



The wind of change blowing at the 'heart' of Broomwood

Are you fed up of seeing all this?

Well you will be pleased to know that in the next few weeks the work is going to start on redeveloping this site into a new doctors surgery together with social housing.



Down comes the ugly arch and up goes this brand new development that will help to give the Broomwood a new heart in the very centre of our community.

Coupled with this will be new extra parking for the shops and new disabled access to all the shops as well as secure access to the back of the shops.

It's taken a long time to come but we feel that when it's all finished it will really be something that we can all be pleased about.

Irwell Valley Hosing Association are leading the development and have issued the following statement.

“Work is now due to start late March on the construction of the new surgery premises on Mainwood Road and 10 new 2 bedroom apartments on Barnfield Walk to be sold under a shared ownership scheme.

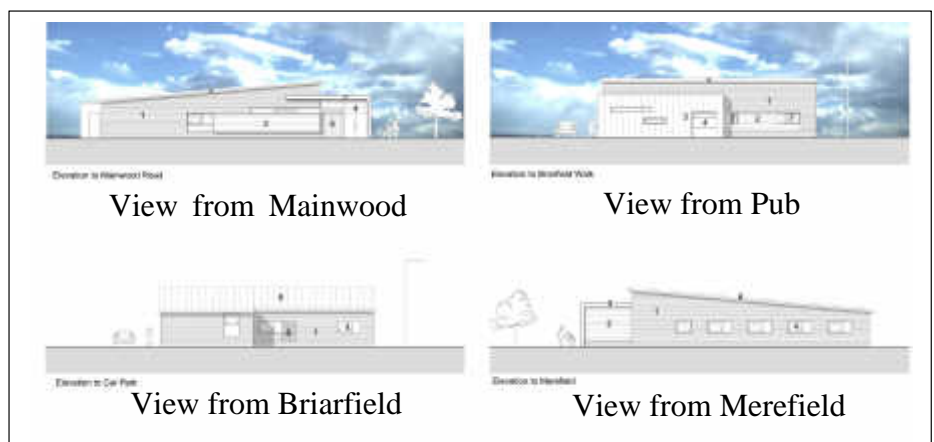
It is expected that preparation work to the site will start soon to demolish the now vacant shop units and flats to the end of Merefield Road which will leave a cleared site for the new properties. Both developments will be constructed at the same time in order to minimise the disruption to the community and completion of the work is anticipated early 2006.

During the course of the construction work additional work will be carried out to the shopping parade. This will include creating improved level access to the shops and creating a new ramp. This work will be carried out over the summer and we will be liaising with the shop keepers to try and ensure that business carries on as usual.

There will also be car parking formed for shoppers, with two spaces for disabled badge holders to Merefield Road, giving easy access to the ramp and additional spaces on Mainwood Road, as well as car parking for the new surgery. In addition, the rear access road to the shops will be made secure with an electronic barrier gate on the Merefield Road entrance and fenced off to Mainwood Road.

We hope that the new surgery, apartments and the improvement work to the shopping precinct, will make a positive contribution to the area.

If you have any queries or any concerns about the work we are doing, please contact Morna Maines from Irwell Valley on 0161 610 4558.'



G-Force Youth Club report

A report on the weekend away at the Adventure Farm.

16 G-Force members had an educational weekend full of fun and games as well as doing some pretty cool stuff around how to deal with bullying.

We made a film, yet to be released, and also did a comic strip showing how you can stop being bullied.

We all had to help with making the meals as well as serving it up!

With our own Zip-line, bouncy castle, pool competitions, Face painting, arts and crafts, balloon modelling, football and ping pong

games the weekend just whizzed by.

And who can forget the teddy wrestling by Greg and Nathan and Arjuns 'rappin'. More weekends and week-long holidays are planned. So watch this space!

G-Force say a **A BIG THANK YOU** to BCA for Supporting this Event.



Jumping for JOY



Are you being served?



A Right Christmas Cracker

Following the success of the last Christmas Party Joe Statham got his team together early with bigger plans than ever for this one!

And the day went better than any of us could have imagined with over 90 attendees enjoying a three-course meal cooked on the premises by the expert hands of a wonderful team of volunteers, ably led by Sharon Gleave and Rob Mansell.

A game or two of bingo and a massive raffle followed in which nearly everyone won a prize! Those few that didn't need not have worried as nobody goes home empty handed at the BCA Party with an extra present being given to each when they left!!



The day ended with a community Carol service and nativity by the children from G-Force.

A big thanks go to all those involved, too numerous to mention here, but especially to Joe for caring enough to drive this forward.

WELL DONE JOE

Finally, we would also like to thank Ann Wood (our Special guest for the day) for supporting us yet again by hosting the event at School.

THANK YOU ANN

Plans are already afoot for next Christmas so if you would like to get involved please speak to any of your BCA team, the more the merrier!

