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Celebrating 100 Years of Motorbuses in Sheffield.

On Fri 15th Feb, members of the Crosspool Forum Management Committee were invited to board 1 of 2 buses (- modern First S.Yorks Volvo 37528s, but painted for this centenary year in the elegant Prussian blue & cream livery of 1913 & 1960 -) for a commemorative trip from Sheffield city centre out to Redmires Road, Lodge Moor. They joined a select group consisting of the Mayor, First Group, SYPTe and Town Hall officials & local bus enthusiasts.

This was to mark Sheffield's first motorbus service – which started exactly 100 years ago with the same route from Manchester Rd to Lodge Moor we now know as the 'No. 51'.



With the rapid development of urban areas such as Crosspool and the problem of hills in the city (which the trams could not easily negotiate), Sheffield Corporation Tramways decided to start a motor bus service to complement the trams. The Motorbus 1 (W 3201) ran from the tram terminus at the bottom of Manchester Rd up to outside the gates of the Lodge Moor Hospital – running past fields and farms for the most part. This western route remains unchanged to this day – and only the no. 24 in London comes anywhere close to still operating its original route. The 1913 timber-framed bus (capacity only 34 people - & cost £890!) proved an immediate success for both hospital visitors & day trippers. (Later of course the 51 continued from the city centre out to the east with the urban expansion in that direction.)

All along the route people read the moving electronic display on the bus fronts & at Lodge Moor there were a dozen waiting with their cameras to capture this historic moment! The original General Manager (Arthur R Fearnley) would have been astounded to see his grandson Giles (born & bred in Crosspool) as the present day Managing Director of First Bus Group, but also to see his great grandson – also 'AR' – travelling on the bus (though as a baby he won't remember the event!).

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CROSSPOOL FORUM

Open Meeting **MONDAY 22nd April 7.00pm**

St Columba's Church Hall Manchester Road Crosspool

Local councillors, the police & council officials will be on hand to listen to your concerns on local issues.

A representative from Amey will share information about the improvement works being undertaken in parts of Crosspool

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I am working on an Economic and Social Research Council funded project at the University of Sheffield about the ways that people use computers and media. I am a PhD researcher and long-time town planner. I am working on the idea that both community connectivity and the sharing of information about ourselves (like photos, emails and even job ads) online with friends contributes to the **strength of the local economy. I've been conducting interviews in Crosspool about how media impacts the social and economic aspects of our lives. My "Know where through the network" project is seeking to understand adults' experiences with**



Computer Class in the Scout Hall

computer and social media networks. I will get a sense of how and what kind of information circulates in Sheffield, how it fosters a digital economy and what it **means to people's lives.**

Town planners don't fully understand the importance of getting people and their communities connected to the Internet and each other. We need to know as it's not just about the needs of big businesses. It helps us provide better advice to councils and Government about the types of Internet services and resources that different communities need in today's society.

This is the second year, out of a three year project, and I am really excited to get out and talk to people rather than sit in an office and type all day! This study is based in the Town and Regional Planning Department and has **satisfied the University's requirements for ethics approval.** If you would like to be interviewed, please get in touch with me and tell me what you think!

Kind regards, Annie Cruz-Porter
a.cruzporter@sheffield.ac.uk

A YEAR OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHEFFIELD VULCAN

The Rotary Club of Sheffield Vulcan is part of the global family of Rotary International and works under the motto of **"Service above Self"** – and does this with fun, fellowship and common aims.

In 2012 we have raised over £4000 by organising a sponsored Wye Walk in the Peak District and a Golf day. We have collected for a variety of charities at local supermarkets and given time to help steward at the Sheffield half-marathon and Whirlow Hall Farm Fayre.

Since 2000, over 10,000 bulbs have been planted by the club in more than a dozen locations, mainly in the West and South-West of Sheffield and around 1000 more were

added last year. As part of the national "Big Tree Plant" initiative, we planted over 300 trees of varying sizes and types in 5 public spaces (The Lord Mayor of Sheffield, John Campbell, joined us at the Parkwood Springs planting session). We have carried out maintenance work on the Round Walk, cutting back overgrown bushes and branches, digging out steps, and generally tidying up.

