am – 3pm, Sunday 29 July. Visit
the website at www.woodhouseridge.org.uk

Unity Day, 4 August: see front page. The final
programme depends on the number of local
people willing to get involved. Please come
along to a team meeting, held every Wednesday
at 7.30pm in Wrangthorn Church Hall, Hyde
Park Terrace. There are many ways to get
involved, including helping with fundraising,
being a steward on the day (we need 50) and
setting up the site (guaranteed to improve your

fitness). For more information, contact Amit Roy
on 2933698

Celebrate Headingley, 8-9 September: see
front page.

Area Committee consists of all the councillors
for Headingley, Hyde Park & Woodhouse,
Kirkstall and Weetwood. Meetings are open to
the public. The next is at 7pm on 13
September, venue to be announced.

Neighbourhood Design Statement for
Headingley and Hyde Park: launch
Presentation, morning, Saturday, 15 September,
venue tba. For info, contact HDT [see page 3].

Cardigan Triangle Art Day

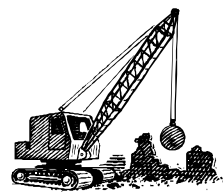
11am - 5pm, Sunday, 16
September. Homes in the
Cardigan Triangle are open for
the day, to show art - from
amateur to professional, some for
sale, some just to look at. If you would like to
take part, all kinds of Headingley artists are very
welcome, we also need Triangle residents to
host. For either, contact Cathy on
paul@cammegh.wanadoo.co.uk or Louise on
275 4652.



Buying or Selling in Headingley? Go to
HeadingleyHomes! Ring Clare Frieze at
Manning Stainton on 274 8646.

Planning

Planning Applications New planning
applications in the area are published every
Thursday in the *Yorkshire
Evening Post*.



Planning Problems?

Ask Andrew! For advice,
contact Andrew Crates,
Community Planning Officer,

247 8027 or andrew.crates@leeds.gov.uk

Contact **Headway** by email at hmolobby@hotmail.com. To join your local association, for Headingley Network (central Headingley) contact Lesley Jeffries (tel: 274 1011), for South Headingley contact Sue Buckle (tel: 278 2296), for North Hyde Park contact Annie Faulder (tel: 2758738), for Far Headingley contact Donald Hood (tel: 275 5575), for Kirkstall contact John Liversedge (tel: 278 5987), for Moor Parks contact Kate Henshall (tel: 274 1550), for Cardigan Triangle contact Peter Spafford (tel: 275 4199), for Highburys contact Ian Oldroyd (tel 294 5621).

Keep up-to-date by checking the Headingley Community website at www.healheadingley.org.uk. Anyone can post content on the website once they have registered and got a password. Internet access is provided free at Headingley Library, where help is available if needed.

Headway is also available online at www.healheadingley.org.uk/node/45

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