



# Big Kirk Hallam

*Let's make a lasting difference*

## WELCOME to Big Kirk Hallam's 9th Newsletter - March 2017

### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Hello everyone. Welcome to our **9th newsletter**. I am really proud to have been voted in as Chair of Big Kirk Hallam for the next year.

The Partnership Group has gone through a period of change with new members coming on board including our two young person members. You can read about our AGM and the members of the Partnership Group on page 2.

We are in year 3 of the project and already have the legacy of the **Skatepark** as a reminder to the residents of Kirk Hallam of the lasting difference Big Local funding has made to the area. I am pleased to be able to tell you that our next big project is to provide funding to transform the **Kirk Hallam Community Hall** into a community centre, with a community café and lots of community activities. This is a very exciting project and you can find out more about the plans for this, including two job opportunities, on page 3. Best wishes to you all. *Tracy*

### BIG KIRK HALLAM CAMP OUT



The children at Ladywood and Dallimore Primary Schools enjoyed the second **Big Kirk Hallam Camp Out**. Mel Lawson, the head teacher at Ladywood said:

*"The experience widens the learner's understanding of themselves and others. It enables them to have a go at a new activity and work as one camp, including two schools."*

*"The camp was a great success and improved on from last year as changes were made to the catering."*

*"The learners responded well to being part of one team. This will hopefully be passed on when they move up to KHCA."*

*"The children loved the camp and asked could they do it again! The camp has been booked for next year."*

We're glad the young learners enjoyed the experience and are pleased to confirm that we will be funding the **Big Kirk Hallam Camp Out** again next year.



# AGM and new partnership members

We held our AGM in December 2016. It was well attended and Jamie Lee, a young Kirk Hallam resident, was the winner of the draw for the £30 Tesco voucher.

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## Activities overview

At the AGM, the Plan Coordinator Jsan Shepherd gave a presentation on the activities that had taken place and the total amount of spend during the year. The slides can be viewed on the website at [bigkirkhallam.wordpress.com](http://bigkirkhallam.wordpress.com).

Each year at the AGM any interested parties can stand for election onto the Partnership Group. Existing members also have to stand for re-election. This year Hazel Cooper, Brian Cooper, Linda Frudd and George Kitchen all decided not to stand for re-election. They have been involved with the project from the start and we would like to publicly thank them for all their hard work and commitment over the years. We gave them a Big Kirk Hallam doorstop as a memento of their time on the Partnership Group.



## The Partnership Group

Here are the names of the current Partnership Group members who are all residents of Kirk Hallam. It is only the resident members who vote on how the money will be spent in the area, representing the views of the wider community.

- ❖ David Addis
- ❖ Sarah Addis
- ❖ Matt Betesta
- ❖ Michelle Booth
- ❖ Nicole Booth
- ❖ Rev'd Christine French
- ❖ Amanda Speake
- ❖ Tracy Thorpe

We are really pleased that Matt and Nicole are young residents.

At the Partnership Group meeting in January Tracy was elected as Chair, with Rev'd Christine and Matt elected as Vice Chairs.

We do still have a couple of vacancies for resident members of the Partnership Group. We meet every two months normally on the second Wednesday of the month at 5.30pm at the Community Hall (soon to be known as the Big Kirk Hallam Community Centre!). Our next meeting is Wednesday 10th May. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining.



# Big Kirk Hallam Community Centre

We are really excited to be able to tell you about the plans to transform the Community Hall and old Children's Centre building into the **Big Kirk Hallam Community Centre**. As many of you are aware, sadly the Children's Centre was closed in January as part of the cutbacks by Derbyshire County Council. When the Children's Centre was originally built, the Council and the Diocese of Derby (who own the land and Hall) agreed that if it should stop being used as a Children's Centre, the building would revert back to the management of the Community Hall Committee.

We are working with the Management Committee of the Community Hall to progress the project. They have suggested calling the Centre the Big Kirk Hallam Community Centre, which we are very pleased about as it encapsulates the essence of Big Kirk Hallam and will be a lasting legacy for the area.

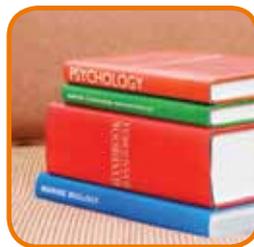
## What would YOU like to see at the centre?



It is envisaged that the Community Centre will include a community café so that residents will be able to meet and chat over a cuppa in the heart of the estate and that there will be additional community activities being undertaken from the Centre benefitting local residents.

The Community Centre Management Committee are really interested in your views about this and have asked that you **complete the enclosed questionnaire** and return it to the Vicarage, the Community Centre or complete it online on our website.

*Big Kirk Hallam will be providing funding for the initial set up costs of the project and ongoing funding to enable the project to be sustainable. It is the aim that the Community Centre will eventually be self-funded, running successfully long after the Big Kirk Hallam project has finished.*



## Job opportunities

To help facilitate the use of the centre, the Management Committee have agreed to employ two paid workers: a **caretaker/cleaner at £8.25 an hour** and a **community development worker / administrator at £12.50 an hour**. Both posts are for 20 hours a week and will include some evening and weekend work.

To request copies of the job descriptions please send a stamped addressed envelope to Rev'd Christine French, The Vicarage, 71 Ladywood Drive, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston, DE7 4NF or view the documents on our website at [bigkirkhallam.wordpress.com](http://bigkirkhallam.wordpress.com).

To apply please send your CV, a covering letter and two current references to: Reverend Christine French, The Vicarage, 71 Ladywood Road, Kirk Hallam, Ilkeston, DE7 4NF. **Closing date for all applications is 12noon on 31st March 2017.**

## COMMUNITY SCHOOL LUNCHES

The **school lunches** for grandparents and elderly residents in Kirk Hallam are continuing to work really well.

*“The lunches are looked forward to by everyone and this year we had three generations sitting together with Great Grandma and Grandma having lunch with a boy in Year 1. The lunches provide quality time for both grandparents and children. Some fantastic conversations take place.”* The staff team at Ladywood

*“The children whose grandparents attend the lunch are always very excited to welcome them into school. Some children who have been reluctant to stay for lunch now do so with enthusiasm and excitement. There is a real buzz in the hall on a Friday lunchtime. Grandparents say how much they enjoy spending time with the children and feel welcome into the school community.”* The staff team at Dallimore

Have you had lunch at one of the schools? We'd be really interested to hear from you about the experience.

## THE WARM WELCOME LUNCH CLUB

We received the following report from the **Warm Welcome Club** telling us about their trips out using the funding from Big Kirk Hallam.

*“In September (just as the children return to school) we had our annual visit to the coast, our favourite flat venue... Skegness! Quite a few of our members hire mobility scooters while they are there, and manage to cover a fair bit of ground! What a fabulous trip – pleasant weather, fish and chips, an ice-cream and a few of our members even managed a little bit of early Christmas shopping in Skegness market.*

*“On the 21st of December we enjoyed a special three-course Christmas lunch. All of our members also received a Christmas card and gift of a box of biscuits.”*

It sounds like you had a great time and we can understand why the Lunch Club is the most well attended in Erewash. If you are interested in attending, the club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Cat & Fiddle pub in Kirk Hallam. The club subsidises a two-course meal for approximately 40 elderly people that live in Kirk Hallam.

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## Here's how to keep in touch

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