Every year Vulcan Rotary Club members give around 60 man days of effort to Samaritans Purse, a charity that **sends "shoeboxes " of useful items and toys to very disadvantaged children mainly in Europe and Africa.** 2012 was no exception, and we transported the boxes into the Sheffield HQ from outlying areas.

Recognising the potential value of our future generations, **we work with local schools giving "mock interviews" to help students prepare for the world outside.** We also stage an annual debating contest....and help fund an annual school trip to the panto.

Last year we completed a major international project for an Institute for deaf children in Indonesia. Our financial contribution was doubled via Rotary International, and the local Rotary Club managed the installation of culinary equipment and the building of a catering block and equipment. Those children now have the opportunity to learn catering and related skills.

We also helped steward at the Rotary "Music In The (Botanical) Gardens" event, and again organised a Christmas raffle for a number of charities (we print the tickets, fund and deliver prizes, and the charities sell tickets and retain most of the income).

This year, we look forward to seeing our bulbs flower, our trees grow healthily, and executing new projects, whether for young people at home or abroad, existing charities and worthy local organisations, or other causes where we can **make a difference via "Service above Self"**.

All the above and more is carried out in a spirit of camaraderie, and we have a number of social events for members, partners and friends. Our meetings are held most, but not all, Tuesday evenings at Abbeydale Sports Club (6.30 – 8.30, normally including a meal and speaker), and we know that the pressures of life mean that members cannot make all meetings. We are not concerned with politics, gender, religion, or race – we simply want more like-minded members who feel that they can **"put something back" into society and enjoy themselves as they do it.**

If you are interested and want to come along as a guest to one of our meetings, then look at our website (www.vulcanrotary.org.uk) or ring our secretary Ruth Thruston on 0114 2960208 or Alan Brown on 0114 2367212.

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Continued from page 1 : **The trip ended back at the Town Hall, where a 'clippy' in original uniform with leather satchel & ticket machine waited, & the Lord Mayor John Campbell, transport historian Paul Fox & Giles Fearnley talked briefly on the importance of buses to the population of Sheffield, the development throughout the last 100 years of bus routes & design, & how the challenges of the future will be met..**

The two buses will remain in their livery for the whole year, and be used to raise money for charity. On Sun May 12th (11am-4.30pm) at First S Yorks Premises, Charlotte Rd there will be a display of historic vehicles with a Sheffield connection, & some providing free services to Lodge Moor & S Yorks Transport Museum, Aldwarke, and Rotherham.

((For further info see www.firstgroup.com/ukbus/south_yorkshire/travel_news/news_initiatives;
Also fatbusbloke (Peter White's Sheffield Public Transport blogs – 1963-84))

The Friends of Bole Hills,

Friends of the bole hills are looking for new recruits and would love to hear from anyone who has an affinity with the Park.

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The Big Issue in Crosspool



Our local BIG ISSUE seller, affectionately known locally as 'Smiley', was recently presented with the award by the magazine's Sheffield office for being the Most Dedicated Vendor for 2012.

Forty five year old Mohammad Iqbal said that before moving to outside the Crosspool Spar in June of last year, he'd been selling the magazine for the past nine years in Scunthorpe, Barnsley and Sheffield. "I enjoy talking to people". Having a good relationship with the public and lots of regular customers means a lot to him.

He went on to say, "The manager and the staff at the Spar are very friendly and helpful and I really appreciate them letting me stand in the shelter of the shop front. Whilst standing at the front of the Spar I love helping elderly shoppers with their shopping trolleys and on two occasions the Spar has thanked me for stopping thieves fleeing from the shop.

Working every day selling the Big Issue magazine to pay my own way, helps support my family and save a little for the future, lifts my spirits and encourages me to improve my situation. I'm very thankful to everyone who buys the magazine.

Being so far away from my family home in Pakistan is difficult. Last year was an especially difficult year for me. I lost three very close members of my family, my son Akhtar, my daughter Sophia and my Mother.

All being well in the near future I'll be reunited with my family. My family coming to England would make me very happy".

Police Issue Statement About Crosspool Death

They confirm that the body of a missing 63-year-old woman was found behind property in Crosspool at around midday on Saturday, 9 February. The woman had been reported missing from her home on Cardoness Road at 5.45pm on Friday 8 February.

