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# CROSSPOOL CLARION™



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## ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUND

The independent businesses in Crosspool are working together to produce a funding bid for a share of Government money available for the regeneration of shopping precincts like Crosspool. The Council initiative started in 2021 with some £2m, not for use in the centre, being allocated city wide. With Walkley, Chapeltown & Broomhill having money invested in their ideas being a really positive thing, the second round of visits to areas has had the deadline for ideas extended until the end of May.

Esther Morrison from the Council, went round to some of Crosspool's thirty businesses & shops and asked them to list what they wanted out of this scheme and to see changed – banners (eg see Broomhill's) – branding - a professional PR team involved - street art like something big on the Dynasty Chinese food take-away gable wall - mural on the Cocker & Carr gable wall, repairing the 'nest' side of the shops awning, and parking sorting out.

Ideas that have been agreed on so far are for a marketing scheme, to draw in the Home of Football being Crosspool, to get passers-by to know we are here and stop. With perhaps a brown tourist sign on the Manchester Road. (Ian was keen to make sure the target group for all this is to draw in people from the west, from outside the city coming in from Derbyshire etc. Some of Esther's ideas the Forum cannot help with – any larger format Clarion or wider delivery would be impossible for our small team. The local website is however always open to enlargement and more use by businesses. Possibly, a larger Christmas precinct lighting display – perhaps planting a beautifully decorated and 'Christmas' type tree in the little triangle next to Archers. Any shop fronts uplift would need to involve all businesses for a unified look. More planters, possibly a cascade of flowers outside the Tavern and additional benches have been suggested. There might also be funds available to professional acts at the summer fayre next year etc. One idea that came out strongly is dedicated parking for the shop and businesses workers; they have to fill up the parking places with their own vehicles at the moment. The brewery that owns the Tavern & Sportsman have been approached to see if designated spaces here can be allocated to business owners to release the shops parking slots. Some major decisions will be made at further meetings, where Esther is expected to propose some firms to do professional marketing work. It might be decided to send out questionnaires to residents as well, but this is based on asking the businesses what their ideas are to increase footfall.



**CROSSPOOL FORUM**  
**OPEN MEETING**  
 Thursday 27th July 2023 at 7:00pm  
 St Columba's Church, Manchester Road, Crosspool  
 Guest speakers - local councillors, the police and council officers,  
 are generally on hand to listen to your concerns on local issues.  
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## FRIENDSHIP LUNCHES

Following the huge success of the Friendship Lunches at the Crosspool Tavern, the Ball in Crookes and the Shepley Spitfire in Totley, a brand-new event has been launched at the Shiny Sheff in Lodge Moor. Sheffield City Council kindly sponsored 50 free places at the event in February, via its Local Area Committee Welcoming Spaces' Fund and guests were treated to a delicious 2 course lunch and live entertainment with the fantastic Oliver Harris. The event was supported by Age UK Sheffield and People Keeping Well.



Kathy Markwick, Freelance Community Consultant, who launched Friendship Lunches in South Yorkshire 9 years ago said "I am delighted with the success of these events which are a fantastic tool to help combat/reduce loneliness and social isolation. They are aimed predominantly at the elderly, lonely and/or socially isolated. They are also 'dementia friendly' and therefore ideal for those living with dementia and their families/carers. It may be that the person with dementia does not remember the event the next day but they undoubtedly enjoy the moment and that is hugely important for them and their families/carers".

Jo Woodward, Community Development Officer for Age UK Sheffield said "The Friendship Lunches across the South West of Sheffield have been a huge success thanks to the work of Kathy and the commitment of local pubs to do something great for their community. The lunches give people the opportunity to meet new people and build new networks, as well as enjoying brilliant entertainment and a meal. We hope to continue increasing the number of lunches across the area so everybody has a local lunch they can enjoy".

Amongst the special guests at the Shiny Sheff were Councillor Cliff Woodcraft and Mubarak Hassan, Community Services Officer for the South West for Sheffield City Council. The photo shows Cliff and Mubarak with guests at the Shiny Sheff. Cliff and Mubarak thought the event was fantastic and really enjoyed chatting to everyone.

The Friendship Lunches at the Ball are on the first Tuesday of the month, Crosspool Tavern second Monday and Shepley Spitfire last Friday. To book please contact Kathy on 0772 9528844 or [kathymarkwick@gmail.com](mailto:kathymarkwick@gmail.com)

**Margaret & Tony on Lydgate Hall Cres., Would Like To Thank The Volunteers Who Are Making A Very Nice Job In The two Lydgate Green Parks.  
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## NOT A CLOSE SEASON!



