



Friends of Langley Moor

enhancing our community

Welcome to the very first edition of a half yearly newsletter from the Friends of Langley Moor!

We are a local resident's association formed in May 2012 out of a general interest and enthusiasm to enhance our community.

On our first official meeting, held on 13th June 2012, Honorary Officers of the committee were elected. They were re-elected following our AGM in 2013:

Chair: Danny Bone

Treasurer: Mark Richardson

Secretary: Janet Pickett

Friends of Langley Moor is a group open to residents of Langley Moor and also to those who use the facilities such as work in, or visit, local amenities and who have a genuine interest in improving the physical and natural environment of Langley Moor. **The group meets monthly in the local Parish Council Office.**

Throughout the year a shared vision has developed which is to:

- ◆ Preserve and improve the physical and natural environment of Langley Moor.
- ◆ Promote the establishment, continuation and improvement of local amenities.
- ◆ Build and maintain a strong and balanced community by encouraging the residents of Langley Moor, and neighbouring areas to participate in community activities.

In this first edition, we would like to give an overview of the achievements of our group so far and our plans for the coming year.

We hope you will find this newsletter engaging and informative. We welcome comments and feedback





Christmas Tree Event

In planning this event the group managed to involve both schools and nursery, local businesses, organisations and members of the public. Special thanks for the enthusiastic support of the respective headmistresses.

A 14ft tree was purchased and dressed with beautiful lights. A switch on event was held on Sunday 2nd December 2012 for which there was a much greater attendance than expected by locals and those people from surrounding villages.

A special thank you must also go to the local school children who sang carols, our elder statesman, Joe Smith, who helped in the countdown to the switch on of the lights undertaken by 2 of the school children, and our local salvation army representative, David Brown who organised the timing of events, tea and coffee afterwards and provided us with a wonderful salvation army band who accompanied the carol singers. There was representation from our police force and the audience were thrilled with the arrival of 2 characters; Santa and Rudolph, kindly provided by 'Dusk till Dawn'.



Funding

A grand total of **£7636** has been raised through grants and local businesses. The committee would like to thank the following organisations for their valuable contribution that enabled us to achieve our goals:

Tesco, Banks Development, Lloyds bank, Aldersons Funeral Directors, L&M Tyson, New Dragon Express, Langley Moor Post Office, Lees Coaches Ltd, Park Commercial, Flowers 4 U, Arbor Timber, City Electrical Factors and Reprotect.

A special thank you to the Parish Council, particularly their help with energy costs and guiding us in successfully obtaining grants from; Area Action Partnership (AAP), Members Initiative Fund, County Council.

Improvements to main road through Langley Moor

Concerns were raised regarding overgrown shrubbery along the footpath underneath the railway bridge and this was swiftly dealt with due to our Council representatives feeding back to our local MP, Roberta Blackman Woods.

The waste land between the charity shop and cafe was attended to by our own treasurer Mark Richardson who succeeded in rebuilding part of a crumbling wall and tidying up flower beds.

Concerns have been raised on numerous occasions regarding the state of the pavements outside Tesco and the Post office. It has been decided to relay paving stones on bed of concrete.

The group are currently in the process of planning a redevelopment of waste land between the podiatrist and the fish shop. We believe this will have a big impact on the High Street. Following local consultation with businesses in the High

Street we found there was overwhelming support for improving the area in the centre of this street. We are also planning additional 3 tier planters on the grassed areas adjacent to the A690. Arbor Timber has kindly made and donated a notice board which we plan to erect in this area once plans are finalised.

Traffic survey along Brandon Lane

Unfortunately this did not show a significant problem with speeding motor vehicles. This could be revisited now that car park is in place.

Halliday Park

The group has been involved in the consultation for the re development of Halliday Park which is still ongoing, several members of the group joined forces with other volunteers to paint the wrought iron fence and gates last spring.

Plans & Events 2013/2014

Meetings

The dates for the group meetings which will be held in the local Parish Council Office are:

Thursday 10th October at 7.30 pm

Thursday 14th November at 7.30 pm

Christmas Tree Event

Following last year's successful Christmas Tree event, we will light up our tree again this year, which will take place on Sunday 1st December, start 4.30 pm and switch on at 5 pm on the grassy area opposite the LIDL.

'106' Money

Plans are being drawn up for the community project/arts work for section '106' money, please come along to a meeting to find out more about this sum of money.

We hope you have enjoyed looking through our first newsletter and would really appreciate any feedback you have on this or any of the articles featured in it. The newsletter will be published on a half yearly basis so you are welcome to send in anything relating to Friends of Langley Moor for inclusion in the next edition.

Please send your comments or contributions to: info@brandonandbyshottlesparishcouncil.gov.uk