There are not believed to be any suspicious circumstances and police are not seeking anyone in connection with her death.

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So why not join the movement? Spring is rapidly approaching, the days are growing longer and soon it will be time to sow seeds for 2013 growing season.

There are a number of ways of getting started:

Why not try a few pots or grow bags in the back yard. Herb, salads, outdoor tomatoes, climbing beans, strawberries can all be grown successfully. Potatoes, peas and courgettes require a bit more space so consider digging up a bit of lawn or flower bed and make a raised bed.

Or aim for something a bit bigger such as an allotment? Sheffield City Council has numerous allotment sites close to Hillside Harvest, based on Hagg Hill are one such group Crosspool - though you should expect to join a waiting list for a plot. Cultivating an allotment can take a lot of time and knowledge of growing vegetables on a larger scale. If you feel doing all this on your own would be too much then you could consider joining an established Community Growing group where you can get support and do it in a more sociable way and are offering free practical food growing workshops on Composting and Plot Planning, led by experienced trainers on 16th March 2013. Phone Nick or Eleanor Rousseau on 2301 406

for more details. Useful links: www.incredible-edible-todmorden.co.uk/www, hillsideharvest.org.uk
www.guerrillagardening.org www.sheffield.gov.uk/out--about/parks-woodlands--countryside/allotments.html

Crosspool Women's Institute

Crosspool Women's Institute (CWI, part of the South Yorkshire Federation) was founded on the 19th March 2012. They meet twice a month at, St Columba Church, Crosspool, on the 3rd Monday at 7-9pm and Stephen Hill Methodist Church, Crosspool, on the fourth Monday at 1pm-3pm, every month except August. Members can attend either or both meetings.

February: Monday 25th 1pm-3pm Stephen Hill: be safe in your home SY Fire Service

March: Monday 18th 7pm-9pm St Columba's: CWI 1st Anniversary singing from Sheffield Harmony.

Monday 25th Anniversary Afternoon Tea with Sheila Todd from Walton, WI's first 75 years

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT www.crosspoolwi.moonfruit.com, or you can call Liz 07403 281 609

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Alarms and More

This scheme is a way of using technology in the home and down the telephone line to supplement face-to-face care - to keep people safe, secure & independent in their own homes. It can be accessed by anyone over 18— perhaps with mental health problems, or at risk of domestic violence, as well as elderly. There is a box plugged into a phone line & a mobile alarm button on a neck loop, which connects to a 24 hour staffed call centre. Different sizes of buttons & ways of wearing the device are possible - but it must be worn! - not hung off a hook, or over a walking frame! (Except when going out, when it must be left behind). This council-run scheme has two main advantages over its competitors - it provides its own mobile response team of trained & equipped staff - (so no relative is going to be called up at 3am!-) and additional alarms can be added to the package' - an individually tailored care scheme. There is for instance a 'bed sensor', which while allowing the person in bed to get up to make a cup of tea or visit the 'Loo', will note if the person does not return to bed & so has possibly fallen, and alarm the centre. For people with dementia, a property exit sensor can be timed to know the front door is open but someone has not come back in - so is possibly wandering the streets during the night.

There are also reminder services; e.g. the S/Yorkshire Housing Association Reassure & Remind service, where the telephone will ring at a set time with a set message - to remind someone to take their medicine, or that a carer is about to call. If the person does not respond to this call then an alarm is sent to a family member. (The very useful Help Yourself database at the library has all this sort of information). There is a "Just checking" scheme whereby a family member can check online (with a password) that their relative has been using the kitchen - i.e. feeding themselves- or the sitting room - i.e. is out of bed; this sort of scheme can cost some £400 per annum.

There is also a satellite tracking device that someone can carry round with them outside, and shows relatives where they are. There are a lot of these on the market, & not necessarily voice activated or needs a button to be pressed.. Mark also mentioned magic plugs, something that can sit on the floor by the bath in case the water overflows - to set off an alarm - or in the bath to say if the water is too hot or too deep (a pressure valve will drain out the water). These are available from various places, e.g. online.

