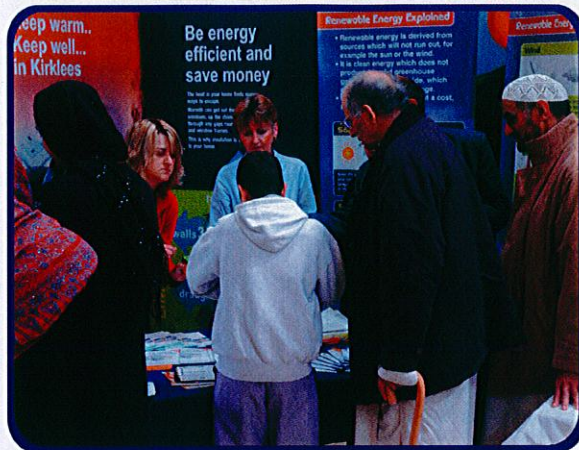


Community Event

An event was held on Saturday 22nd April at Thornton Lodge Community Centre to tell local people the things that have already been funded and developed through Thornton Lodge Renaissance. This was a really successful day and over 250 local people attended to find out what is going on in the area. There were lots of stalls so that projects could promote their activities to residents including advice on housing and energy efficiency grants and loans, planned and proposed improvements to open spaces, the allotment on Rashcliffe Hill, highways work and jobs and training support. As well as this there were fun things for all the family such as face painting, food and a climbing wall.



One of the stalls at the Community Information event

We had good feedback from the community about this event and we will look to run similar events to feedback about the progress of the Programme in the future.

Parking and road plans

Kirklees Council's Highways Department recently did a survey about parking. The results suggested that the majority of residents do not wish to convert their front garden but would consider creating off street parking to the rear of their properties, therefore, there are no plans to proceed with front garden conversions.

It is planned to start work on the two back alleys between Thornton Lodge Road and Thomas Street later this year with additional consultation taking place and further back alley improvements planned for next year.

A plan and more ideas for further improvements is being developed and we intend to hold a public exhibition and a leaflet drop letting people know about this towards the end of this year.

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Thornton Lodge Renaissance (TLR) is proud to promote equality of opportunity. If you require help reading or translating this publication please contact Ibrar Hussain at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre, 12 Thornton Lodge Road 01484 544877.



Construction in the Community

People living in Thornton Lodge, Crosland Moor or Newsome interested in a career in construction attended a presentation by the Construction in the Community (CiC) team on Wednesday 28th June.

The scheme is open to anyone over 16 years old, living in the Newsome or Crosland Moor wards who is unskilled, a school leaver or unemployed and offers the opportunity to gain skills in general construction (particularly focusing on brickwork and joinery) or electrics or plumbing through 12 week intensive training programmes. All trainees gain certificates in their chosen trade. Tools, equipment and safety boots are provided and help is available for travel expenses to and from the training centres. On completing the course the CiC team support the trainees to find a job with a local construction company.

Anyone who would like more information or get involved with the scheme can ring the CiC team on 01484 223698.



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Welcome!

To the third edition of our bright and colourful TLR Newsletter where we will be reporting on the many projects and activities that are happening in your area.

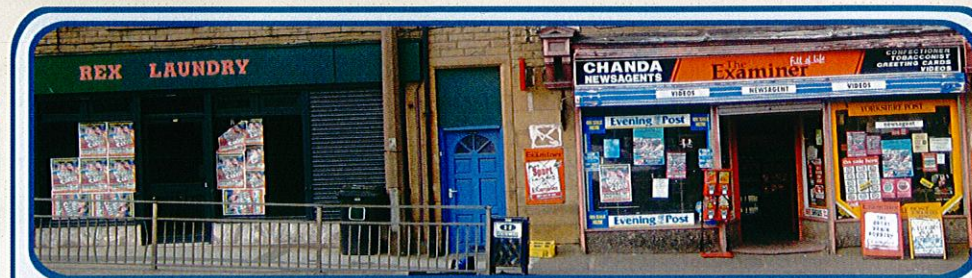
Thornton Lodge Renaissance, or TLR, is a new regeneration programme working in Thornton Lodge, Longroyd Bridge and Rashcliffe to improve the quality of life for people living and working here!

