



Woodthorpe Village Community Group

# Newsletter

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## Welcome to the 2nd Newsletter from WVCG!

It is now 5 months since we last put pen to paper and much has been happening during that time. We continue to mount our campaign against the proposed housing developments on the fields in and around Woodthorpe Village, a new Village website has been set up, research into the history of Woodthorpe has been undertaken and an application is underway for Village Green status. These are just a few of the things that the WVCG has been involved with.

### Housing Campaign

Following a presentation to our local Council by Chatsworth Estates about an "idea" they had to develop the green fields in and around Woodthorpe with around 800 houses, the WVCG set about building a case against such a development.

The Government is currently changing the basic guidelines surrounding the planning process in order to encourage building and regeneration. It has made the Boroughs of the UK establish how many houses they deem necessary to supply their community with homes. The WVCG is not against regeneration but questions the use of the land surrounding Woodthorpe as the best option for this area, particularly when there are many "brown" field sites available like the old Staveley Works site.

This process had already begun by the time the residents of the Village became aware of it but thankfully within a few short months, the WVCG, with the help of the whole Village, were able to gather evidence and submit a case against the use of these sites.

The different stages of this application are both complex and slow! We have our foot in the door but still have a long way to go. Along with submitting our initial case, the WVCG have held a number of meetings with local Councillors and members of Chesterfield Borough Council to try and argue the best case not just for Woodthorpe but for the surrounding area as well. At each stage of this lengthy process, new deadlines are being set and met by the tireless work of the Group.

We need your help to show support at the Local Council meetings and Forum groups. Just having a presence at the local meetings will show that the WVCG is not just a couple of people but a whole Community. During the Planning meetings, the general public are given 15 minutes at the start of the session at which to pose any questions, thereafter, attendees are not allowed to speak and can only watch proceedings. During the Forum meetings, questions can be asked for almost each topic on the agenda by the general public.

Meeting dates:

|                                  |  |         |                                      |
|----------------------------------|--|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Planning & Environment Committee | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month<br>(next meeting 20 February 2012) | 6.00 pm | The Council Chamber<br>Staveley Hall |
| Staveley Community Forum Meeting | 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2012  | 7.00 pm | The Stables, Staveley Hall           |

## Publication of the Draft Core Strategy Document

Chesterfield Borough Council has now published its Draft Core Strategy document which sets out the key elements of the planning framework for the borough. **This is your chance** to respond to what is proposed not just in this area but the Borough as a whole. Subsequent documents produced as part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) will build on the objectives set out in the Core Strategy. It identifies broad locations for delivering housing and other major development needs such as employment, retail and transport across the whole of the Chesterfield Borough.

The consultation period began on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and runs until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012. Representations can be made during this six week period. All representations must be made on a **response** form and can be submitted in the following ways:

- by e-mail: [forward.planning@chesterfield.gov.uk](mailto:forward.planning@chesterfield.gov.uk)
- via the website: [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/corestrategy](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/corestrategy)
- by post or by hand: Forward Planning, Chesterfield Borough Council, Town Hall, Rose Hill, Chesterfield, S40 1LP
- by fax: 01246 345809 marked for the attention of Forward Planning

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following:

- that the Core Strategy has been submitted for independent examination
- the publication of the recommendations of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Core Strategy DPD
- the adoption of the Core Strategy DPD

If you do require this notification, please remember to specify this on the response form together with your contact address.

A supply of response forms will be available at the next meeting of the WVCG (Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012) and members will be on hand to give help and advice to any residents requiring assistance in completing their forms.