Although another successful season has ended at Sandygate, the oldest football ground in the world, during the summer there will be plenty of activities taking place.

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The Hallam Football Club, wanting to be at the heart of the community, will again be investing in more facilities and undertaking improvements at the ground.

The Clubhouse and community/sports bar is open for everyone to enjoy and welcomes people to the ground on non-match days. Please feel free to take friends and family along to soak up the atmosphere on a sunny summer afternoon at what is possibly Sheffield's largest open beer garden!

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Hallam FC looks forward to welcoming you to Sandygate during the summer.

## CROSSPOOL FORUM – OPEN MEETING

Thurs 26th April 2023. Bullet Points

14 Crosspool residents, and 6 members of the Forum Management Committee attended., with 2 Councillors – Minesh Parekh & Ruth Milsom, apologies Tim Huggan  
Ian Hague (chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Chairman's Report**

1. Crosspool Festival and Summer Fayre preparations – well underway – see below.
2. King Edwards VII Lower School – report of sudden closure of footpath linking Manchester Rd and Darwin Lane – no consultation. Apparently, this is due to an Ofsted report on safeguarding children.
3. The demolished Plough Inn date stones – these have gone missing. Does anyone know their whereabouts?
4. Council grants have enabled Tai Chi (Wed), Easy Exercise (Tues) and new "Art for All" class (Fri am) to be supported – running costs have gone up.

**Treasurer's Report**

John Drinkwater. said "there is very little to say" – we "are keeping our heads above water" and wished to congratulate Ian & Steve for their hard work in putting together the grant applications – to the Council and to Age Concern.

**Police Report**

Pam Thompson sent in a report; a few burglaries (conservatory doors tampered with), thefts from cars and of two vehicles – both keyless cars. Car owners **MUST KEEP THEIR KEYS IN A FARADAY-TYPE POUCH** to prevent this. The 'park safe' operation has been successful – please send in any photos of bad parking and be generally vigilant.

Guest Speaker – Steve Ellis (St Columba's Focal Minister) Steve said that the church had been a vaccination hub since 2021 and administered 55k doses of Covid vaccine! They were rated "as one of the best", in particular when dealing with needle-phobias or mobility problems. The spring Covid booster programme for over 75s etc is slowly being rolled out but might not be completed until the autumn, there is a city-wide supply problem.

The first batch has been distributed to care homes and when a date for the next is known doctors, the NHS system (phone texts) and Steve's own church list will contact people to come in.

Ian Hague then presented Steve Ellis with the Crosspool Person of the Year Award and Certificate for 2022.

Guest Speaker–Rachel Reeson (Co-op, local member pioneer). In a return visit Rachel reminded us that the Co-op supports three local causes in their area every year, so she wishes who might benefit from a grant of £2-£3k to know of any groups.

**Crosspool Economic Recovery Project.**

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shops & businesses in local areas to boost footfall & help in any way the businesses decide. Fronted by Esther Morrison from Sheffield CC there have been three meetings at least to date at which the businesses have voted on their priorities. Sorting the parking so shop-keepers etc do not block shoppers' parking slots has come out as important, plus employing a professional firm to look at the PR, and to develop the idea of Crosspool as the Home of Football. Watch this space!

### **Councillors' Questions & Report**

1. The Clough Fields Right of Way has been accepted and an order to re-instate it made. This was published on 20th April so will take a month to go through.

2. King Ted's footpath closure? One Council officer said as residents had been using this for 20 years it could be re-instated as a RoW. Minesh will chase this up.

3. Road surfacing; e.g., Watt Lane, Selborne Rd etc etc. Ruth has a list "as long as both my arms" of surfacing problems – all the areas seem to be failing at the same time. She will continue to press Amey for a schedule of repair works.

4. Pedestrian crossing? The city has been trialling battery-operating lights for pedestrians (e.g., Union Rd, S11) – it was asked that we have one for the Tesco crossing area (Manchester Rd) as a matter of urgency.

5. Benty Lane – white-painted "H" sign to prevent parking; Ian Hague requested this months ago to allow access to the Scout Hall ramp; Ruth will try to action this.

6. Local Plan; as this wrongly designated Hagg Cope to be residential belt and therefore not protected Ruth has acted swiftly to get this re-designated as green belt land.

7. Ruth has had the wrongly-placed Disabled Parking sign (GT News side) moved, and No Idling signs erected on Selborne Road for parents.