With regard to the cost of this service; the button on a cord plus plug-in box costs £4.67 plus VAT a week until March. (Disabled users get a VAT exemption). After this it may be £4.81 plus VAT. The bed sensor costs £1.50 plus VAT). This is therefore a hire scheme, with no minimum contract - & unit failure or batteries dying are all covered. Mark had a lot more he could have discussed - e.g. different ways of wearing the button, what if you can't speak to the call centre, do you need a BT phone line, & what if the alarm is activated but responders can't open the front door - but ran out of time. He answered questions on key safe boxes - & mentioned insurance companies may not like these.

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Crosspool Speed Skater Takes Silver at National Championship

Well-done to 11-year-old Harry Jessop from Crosspool, he won a silver medal at the prestigious national speed skating championship, in Nottingham.

Harry fought off tough competition to finish second in the under-11s category of the British Short Track Speed Skating Championship.

The two-day competition required racing over three different lengths – 500m, which he won; 333m, in which he came fifth after a fall; and a 222m race which saw him come in third. The three race times are averaged to provide an accumulated score.

Harry, who trains with Sheffield Speed Skating Club at iceSheffield, was a fraction away from winning the overall tournament which involved competitors from as far as London, Birmingham and Dundee.

He said: "I feel really proud of myself because I haven't been skating for that long – only 18 months. It was a bit hectic rushing around and changing my skates but I did well in the end.

"Speed skating is really important to me – it's my favourite thing in the world and I just love it. My mum encouraged me to go to my first session at iceSheffield and I just wanted to keep on doing it."

Harry's mum Clare said: "It's a great sport to be involved in – iceSheffield has a great atmosphere and everyone's lovely. It's good for the children because it teaches them to look out for each other and practice discipline."

Harry's skating success comes as Michael O'Dea, Sheffield Speed Skating Club's oldest member at 67, has qualified for the European Masters Short Track Speed Skating Championships in Holland on Saturday 19 January.

Mandy Parker, general manager at iceSheffield, which is operated by Sheffield International Venues (SIV) said: **"Harry and Michael's skating success is great for iceSheffield and the Sheffield Speed Skating Club. It shows that people of all ages and backgrounds can enjoy and succeed in sport, and we wish Michael the best of luck for the European Masters."**



Harry with his silver medal on the podium

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Tapton School Rated as Outstanding

Despite the introduction this year of a new tougher inspection regime, Tapton School, which became an academy last year, has been rated as outstanding, receiving the highest possible grade in every single category, quality of teaching, the achievement of its pupils and its leadership and management.

The inspection team found that pupils at the school were making exceptional progress. Their attitudes to learning and academy life, particularly in English and maths were praised, as were their outstanding manners and attendance rates.

The quality of teaching was found to be outstanding, with excellent guidance and consistently good in most subjects, attainment at GCSE and in the sixth form was equally high, with students being very well prepared for their future lives.

It was found that students actively tried to prevent bullying from happening, and parents were happy that their youngsters were safe on and off the school site.

Students who were disabled or who had special educational needs were found to achieve as well as the other children, and all were exceptionally well prepared for the next stage in their education, training or employment.

Inspectors also found that the head and senior leaders were uncompromising in their pursuit of excellence in all of the school's work.

CROSSPOOL LUNCHEON CLUB

If you would like a home-made meal, the CROSSPOOL LUNCHEON CLUB meets every Wednesday at Stephen Hill Church. They are a friendly group of people in their 70s, 80s and 90s. Non-church members are very welcome.

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Ash Tree Health Status

Following an enquiry from Cllr. Rob Frost on behalf of the Forum to Parks & countryside, regarding the current health status of Ash trees in the Rivelin, Crosspool and wider Sheffield area, I can confirm the following.

The Trees & Woodlands team are co-ordinating efforts to manage the potential outbreak and spread of Ash Dieback in the Sheffield area. We are closely following Forestry Commission and Defra guidelines and to date have dealt with numerous potential sightings of the disease. I can confirm that so far no cases have been confirmed on established trees in the Sheffield area. The Forestry

Commission website has a map showing confirmed cases that is updated regularly (link below). On the map you will note 2 cases of infected newly planted trees both on the eastern fringes of Sheffield. These cases involve newly planted trees that have been imported from Europe with the disease. My understanding from conversations with the FC is that these particular trees have now been destroyed. www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara

Whilst we continue to inspect trees for signs of the disease, we will be undertaking a programme of public awareness and staff training in the spring and summer

when any symptoms of the disease are more obvious (most symptoms are visible in the leaves).

