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Warsop's Winter Wonderland

NO WORKCLUB FOR WARSOP - WHAT NEXT?

A very successful service has just been withdrawn from the Town Hall due to the Coalfield Regeneration Trust pulling out all the funding for Nottinghamshire and making several staff redundant.

This leaves the people of Warsop District with no workclub and Pauline Campbell who ran the Family Employment Initiative has been made redundant.

This has dealt a massive blow to the Town Hall's resources and to the community who used this service on a daily basis.

It seems that more and more services are being withdrawn from our Parish and the Parish Council are constantly fighting an uphill battle to keep them! First the swimming pool, then the Town Hall, Fire Station and Police Station all of which have been

saved due to the Parish Council's collaboration with others and continued commitment and determination to keep our facilities.

The Parish Council are working with Alan Meale MP to try and restore this service but with funding being cut by every authority, organisation and the government, it is going to be a struggle. However, as always we will not go down without a fight! This also means that a large ground floor office at the Town Hall is now vacant. If anyone is interested in viewing the room please contact Tania Barlow on 01623 846011.

Big Plans for Blakeley Lane

Blakeley Lane Campsite was Warsop's Scout and Guide Campsite for over 50 years, then in 2009 the site was sold by Mansfield District council due to local spending cuts.

We have spent the past two and a half years renovating the site, doing the majority of the work ourselves (Blakeley Ltd, gardening and building services), asking friends and family for help, using recycled materials and trying to keep the site as natural, but safe as possible. Originally this was to be a hobby, so that our family and friends would have somewhere safe to take their children.

While carrying out the works we have had many local residences and local groups such as Scouts and Guides come up and show their passion and appreciation for the site and we believe that Blakeley Lane Campsite was a large part of the Warsop community until recent years.

We feel that Warsop has a fantastic community spirit and we would like to encourage this by re-instating Blakeley Lane Campsite, as a youth/training facility. This would enable local youth groups such as Scouts, Guides, Shine, Boys Brigade etc, to access an outdoor camping facility on their doorstep. We intend to offer a safe environment to the local schools, Surestart,

Playgroups etc, where bush craft skills (Forest Schooling) can be taught and also local Charities such as Help the Hero's, Autistic society can have access to the whole site, camp and share each other's experiences.

To ensure that the site is sustainable we would like to offer a wide range of environmental and vocational training such as Cob Courses (building with 75% sand, 15% clay and 5% straw), Survival Courses, Energy Saving Training, Fire Safety, Health and Safety etc.

Due to our lack of knowledge and experience with planning, we recently put in an application that stated we wanted to be a commercial site, this is not the case we would like to apply for the above and we believe this would be categorised as a youth and training facility. We believe that the following objections were raised:

• Adjacent Land

Members of the public going onto adjacent land, due to the site being a youth centre there will be leaders responsible for the children and we are currently erecting a 6 foot fence around to keep people in and out.

• Noise

We had a party for Luke's 30th and to say thank you to our friends and family, we did do a sound check but due to the wind that weekend we were not aware of how far the sound travelled (apologies to anyone we annoyed). Having recently moved to Warsop we will be more aware of noise.

• Access

Access up the lane and to the site is a bridle path and therefore we will ask groups to come in mini buses, to reduce the number of vehicles using the site.

We would like to invite all local residents to a Free open day at Blakeley Lane site on 1st April 2012, 11.00am -3.00pm. We have teamed up with local companies and they have kindly donated their time and equipment to enable us to offer FREE activities. (see advert opposite)

Danielle Jackson



FREE OPEN DAY
1st April 2012, 11.00am - 3.00pm

Come and have a look round the site.
See what we have done and what we are proposing.
Have your say and let us know if this is a facility local people would like to have.

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FREE ACTIVITIES

Face Painting

Children's Creative activities

Bouncy Castle (A&C Bouncy Castles)
www.acbouncycastle.co.uk

Slack Lining (Tri-Sports & Fitness)
www.tri-sportandfitness.co.uk

Archery (Simply Archery)
www.simplyarchery.com

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
Please feel free to contact us via email, facebook, or Twitter

Please use the FREE Park & Ride mini bus service available from the Swallows, Cottage Lane, NG20 0HL (Only Disabled Car's allowed up the lane).

For Health and Safety reasons dogs will not be allowed on the site. We really hope to see you there

If you have any comments or queries in the meanwhile please feel free to contact us:
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