8. An Amey rep to attend the next Open Meeting? (Minesh Parekh asked – resounding YES!).

### **Events**

1. Crosspool Festival; the 2023 Programme of Events should be enclosed with this Clarion – there is something for everyone! The Well-dressing (alpaca theme) starts with a Children's flag parade at 6.30pm on Friday 30th June and the week ends with the Summer Fayre on the following Saturday. Anyone able to help Ian & Steve at the Fayre (setting up or running a stall) is very welcome) ...

2. Coronation flags; these will be up from 30th Apr for the summer, and planters and hanging baskets as soon as the plants are mature enough.

3. Hagg Cope has some wild flower beds – do look out for them.

Next Open Meeting will be on Thursday July 27th 2023.

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There is always something going on at WI. There is plenty of opportunity to make friends, learn new skills and get involved in the local community, listen to interesting speakers and enjoy outings and activities. Join in our groups including, book, lunch, supper, knit and natter and occasional theatre trips. Now is a good time to join us – 12-month subscription is £46 – it lasts until 31st March 24.



We will again be fully involved in the Crosspool Festival in July 23 – watch out for posters. We are hosting a Charity Fashion show on 1<sup>st</sup> July at Stephen Hill – a Cake Baking Competition on 5th July and providing our usual refreshments at Crosspool Fayre on Saturday 8th July - all proceeds will be donated to the Crosspool Charities.



For more information pick up a programme from either of the Churches or check us out and follow us on [facebook.com/CrosspoolWI](https://www.facebook.com/CrosspoolWI) Alternatively email our Secretary Liz Manson at [wicrosspool@gmail.com](mailto:wicrosspool@gmail.com) We look forward to welcoming you.....

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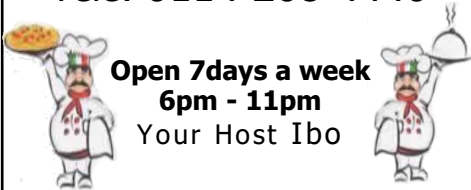
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### THE VICAR

A Vicar passes away and goes to Heaven.

When he arrives at The Pearly Gates he has to join the back of the queue and waits patiently. Shortly after, Bob the bus driver passes away and comes to join the queue

St. Peter sees Bob and calls him over to the front of the queue and says "you are very welcome, please enjoy Heaven, you deserve it".

The Vicar is flabbergasted and confused "Your Holiness, I don't understand. I have dedicated my entire life to the Church...how come Bob jumps the queue before everybody else?"

"Well," said St. Peter "when you had your Church Sermons, all those attending were falling asleep. ...but all the passengers on Bob's bus when he was driving were praying"

### CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Family Fun Friday on the first Friday of the month at Stephen Hill 6.30pm, for the whole family to play games, watch films, make crafts and chat. £3 entry for the family.

We also have flags that can be decorated to be turned into bunting for Crosspool Festival week. If you would like a flag template to colour and decorate, please contact Tara to arrange collection. [Tara.osborne@stcolumbacrosspool.org.uk](mailto:Tara.osborne@stcolumbacrosspool.org.uk).

We Have our New Godly Play Recourse Centre open at St Columba every Monday and Friday 10am till 12pm term time. Where people can pop by and borrow a Godly Play Story or come and enjoy a Godly play story being told and stay for chat and drink. This is on St Columba Stage and is welcome to all to borrow.

### OUR JOINT SERVICES OVER THE SUMMER

#### St. Columba

4th & 18th June... \*9th & 16th July... 6th & 20th August...

#### Stephen Hill

11th & 25th June... 2nd July & 23rd July... 13th & 27th August...

30th July... Joint Outdoor Church and picnic on Lydgate Green.

\*9th July... The Joint worship service at St Columba, to celebrate Crosspool and mark the end of the festival, will be with Tapton Hill Congregational at 2.45pm.... (no morning service). All ages are welcome.

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

Why not check out the many weekly activities we have at our two churches, Email or ring for details.

We are always looking for new volunteers in all the lovely groups we run. So if you are interested in volunteering please contact.

[chidrens@stcolumbacrosspool.org.uk](mailto:chidrens@stcolumbacrosspool.org.uk)

COFFEE MORNINGS

Why not come to one of our friendly coffee mornings at Stephen Hill. Every Monday and Friday 10am to noon.

All proceeds to our Church Charities....this year they are Sheffield Children's Hospital and Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

BUMPS, BABIES & BAIRNS

Bumps, Babies, and Bairns meets every Tuesday at Stephen Hill from 10:00 till 11:30 for pre-school children, toddlers, babies and ex- pectant mums. We gather in the Church hall. We offer tea, biscuits, play time, and age-appropriate learning for the children. We enjoy nursery rhymes; we also celebrate children's birthdays and sometimes offer crafts. This is a lovely welcoming group, where you can meet in an informal way and enjoy making new friendships in the community. We charge £2 per family to attend the session and use the facilities - this includes a drink and biscuits for you and your children.



