



Woodthorpe Village Community Group

# Newsletter

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## THANK YOU!!!!!!

### Welcome to the first Newsletter from WVCG!

As you will all be aware, the last 3 months have been intense! The time frame involved has put all the volunteers and fellow residents under tremendous pressure. If anyone doubts that Woodthorpe has a Community spirit then I would ask you to come along to the meetings and see for yourself! These are held most Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm in The Albert Inn.

### The Case for Objection

The petition showed that 99% of the residents did not want any change to the green fields that surround us. We unanimously agreed that this could be of no benefit to Woodthorpe or the surrounding area.

The questionnaire was completed by about 70% of the village, a staggering amount in market research terms! The quality of the information gathered was overwhelming and has given many valuable additions to the Case itself!

A huge **Thank you** to everyone who took the time to complete the document and supply lots of additional information!

Our case for objection to any inclusion of the surrounding green fields to be considered for development has now been submitted to Chesterfield Borough Council. It is 100 pages long with many appendices and therefore only two copies have been printed. It costs approx £30 per copy! Our hope is that these sites will no longer be included in the SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) and deemed areas not suitable for development. The verdict should be published at the end of October. Watch this space.

### In the mean time.....

The majority of the costs incurred thus far have been absorbed by various members of the WVCG Committee.

We are asking for your help yet again to help raise funds to ready us for the next stage of our campaign.

A collection with Rags are Us is scheduled for **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. They will collect bedding (not duvets or pillows), clothes, shoes (paired), bags, belts, handbags and books from your door/drive. To keep costs down we would ask people to use their own black bin bags but attach the enclosed flyer to the bags.

Get rid of your unwanted items and help the Village – simple!



With the help of June and Russ at The Albert Inn, we are organising a Pie n Pea night on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2011. We will have the case displayed upstairs for everyone to see what a fantastic job has been done by the technical team of the Committee.

Tickets are £5.00 per person and are available from Janet Bland on 01246 476640.