

Your home

YOUR FORUM

Bringing our communities together

Halesowen area

Belle Vale, Hayley Green, Halesowen,
Cradley and Wollescote

Forums involve local people, councillors, the police and other organisations working together to come up with ideas and solutions to improve the local community and area.

Wednesday, 29th November, 2023 at 6.30pm

Fatherless Barn Evangelical Church, 2 Hedgefield Grove, Halesowen B63 2HJ

Agenda

- 1. Welcome, introduction and apologies**
- 2. Notes** – To confirm the notes of the meeting held on 19th June 2023 as a correct record
- 3. Have your say** – An opportunity for residents to raise issues in their area
- 4. Police and communities together** – Discussion on local policing and related issues
- 5. Updates from Ward Councillors**
- 6. Forum funding** – A summary of recommendations on applications made for funding and to consider any deferred applications from the Community Grant Panel
- 7. Date of next meeting** – Details are available on the following link:-

[Your Home, Your Forum - Halesowen](#)

Action notes from previous meetings and further information about Your Home, Your Forum meetings can be accessed by clicking on the following link [Your Home, Your Forum meetings](#). If you or anyone you know is attending the meeting and requires assistance to access the venue/ facilities, please let us know in advance using the contact details below and we will do our best to help you.

For more information about Forums:

Visit our website www.dudley.gov.uk/council-community/your-home-your-forum/
E-mail: Community.Forums@dudley.gov.uk

Contact your neighbourhood policing team at:
halesowen@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk
<https://twitter.com/halesowenwmp>



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Your Ward Councillors

The contact information for your local Councillors is shown below.
Please take the opportunity to attend your local forum and let us know about
the issues that matter in your local area.

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Your Home, Your Forum Meeting Notes

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| Forum: | Halesowen |
| Date and time: | 19th June 2023 at 6.30pm |
| Venue: | Colley Lane Community Centre, Colley Lane, Cradley, Halesowen. |
| Attendance: | <p>Councillors S Phipps, D Bevan, T Crumpton, N Neale, P Sahota, H Bills, A Taylor, J Elliott, T Russon, I Bevan and A Goddard.</p> <p>Officers:- M Wilcox (Liaison Officer) D Tiwana and C Tromans (Community Development Workers) Sergeant Chester, PC Steve Higgitt and PC Sim Kaur (Police).</p> <p>Members of the public: 41</p> |
| Agenda item | Notes |
| 1. Welcome, introductions and apologies | Councillors R Buttery, P Dobb and S Henley and Neelam Bangar (Liaison Officer) |
| 2. Election of Chair and Appointment of Vice Chair | Councillor A Taylor was appointed as Chair of the forum and Councillor J Elliott as Vice-Chair for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year. |
| 3. Have your say | <p>Community safety in the vicinity of Hunting Tree School was raised. There was no lollipop person and the crossing was in the wrong place. Suggestion of flashing red light with speed. Same issues experienced at Colley Lane. Reference was made to street poles and temporary speed signs and it was queried what had happened to the sign. These issues should be raised with the Highways Department.</p> <p>Halesowen Leisure Centre – The locker space is limited. It was queried whether the accounts for the centre were available to the public. Reference made to there being no marketing for this great</p> |

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| | <p>facility/or classes that are on. Suggestion that boards need to be in place advertising this facility as it was under used.</p> <p>Reinstatement of Waste Site on Mucklow Hill. An email was sent to the member of the public the following day for details of the planning permission/officer dealing with this. A report was to be submitted by Highways to a meeting of the Ernest Stevens Trust Committee in July regarding Benjamin Drive and Homer Hill.</p> <p>Traffic lights at Colley Gate are problematic since the new lights have been installed. Councillor N Neale discussed the derelict shops and possible Traffic Regulation Order in place.</p> <p>Potholes in Burford Road, Park Lane. Fix my street and having to take photographic evidence is very dangerous, especially at Somers Island.</p> <p>Proposed budget cuts and Library closures was discussed. Councillor I Bevan stated that the social good that libraries provide will be considered as part of the work. Councillor T Crumpton expressed concerns regarding the cut in services and indicated that library staff should be able to talk to users over their concerns. Councillor I Bevan confirmed that this should be fine. The petition was mentioned and Councillor I Bevan stated that he had communicated with the Unions but had not received any acknowledgement. The community garden at the rear of Colley Lane Library should not be forgotten in this process.</p> |
| <p>4. Police and communities together</p> | <p>Police needed training for speed watch guns which is being arranged.</p> <p>Car cruising in Manor Way and Oldenhall Lane – Police are very much aware of this. Police are struggling for volunteers with Speed Watch. Business Cards were left on the desk at the end of meeting for contact details.</p> <p>Councillor Bevan requested an assurance for this summer regarding Belle Vale/Cradley South.</p> <p>Chapel House Lane/Tanhouse Lane speeding! Off road bikes near Stevens Park. Police cannot pursue under Section 59 if they do not affect residents. Police cannot chase but Police have a new team with off road bikes.</p> |

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| 5. Updates from Ward Councillors | Councillor S Phipps mentioned Trinity team. |
| 6. Forum funding | Funding to the Groups was noted. |
| 7. Date of next meeting | Details can be found by accessing the following link: Halesowen Your Home, Your Forum |

Time meeting ended: 8:20 pm

Your Home, Your Forum Halesowen

Forum Funding Allocated Since the Last Meeting

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| <u>Name of Group/Organisation</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Reason for Funding</u> | <u>Amount of Funding Requested</u> | <u>Approved/Refused</u> |
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| *Cradley Library Community Garden | November 2023 | To improve the drive to make it safe and weed free. | £4,896 | Approved |
| *Friends of Cradley Library | November 2023 | To launch and make available a book on the history of Cradley in libraries and online for free. | £400 | Approved |
| *Friends of Homer Hill Park | November 2023 | To have a Pump Track in the park; a mountain bike, BMX, micro scooter, rollerblade and skateboard tarmac track for all ages. It will have slopes, humps, obstacles, jumps, and fun corners. | £5,000 | Approved |
| *Friends of Wollescote Park | November 2023 | To make improvements to signage in the park by the addition of 2 x interpretive lecterns and to add wall signs to indicate the Sensory and Walled Garden entrances | £5,000 | Approved |
| *Shell Corner Partnership | November 2023 | For hiring 20 solar powered Christmas trees. | £2,000 | Approved |
| *St Margarets Meadow Farm CIC | November 2023 | To have mud slabs in the fields for safe accessibility in bad weather. | £2,500 | Approved |
| *Welcome Group Halesowen | November 2023 | To hold a Christmas Party for refugees and asylum seekers. | £900 | Approved |

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| Dudley MBC | September 2023 | Christmas Trees Christmas Decorations/Lights (Dealt with via email) | £4,812.42 £2,946.53 | Approved |
| Halesowen Elderly Association | August 2023 | To organise a community lunch. (Dealt under urgency powers) | £1,050 | Approved |
| AFC Birmingham | July 2023 | To improve the facilities available to young people and families in the local area and to purchase various equipment. (Dealt under urgency powers) | £5,000 | Approved |

As at 28th September 2023 Your Home, Your Forum Halesowen had a total amount of £65,320.07 remaining in the budget
*Funding allocated to these groups has not been earmarked/committed from the budget allocation as yet.