

QUEENS PARK

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YOUR VOICE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

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THE FAIR SHARE TRUST PROGRAMME IN QUEENS PARK ENDS



Queens Park community first learnt about the Community Development Worker Artak Poghosyan starting to work with residents in the first newsletter sent out in June 2006. The project initially was funded for 3 years, but due to successful campaigns and changes that took place in Queens Park the panel of residents at Fair Share Trust Programme agreed to extend the project for another 3 years, 2009—2011. This was the last remaining term for this project and has been marked with more community events, resident campaigns, physical improvements to the area!

The project will end in December 2011. The annual events organised by Artak from Hannakins Farm Community Centre will be handed over to the residents, local groups, and other potential partners in the area who can carry on the selected events in 2012 and beyond.

We are keen to hear from residents who want to be involved in future planning and organisation of events, become a volunteer and support the local groups working in the community. Please contact Artak on 01277 658086 to register your interest. Thank you.



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For enquires and information on how to place your articles, please contact us.

"YOU SAID > WE DID"

Resident survey carried out in 2010 highlighted several key issues affecting the lives for many residents in the community. To address those issues an action plan has been created and periodic reports on the progress will be shared with the residents in this newsletter. If you would like to comment on any of the information shared, please feel free to contact us.



ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS	ACTIONS TAKEN
Not enough activities for young people: youth cause nuisance, antisocial behaviour during late hours in the streets.	Working with BeeKay Youth Club to re-activate the club's weekly events. Volunteers needed.
Drug and alcohol issues on the streets	Meeting held with the Billerica West Neighbourhood Policing Team who have confirmed that they do regular walkabouts in the area and happy to talk to residents. Queens Park PCSOs are Lauren Bryant and Carina Blackshaw who can be contacted on 0300 333 4444 extension 45110. Drug and Alcohol misuse awareness team to run a stall during the Queens Park Fun Day 2011.
Bus service is not sufficient for local needs, especially for pensioners needing to go to Basildon, Chelmsford and Brentwood during the day and weekends.	Bus service 222 is currently covering Queens Park area, linking it with the Billerica Station from where more bus services available to Basildon, Chelmsford, Brentwood and other areas.

NEW POLICE WEBSITE FOR STREET - LEVEL CRIME INFORMATION

Residents are now able to see the crime levels on each street in their neighbourhoods by going to www.police.uk website and inputting their postcode.

For Queens Park area the December 2010 crime statistics are displayed on the right.

Other information available on the website is how to get involved or contact your local PCSO.

POLICE.UK Billerica, Essex, UK

Overview Crime maps Meet the team Get involved Information and advice

Crime and ASB in this area

Crime types Streets Neighbourhood

Street-level crime and ASB in December 2010
Grouped by crime types. To protect privacy, individual addresses are not presented on the map. Crimes are mapped to an anonymous point on or near the road where they occurred.

All crime and ASB **9**

To show crimes of a specific type click on the links below. To view details of individual crimes click the markers on the map.

- Burglary **1**
- Anti-social behaviour **4**
- Robbery **0**
- Vehicle crime **0**
- Violent crime **3**
- Other crime **1**

150 m
300 ft

BEEKAY YOUTH CLUB

BEEKAY youth club is looking for volunteers to re-start the club's weekly free activities for youth in Queens Park and surrounding areas.



We need residents in Queens Park to volunteer at least once a month for 2 hours to keep the club running.

If you can help, please contact Artak on 01277 658086. Thank you!

Take Sally and Harry to Sunday tea



If you are interested in driving a couple of lonely older people once a month to Sunday tea or host a tea party just twice a year please call:

0800 716 543

www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk

**CONTACT
the elderly**

Whilst our older members are aged in body they are not aged in spirit, and our volunteer drivers and hosts have as much fun as the guests. Join us today and start your Monday knowing you have helped reduce the loneliness of your new old friends.

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Cartoon by Kipper Williams

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Building Confidence and Self-esteem in your Children



An open meeting for all parents

Come and find out how you can help your child

Wednesday March 16th

7.45pm

Queen's Park Community Church

**Everyone Welcome
but please book a place**

See website www.billericayparents.com
or ring: 01277 633910



For parents, about parents, by parents
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"ROUND ROBIN BUS" CAMPAIGN



Meeting with John Baron MP took place in December 2010 involving the representatives from First Bus, Essex County Council, Age UK, BBWCVS and resident Roy Bacon. Mr Bacon's campaign to introduce a bus route in the areas in Billericay left out from bus coverage started earlier in 2010 and has been supported by local residents. As a result of a meeting in December the First Bus provided a bus to drive around the proposed areas in Billericay with the interested campaigners on board. The drive took place on the 24 Feb 2011. The First Bus representative promised to give full consideration and explore possibilities of providing additional buses.

HANNAKINS FARM COMMUNITY CENTRE - NEWS

Basildon Council has announced £45,000 of investment in Hannakins Farm as part of the budget for 2011/2012, following news that the Council and West Billericay Community Association (WBCA) had agreed the terms of lease (28 February). The money will be swiftly put to good use as work on repairing the roof at the centre is imminent, along with boiler replacement and improvements to other facilities. Councillor Phil Turner, cabinet member for resources, said: "The agreement to renew the lease for another 25 years is a good deal for the community because the good work at Hannakins Farm can continue, while the Council is making sure taxpayers money goes as far as possible." (news from Basildon.gov.uk)



Get into Retail



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www.thurrock.gov.uk



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in partnership with South Essex College, Thurrock Development Council, Thurrock Thames Gateway Corporation and Jobcentre Plus.

Have you ever considered a career in the retail industry?

Get into Retail is a free four week course which offers you training in the industry and up to six months support to find a job.

If you live in the Basildon and Thurrock area, are aged 16-25 and unemployed, you could go on a free course where you will:

- get help with CV writing, presentation and interview skills
- develop effective customer service and communication skills
- gain up to date qualifications in literacy and numeracy
- build skills in time management, productivity and assertiveness
- get the chance to apply for a job with a major retailer

Taster day: 3rd March 2011

Course Starts: 7th March 2011 for four weeks

Interested?

For more information or to sign up please contact Janet Craven at The Prince's Trust on: 07768 905 602 or janet.craven@princes-trust.org.uk

To book an interview for your place on the taster day please contact your local Jobcentre Plus Advisor.



Handy Numbers

Billerica Town Council - 01277 625732 Basildon District Council - 01268 633333 Adult Community College - 01268 520599
Brightside Primary School - 01277 655995 The Health Centre - 01277 658071 St. Georges Community Housing - 01268
465050 Guinness Trust Office - 01277 631795 Streetcare - 01268 294949 Billericay Police Station 01277 631212