I trust this helps to answer the enquiry. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information 0114 273 6805

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Open Meeting 24th Jan

Present: Ian Hague Gillian Drinkwater; Ian Jenkinson; Robin Bytes; Joan Chibnall; Faye Buxton, Plus 15 Crosspool residents,

Cllr Rob Frost; PC Louise Atha & PCSO Phil Whitaker; Bethan Williams (Safer Neighbourhood Officer, Sheffield CC)

Guest Speaker; Mark Johnson - City Wide Alarms

Apologies: Cllr Geoff Smith Cllr Sylvia Anginotti & Steve Reynolds at SWCA Meeting) Sandra & Geoff, Marion & Tony
As there were no matters arising from the October meeting the police and Cllr Rob Frost, having pending appointments, it was agreed that they address the meeting first.

Police report and discussion: Ian told the Open Meeting that both Louise & Phil had been given awards - to their astonishment! These were PC of the Year Community Awards, for which her inspector had contacted all the agencies Louise deals with to ask them to write in about her work. So she thanked the Forum for whatever it was we had written that was so complimentary!

Local under-age youths, gathering recently in the evenings at Lydgate Green, drinking alcohol. Louise thanked people for reporting this behaviour, and they have stopped some 15 of them, and are sending out parents advisory letters to their families.

Allotment watching operation: this has been resurrected as there have been reports of loiterers & a little vandalism.

Scrap metal dealers, and speed enforcement operations are also due to take place. (There have been fewer reports of scrap theft - but one vehicle is still doing the rounds at 4:20am!)

Licensing ops are on-going - e.g. alcohol & cigarette sales to under-age people

Burglary & theft - there are also on-going ops for these, with both high-vis patrols & plain clothes police. (crime statistics for the areas are available on the S /Yorkshire Police website).

Car number plates: Phil said the RAC had been able to fit 18 sets of tamper-proof screws to vehicle reg. plates in one scheme, & it is hoped to run more, the RAC/AA need to be on hand to drill & replace the fittings.

Shop parking bays problems with vehicles needing to reverse out of angled bays into the main road, there **have been some minor RTC's** - caught on the police camera opposite this area. If anyone has experienced difficulties in getting in or out of the bays (pharmacy side of the road) please contact Ian Hague, so Rob Frost can take this to the Transport Committee. The history of the parking in Crosspool goes back some years, & has generally been very good, if however the layout is causing problems, this can be reviewed. The problematic position of the outbound bus stop was mentioned; buses often 'hover' here to kill time. & so block in parked cars. People also park here & then get a bus into the city centre - not using the local shops. Perhaps the 2 hour allowance needs to be 1 hr.? Phil said he could ask Parking Services to attend, & see if people are infringing the rules, & penalize them for this. (The disabled bays are also possibly being mis-used). People have expressed their concerns to Ian H on how cars zoom over the crest of Lydgate Lane hill & that some parental parking leaves a lot to be desired! - Parking Services may erect a camera to record this behaviour & re-educate the parents. Bethan Williams spoke on this subject, as there is a project running in the **south of the city called "It's Your Child", a consultation on how to address this issue, and what works for schools, parents & children.** A long-term solution is being sought, as all the SW area schools have the same problems - **"driven-to-school children" & poor parking! The trial is with the primary schools at the moment.**

Louise has a new colleague - Tim Beesley.

There were a couple of questions for Louise – use of the 101 number? - This replaces 202020; is it illegal to take things out of skips? Technically yes - one should ask the householder's permission.

Councillors Questions & Answers: Cllr. Rob Frost answered questions as follows;

Bus bunching: both Rob & Geoff Smith expected to have meetings with the bus companies to discuss this, but the recent bad weather has meant cancellations. When this is rescheduled Louise is eager to attend as well.

Unfortunately the Open Meeting & SWCA meeting were scheduled on same night. Rob said that CA meetings are agreed some 14 months in advance, but sadly no-one thought to contact the Forum with this information. (The CA's may be dismantled anyway. There is an on-going consultation about this. Robin will ensure this is on the website.)