The Programme has secured £3.67 million to date and aims to deliver a wide range of projects that improve the quality of life of local people and help the community and businesses to flourish.

Recording the changes in Thornton Lodge

The youngsters attending the Pakistani Youth Forum in Thornton Lodge have been having some fun creating a video diary logging the progress of the regeneration going on within Thornton Lodge and giving their input on how the area could be improved.

If you would like to learn more or take part please contact either Mumtaz or Sofi 01484 422656



Shop frontages on Manchester Road

Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme

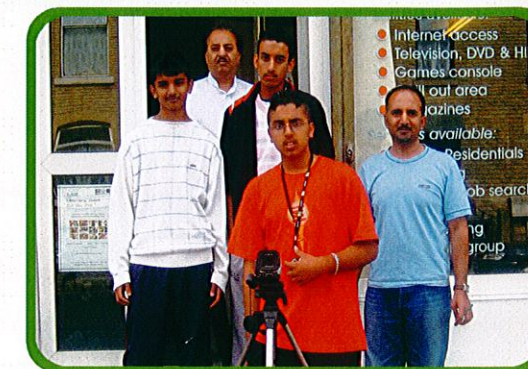
Grants are now available for shopfront improvements in both the Longroyd Bridge, Thornton Lodge and Lockwood areas.

The grants are available for shopfront refurbishments, new shopfronts, replacement signage, guttering and downpipes, repointing, new doors and windows, repainting and stonework repairs to the front and exterior of properties.

The amount of grant available is upto 50% of the total cost of eligible works or £5,000, whichever is the lower.

Grants are not available for residential properties or for any works to the interior of shops. Also, works to the exterior of shops which have already been started or have been completed are not eligible for grant assistance.

For further details or a copy of the application pack, please contact Debbie Bates, Senior Development Officer, Tel: 01484 221625.



PYF recording the progress

www.thorntonlodgerenaissance.co.uk

Rashcliffe Hill Park

Consultation is currently under way for the development of Rashcliffe Hill Park. Design and Property Service are looking at the development of the park to serve the community's needs. Proposals include putting new play equipment in the junior play area with dog proof fencing, a multicourt for ball games with a hard surfacing for year round use and seating areas. A community artist is also to be involved in working with community groups and schools in creating artwork to go in the park and possibly other areas around Thornton Lodge.



Rashcliffe Hill Park

Thornton Lodge Renaissance Drop-in

Emma Pyne has been appointed as Programme Co-ordinator for Thornton Lodge Renaissance.

Her role will be to create links with the community and develop a strong partnership with all stakeholders to make sure that planned activity is actually being delivered.

We are still trying to sort a permanent office base for Emma in the area and this should be sorted in the coming months.

You can contact Emma at any time on 416675 or call in to one of the below sessions at Thornton Lodge Community Centre.

27th July 1pm to 4pm
30th August 1pm to 4pm
28th September 10am -1pm

You can find out what is going on in the Programme or pass on your views and comments. They are open to anyone and are happening on a drop-in rather than appointment basis.

Grants and loans available for housing improvements

The following are grants available within the Thornton Lodge area:

- Housing Health And Safety Grants:** For urgent works to vulnerable households.
- Creative Housing/Overcrowding Grants:** To create extra living space.
- Empty Homes Grants:** To bring empty properties back into use on a change of ownership.
- Accredited Landlords Grants:** For Accredited Landlords.

Applications will be prioritised on the basis of need and later on this summer we plan to introduce loans to enable home owners to improve their properties to a high standard.

For further information call Jeremy Maguire on 01484 221870.

Improvements to Rashcliffe Allotment Site

The site was identified as being a valuable community green space within the local area. It provides the community with a site for physical activity, improved diet, improved educational opportunity, cross generational and cultural working. The site is also a valuable resource for local wildlife within a much built up area.

Basic ideas for improvements were drawn up and were discussed with plot holders on site at a meeting with Kirklees officers in late December last year.

It was decided that the main priority for the site was security fencing, as many plots were often subject to vandalism. This fencing was installed in March and April this year.

