

TAKE **note**

Borough and Bankside Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Tuesday February 21 2006
The Cathedral School of St Saviour and St Mary Overie,
Redcross Way, SE1

Issue no. 3

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Main items at this meeting:

- Community slot presentations
- £15k Community Fund for Borough and Bankside
- Cleaner, greener, safer schemes
- Police update

Blackfriars settlement

Blackfriars Settlement is a community project in the Bankside area. It is planning to host a forum, to bring together groups and individuals to discuss planning and regeneration in the area. Anne Worsley, a representative from Blackfriars Settlement said most residents welcome the idea. Claudette Douglas from the same project said they are looking for people with knowledge and skills to help set up the forum. If you are interested contact Forid Ahmed, community involvement and development officer.

Forid Ahmed, Southwark Council
on 020 7525 5540 or email
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Charterhouse in Southwark

Charterhouse in Southwark works with young people. Rosemary Hill, a worker, explained that Charterhouse holds youth activities five days a week, organised by volunteers. These include music sessions, football games and coaching in Tabard Gardens and sexual health education for young people. Many of the young people who take part are from neighbouring housing estates.

A resident and youth worker from the Rockingham Estate said a lot of the facilities at Charterhouse are not available in his area, and asked if Charterhouse could publicise the projects more widely.

A representative from a project called Interest for Life, which also provides football coaching for young people, said there is a general lack of funding for these groups and activities. "Charterhouse needs adequate funding and support so they can go out and do more outreach work on council estates like the Rockingham."

Cllr Lorraine Zuleta explained that the Together Action Zones (TAZ) is working on the Rockingham Estate and funds similar activities.

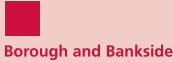
Want to find out more? A DVD about Charterhouse and a leaflet detailing all of the activities and the age groups they cater for is available. Or visit www.charterhouse-in-southwark.org.uk or contact sarah@charterhouse-in-southwark.org.uk



Bengali Community Development project

Tandi Makiwane from the Bengali Community Development Project works with Bengalis on the Rockingham Estate, and French speaking Africans who live locally. The aim of the project is to serve as a community advocacy service similarly to projects like Elephant Angels and Blackfriars Settlement which are community based services in the SE1 area. Many of the volunteers work with disadvantaged groups in conjunction with Southwark Primary Care Trust. Tandi said if people wanted to know more about the kind of services they offer to the community, leaflets would be given out at the end of the meeting.

For more information contact Tandi Makiwane, Community Project Team on 020 7525 7114, or email tandi.makiwane@southwark.gov.uk



Development of Mint Street Adventure playground

Sue Morgan, from Southwark Council's parks department said that the council is working with Bankside Open Spaces Trust (BOST) to develop a business and development plan for Mint Street. They will consult widely with the community, consider design options and identify funding. The project aims to include a multi activity facility for children and young people, and an office for BOST. Services for young people and play currently provided will be maintained.

For further information please contact Sue Morgan on 020 7525 0871 or email sue.morgan@southwark.gov.uk

Parking issues

At a special meeting on March 21 the community council agreed to provide resident permit spaces in Falmouth Road, create access for emergency vehicles in Stoney Street and parking spaces for disabled people in Brook Drive.

For further information contact Michael Herd on 020 7525 2131 or email michael.herd@southwark.gov.uk

£15,000 Community Fund for Borough and Bankside

Twenty five community groups submitted bids for a share of a £15,000 Community Fund for the Borough and Bankside. The successful bids were announced at a meeting on March 21.

Some of the organisations to receive funding were:

- Blackfriars, Borough and Bankside Community Network Forum to host a community council outreach day to target local groups and communities in the area to let them know about the many services and provisions they provide.
- Community Interest for Life, a junior football project, will be organising a trip to Manchester so the players can take part in a football tournament.
- Charterhouse in Southwark's Bangladeshi health project are spending the grant on exercise classes for the Bangladeshi community and a trip to the seaside.

For more information contact Forid Ahmed, Southwark Council on 020 7525 5540 or email forid.ahmed@southwark.gov.uk

Borough and Bankside cleaner, greener, safer programme



The community council agreed that remaining 2005 cleaner, greener safer funds would be spent on floodlighting in Elim Street, sign posted boards for coaches parking in Hopton Street and dropped curbs in Lant Street – which allow cars to mount the pavement to access a private driveway or vehicle parking area. £6,000 of the remaining cash will go to Tabard Gardens to repair the floodlights and £10,000 was awarded to Haddonhall Estate to remove unused, dangerous play equipment.

To see a full list of what was funded, look at the Take Note minutes agreement form available at www.southwark.gov.uk/communitycouncil and click on Borough and Bankside, then the agendas and minutes link.

For further information on cleaner, greener, safer schemes please contact Robin Caig at Southwark Council on 020 7525 0866 or email robin.caig@southwark.gov.uk

Police update

Sgt Steve Dutton gave the community council an update on policing issues, informing everyone of the following:

- The police are tackling street robberies in Elephant and Castle.
- They are trying to deal with the increase in the number of squatters in the area, in particular the three large squats in Union Street and Tower Bridge Road. The police have made attempts to evict the individuals but because the properties remain empty the squatters return.
- They are working with Transport for London (TfL) and the London Fire Service on a

campaign called Being a Good Citizen, for kids in the area.

- They are targeting anti-social behaviour caused by young moped riders.
- He provided a booklet on personal safety.
- He referred to a Safer Southwark Partnership campaign against bogus callers. Bogus callers – or distraction burglars – usually prey on elderly or vulnerable people. The campaign raises awareness of the dangers posed by bogus callers. If anyone suspicious calls at your door phone your local police station or in an emergency dial 999.

Your next Borough and Bankside Community Council meeting is on Wednesday June 21 2006 from 7pm at Cathedral School of St Saviour and St Mary Overie, Redcross Way, SE1

Everyone welcome! Come and meet your new councillors and, hear what they have to say about plans for your area.

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