Lydgate Reservoir - this is going to remain as a Yorkshire Water resource, & not be sold for housing.

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Recycling bin for non-bottle plastic & foil? Crosspool would like its own, so Rob was asked to put a question on the website to see if there really is a demand for a local bin.

Local ash tree health survey?:- Not known, but Rob will try to find out. (See page 9)

Crosspool bench (by the outgoing bus stop). Not only was the wooden one mendable - (which is why the Forum had to choose it originally) chopped off its stand & totally removed, but the new one does not have the commemorative plaque on it, & is badly fitted. The bolts need tightening & weather-proof caps fitting. (Rob agreed to look at this).

A57 chicane & traffic lights?:- The "cross-over of services" with Streetforce becoming Streets Ahead may have delayed things, but Rob will chase this up.

CITY WIDE ALARMS Ian H then introduced Guest speaker Mark Johnson, the telecare growth manager for City Wide Alarms. (See page 6)

EVENTS Crosspool Festival Week, 28th June - 7th July; Rev Frances Eccleston hopes the community will build on the strength of the previous 3 Festivals & again celebrate the good things that happen in Crosspool. This sub-committee of the Forum hopes to offer a street market, barn dance, musical events, fun run, gardening question time etc. again. Please contact her (as Festival Chair) with any ideas for events or to offer assistance. She also asked for suggestions to which local charities any Festival proceeds should go, & one idea from the floor (which was strongly recommended) was to support the Benty Lane Scout Hut renovations - disabled access & downstairs ladies toilet.

Other Events coming up are: **St Columba's "Healthy Cooking & Eating for Men" course, 6 weeks** from 19th April, 11 am-1 pm - small charge will apply. Summer Fayre - helpers needed please contact Ian Hague. Car boot Sales - the first will be on Sat 8th June; **Children's Christmas Disco in Dec.**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: detailed spread sheets of the accounts available to anyone who wants them.

The Christmas trees went up as usual - thank you to Barrie Clay for organizing, & to Andrew Fisher for shredding them after they were taken down.

Hillside Harvest - Open Days 16th Feb & 16th March at their Hagg Hill allotment

Friends of Bole Hill - monthly meetings, helping to get a Crookes Forum up and running.

Stephen Hill Luncheon club - vacancies; Wednesdays, 2 course hot lunch £3.50.

Computer course - held at Benty Lane Scout Hut going well.

Joe Castle's (local historian) new book, "Bell Hagg to the Strines area" out soon.

Ten years of Clarion back issues are hoped to be available soon on the Crosspool website.

Neighbourhood Watch has won a Queen's Award

Website - there have been some 70 thousand plus hits on our site, from the UK alone - & 106 other countries have been looking us up!

AOB. No 51 bus centenary - more info, hoped an events to mark this.

Wool wanted (for charity knitting)

During the snow there has been a lot of poor parking on Manchester Rd.

NEXT OPEN MEETING - MON (note) - 22nd April.



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Neighbourhood Watch

On Tuesday 16th April we have an Area Neighbourhood Watch meeting at Stephen Hill Methodist Church at Crosspool between 7pm-9pm. Refreshments will be available in their open area from 6.45pm. The Police will be there to update us and answer questions and we have a speaker joining us to talk about the safe use of computers.

Reservoir Rethink

Although 900 new homes are planned for other locations, Three proposed sites, two in Crookes and one in Tinsley, have been withdrawn, and three others are to have fewer homes than suggested. Hadfield and Lydgate reservoirs in Crookes, where 60 homes were proposed, are no longer available Yorkshire Water wants to keep them in use.

Christmas Tree Recycling

On Sunday 6th January it was gratifying to hear the residents of Crosspool appreciating the convenience of being able to recycle their Crosspool trees. Thanks to the generosity of Andrew Fisher (our local tree surgeon) volunteering to shred and recycle Christmas trees the people of Crosspool had a brief window to bring their discarded trees to the forecourt of local travel agents Direct Travel for shredding . At 11:45 the pile was 10ft high – but by 12:45 this had all been reduce to mulch!



Please be aware, that a bogus official purporting to be from a well known company has been reported in the Crosspool area.

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