Other improvements that were discussed were clearance of overgrown plots, improved vehicle and pedestrian access ways and the possibility of new sheds and greenhouses to replace existing rundown ones on site. These improvements are now planned to happen from September this year, at the end of the growing season.

Works are planned to be completed prior to the 2007 growing season to allow plot holders to prepare their plots for growing.

Discussions regarding further site improvements for 2007 are currently ongoing between Kirklees officers and will be taken to plot holders when more detail is clarified.



New Fencing at the Rashcliffe Allotment Site

Welcome to TLR's Community Representatives

The Thornton Lodge Renaissance Programme Board is the board responsible for taking key decisions relating to the Programme. It is made up of many different people with a diverse range of skills and expertise needed to deliver the overall Programme. This includes 4 Community Representatives who were elected by residents of our area onto the board during the TLR Elections in February.



Abda Haq

Abda was elected to serve as a Community Representative on the board for 2 years. "I run the Post Office and have been a part of the local community for many years, so I understand what people want for the area and what people want from the Programme. Many people come and talk to me about local issues everyday and I like to help people, so I became part of the Programme Board to represent them."

Omar Zulkernan

Omar was elected to serve as a Community Representative on the board for 2 years. "Since being elected for the Thornton Lodge Programme Board my relationship with the community has strengthened. I have lived in the area all my life and easily communicate with the community. As part of my role I'm particularly interested in helping to reduce crime"



Naheed Ali

Naheed was elected to serve as a Community Representative on the board for 1 year. "I've lived in the area all my life and know how Kirklees Council works - I work for Kirklees Council myself. I'm dedicated to improving all aspects of the area and I'm particularly interested in housing conditions, crime, people's health and environmentally making the area look better."

Mohammed Arshad

Mohammed was elected to serve as a Community Representative on the board for 1 year. "I have been residing in Thornton Lodge for over 20 years and know the community in Thornton Lodge well so can express their concerns well to the Programme Board. I'm interested in many improvements for the area and at the moment particularly interested in tackling some of the issues facing our back streets and back alleys."



The Thornton Lodge Action Group

People wanted to be involved in TLR to ensure that the needs and concerns of the local community were identified and included in the programme. The residents wanted to be involved in the development of the plans through regular input and feedback - the Action Group was established to facilitate this process.



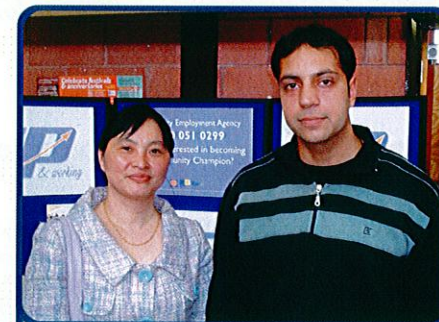
The Thornton Lodge Action Group

The aims of the Group are:

- To promote and improve educational, health and economic welfare of the community in the benefit area.
- To work in partnership with statutory and voluntary agencies active in the area to ensure the delivery of relevant and appropriate services for the benefit of the wider community of Thornton Lodge.
- To empower local residents to influence policy and practice with KMC and other service providers affecting the area of benefit.
- To be inclusive of all communities and interests in the area of benefit.

The Action Group is looking for volunteers to join the management committee group as officers and members.

If you are interested in being part of this up and coming group then please contact Mumtaz Ali on 01484 422656 or Ibrar Hussain on 01484 544877.



Community Champions:
Ying and Shafkat

Up & Working in Thornton Lodge



Become a Community Champion

Up and Working, the Community Employment Agency, are offering opportunities to become a Community Champion.

As a Community Champion you could help people get back into work, training and assisting them to achieve their full potential. You can work within the heart of the community giving people advice and support, with the full back up and training package of Up and Working. We can work together to help people to identify any issues they may be facing.

The number of hours a week you volunteer is entirely up to you and all expenses would be paid for.

This could lead to a successful progression for your own career and help with accessing further job opportunities.

Currently there are Champions working in various parts of Kirklees. This is an opportunity to be involved from the beginning in an exciting new project.

Please call the Community Champions Coordinator Lisa for a chat. Tel. 0800 051 0299

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