E-mail us at info@broomwoodvoice.com

or by writing to Broomwood Voice, c/o K. Gleave, 169 Redbrook Rd, Timperley

Mindless vandalism is on the increase



Following a spate of mindless damage on our Estate BCA is asking all of you community minded citizens to be vigilant and keep an eye open for anybody doing the damage. If you see anything please report it straight away to the police on 872 5050 and hopefully they can get the few idiots who are doing so much damage to our Estate.

YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MAKING A STAND AGAINST ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Following the success of our community trips out to Ikea, the Imperial War Museum and the Lowry Centre your B.C.A is looking at arranging even more trips out.

We normally try to go on a school day and in School hours so that parents with Children at School can come along too!

If you fancy a nice day out and have any ideas as to where you would like to go ring Joan on 903 8200 to let her know and to book your place. Pictured are Ladies on the trip to Ikea



The big launch of the report 'Our View on Things' by the Young People of the Broomwood



Last year G-Force Youth Club and Broomwood Community Association got together with GMP and loads more agencies to find out what really matters to the children & Young People of the Broomwood Estate. Two special events were held called 'Young Peoples Day' and 'Shout' to ask them what they think about all the aspects of life on the Broomwood Estate.

This was something that had never been done before and as you can imagine it produced some pretty interesting results. These have now been put in a report called 'Our View on things' and it covers subjects such as Young voices, Activities, Crime & Disorder, Conflict, Environment, Your Safety, Responsibility, Partnership, Recognition, Respect, Services & Accountability.

Some pretty heavy stuff!

So, to ensure that this important report got as high a profile as possible your Community Association and G-Force Youth Club decided to hold a Special launch Event on 18th Feb at the Larkhill Community Centre.

At that event we are pleased to say that the Mayor of Trafford honoured us with her presence, as did our MP for Altrincham & Sale, the Right Honourable Graham Brady MP and the Leader of Trafford Borough Council, Susan Fildes. We were also pleased to see two of our local Councillors for the area, Cllr.Ray Bowker and Cllr.Tony Fishwick along with a large number of local agency representatives all of whom showed a great deal of interest in the report and its findings. The highlight of the event was a series of presentations by local

Children & Young people detailing some of the reports findings to the invited audience who were very impressed with their input. With over 50 adults and 50 children & Young People in attendance and with the story being carried by two local papers we can say that the event was a great success.

Our hope is that the report will be used to inform decision makers for the Broomwood so that the voices and opinions of our children & Young People are taken into account when decisions are made.

We are planning on covering the various areas in the report in more detail over the following issues so WATCH THIS SPACE.



The full report can be seen on our community website

TIMPERLEY TREKKERS

Spring has sprung and the days are stretching, so out why not join the Timperley Trekkers for a healthy walk. They occur twice a month on the first and third Tuesday. We meet at 10.15am from the Youth Centre and start walking at 10.30am

How about coming
to join us?
Ring 980 0545
for details.



COMPUTER SKILLS TRAINING FOR FREE!

Ever wanted to learn or add to your computer skills but couldn't because of family commitment?

Well, BCA and TOUCAN TRUST have got together to help you!

Every Tuesday from 3pm to 5pm at Broomwood School Toucan hold a Computer Course in the school computer suite and to help you to attend we are able to cover the cost of child placement in Broomwood Bears after school provision during this time

PLACES ARE LIMITED

so if you would like to go along ring Tina on 374 9236 for more details

Broomwood Community
Association promoting

SKILLS FOR LIFE AND SKILLS FOR LIVING!



Do You Need a Window Cleaner?

Phone Mark on 0161 903 8309
Mobile 07800 654 185

**Next BCA Public Meeting is to be
held @ Broomwood School
On Monday April 18th @ 6.30pm**



Why not visit the Mobile library when it comes to our Estate.

It is here every Tuesday morning and parks outside the Youth centre from 10.25 to 10.50. It then comes back in the afternoon and parks at the School gate at 2pm to 2.55pm.

**GO ON, WHY NOT GIVE IT A TRY AND LOSE YOURSELF IN
A GOOD BOOK!**

A Message from the friends of Brooks Drive

There has been a mixed reception to the tree & hedgerow work on Brooks Drive.

Some people understand that it will result in a better environment in a few years, and are quite happy. Others think it is a mess, but we ask for patience. If the hedges had not been cut back, layered and gapped up with young plants, they would have deteriorated even more and blown over with the wind, as so many already have done. Several trees were diseased and could have been dangerous.

New trees have been planted, some of them donated by kind people as well as others bought with a grant. Brooks Drive continues to be spoilt by careless dumping. If you see it happening make a note of the vehicles number plate and either ring the police or the local warden on 912 4709.

There have been two working days by the Friends, for planting & tidying. It would be especially good if the folk who live near the drive would come and help. Or when walking take a plastic bag, fill it with some litter and take it home to put in their bin.

This Drive has a wonderful past and serves the people of Broomwood well, Lets all work hard to look after it and secure its future.

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