The Core Strategy Document can be viewed:

- on the Council's website: [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/corestrategy](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/corestrategy)
- at the Forward Planning Offices of Chesterfield Borough Council, Town Hall, Rose Hill, Chesterfield, S40 1 LP
- all borough libraries

A recent article in the Derbyshire Times also states that drop-in sessions, to speak to Planning Officers, will take place on:

Wednesday, 22 February 2012 (5.00 pm to 8.00 pm) – Chesterfield Town Hall, Committee Room 2  
**Thursday, 23 February 2012 (3.00 pm to 7.00 pm) - Staveley Healthy Living Centre** and  
Friday, 24 February 2012 (2.00 pm to 6.00 pm) - Chesterfield Town Hall, Committee Room 2

## Inspection Locations and Opening Times (as published by Chesterfield Borough Council)

| Place  | Days                           | Hours  | Breaks                                    |
|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Regeneration Reception, Town Hall, Rose Hill                   | Mon – Thu<br>Fri               | 08:30 – 17:00<br>08:30 – 16:30                                   |   |
| Staveley Housing Office, High Street                           | Mon<br>Thu                     | 08:30 – 12:30<br>13:00 – 17:00                                   |   |
| Central Library, New Beetwell Street                           | Mon – Fri<br>Sat               | 09:00 – 19:00<br>09:00 – 16:00                                   |   |
| Newbold Library, Windermere Road                               | Mon, Wed – Fri<br>Tue          | 09:30 – 17:00<br>09:30 – 19:00                                   | Lunch<br>13:00 – 14:00                    |
| Brimington Library, Church Street                              | Mon<br>Tue & Thu<br>Fri<br>Sat | 10:00 – 19:00<br>10:00 – 17:30<br>15:30 – 17:00<br>09:30 – 12:30 | Lunch<br>Mon, Tues & Thu<br>12:30 – 13:30 |
| Staveley Library, Hall Lane                                    | Mon<br>Tue – Thu<br>Fri<br>Sat | 09:30 – 19:00<br>09:30 – 17:00<br>09:30 – 19:00<br>09:30 – 16:00 |   |
| Old Whittington Library<br>Swanwick Memorial Hall, High Street | Tue & Thu<br>Sat               | 10.00 – 18:00<br>10:00 – 13:00                                   | Lunch<br>13:00 – 14:00                    |

### Woodthorpe Village Website

Take a look at the new Woodthorpe Village website [www.woodthorpevillage.org](http://www.woodthorpevillage.org). This website is in its infancy but our hope is that it can be used as a tool to keep you informed of local news and events including "What's On" at The Albert Inn, updates on the campaign, local meetings, School news and anything else that may be of interest to you. A couple of the residents have been researching the "History of Woodthorpe". We hope you enjoy reading about the Village's past. If you have any snippets of information that can be added to our History page, please contact Roger Davenport, 19 Tollbridge Road, Woodthorpe.

### Do you remember?

We would like to build up a history of what events used to and continue to take place in Woodthorpe. One resident has memories of Horse Shows taking place on Norbriggs Field, footballers have their weekly training sessions there as well. Do you have any knowledge of what other events took/take place in the Village? Please let us know by contacting Sarah, 7 Cranleigh Road, Woodthorpe.

## Thank You



With the help of June & Russ at The Albert Inn, the Pie & Pea Night on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2011 was very well attended and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

Thank you also to those of you who had a clear out and contributed to the Rags 4 Us collection.

The monies raised from both these events have given a great boost to our campaign funds.

Thank you for your support.



## Dates for your Diary

- 20.02.12** Planning & Environment Committee Meeting, The Council Chambers, Staveley Hall, 6.00 pm
- 22.02.12** Drop in session to speak to Planning Officers at Chesterfield Town Hall
- 23.02.12** Drop in session to speak to Planning Officers at **The Healthy Living Centre**
- 24.02.12** Drop in session to speak to Planning Officers at Chesterfield Town Hall
- 28.02.12** Meeting of the WVCG, The Albert Inn, 7.30 pm
- 13.03.12** Meeting of the WVCG, The Albert Inn, 7.30 pm
- 26.03.12** Staveley Forum Meeting, The Stables, Staveley Hall, 7.00 pm
- 27.03.12** Meeting of the WVCG, The Albert Inn, 7.30 pm