THE NURSERY SCHOOL

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Here is an opportunity for you to come and meet others in a friendly environment. We do have 2/3 weeks off around Christmas to give our cooks, helpers and washers-up a well-deserved break

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Anyone caring for a friend or family member with any illness or disability is welcome to join us. If you have recently been a carer and that role has now come to an end, you are still welcome.

Since we started to meet eighteen months ago, we've grown steadily into a friendly and relaxed group and we are joined by new carers all the time. This year we've had speakers from Trading Standards on avoiding scams, legal advice on wills and Power of Attorney and a wonderful morning with a dementia advisor. There's always time to chat and talk about our concerns and quite often we can help each other, too.

We usually meet on the fourth Friday of the month at Stephen Hill Methodist Church where we're made very welcome.

Over the next few meetings, we'll be hearing about activities for carers and planning for the year ahead, so please come and join us and if you know someone- a friend or neighbour- who is a carer or former carer, bring them too.

For more information, contact Jan Outram [jan@sheffieldcarerscentre.org.uk](mailto:jan@sheffieldcarerscentre.org.uk) tel: 0114 278 8942 or Briony Broome [briony.broome@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:briony.broome@hotmail.co.uk) mobile :07801532954

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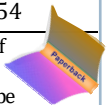
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The church reception forum area is open for coffee on Monday and Friday mornings from 10am and is also accessible at other times.



## ACADEMISATION OF KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL

Friday, 5 May 2023, the Headteacher Ms L Gooden attended a meeting, with the Ofsted Regional Director and the Deputy Director. The Chair of the Governing Board, Dr Peter Dickson, the Vice Chair of the Governing Board, and Mrs Kate Williamson, also attended this meeting

Key points from the meeting

The Regional Director:

- Explained that restrictions, with reference to the local elections, had been lifted so the Department for Education could update the school regarding sponsorship and the decision-making process.
- Explained that she has deferred the decision regarding the sponsorship of King Edward VII School
- Will conduct a comparative analysis of additional multi academy trusts.
- Confirmed that she has looked at all the communications she has received from the school, parents, carers and external parties
- Noted that the earliest point at which the sponsorship of King Edward VII School will be considered by the Regional Advisory Board will be at its June 2023 meeting, or possibly the July 2023 meeting
- Noted that the Chair, Vice Chair and Headteacher would be notified in advance of the meeting.

Ms Gooden asked the Regional Director if the comparative analysis that she will be conducting will be within Sheffield i.e., local multi academy trusts. The Regional Director acknowledged that a number of local MATS would be considered. A further meeting will be convened in the future.

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## ***STUCK IN TRAFFIC, REVIEW***

Review of Mark Kensson, *Stuck in Traffic*, Sheffield (Arc Publishing and Print), 2022. ISBN 978-1906722890 By John. F. Drinkwater

Mark Kensson will discuss his book as part of the 2023 Crosspool Festival: 7.00 p.m., Thursday, 6th July, Hallam FC Clubhouse, Sandygate Road (Admission free) Set mainly in Sheffield and its 'Golden Frame', Mark Kensson's (henceforth 'K.') book is about two Sheffield brothers, Dave and Danny Strive, who quarrelled but are finally reconciled. Danny, appalled at Dave's obsession with profit in his running of their joint car-repair and -sales business and his apparently uncaring attitude towards their dying father, left to become a commercial lawyer in London. Both had successful careers, but remained distant. Their reconciliation begins when Danny and his wife, Jane, need to be in New York to rescue their over-stretched business. Desperate to find someone to look after their two children, Jenny (almost 15) and David (12), they are forced to call on Dave. He agrees, and it is at this point that the book opens, with its action set over a single long weekend. K. gives us more than a saccharine-sweet story of forgiving and forgetting. Presenting events mainly through Jenny's eyes, he makes her -- intelligent, well- educated, metropolitan and mature beyond her years -- immediately take against Dave: for her, a loud, uncouth, greedy provincial, with an often-impenetrable Sheffield accent. Dave, living alone -- in fact more or less camping -- in an expensively 'made-over' farmhouse near Upper Bradfield, is desperately anxious to impress her and her brother and lavishes money and time on them in order to show them the best of the area. Unfortunately, hamstrung by his lack of sophistication and his inexperience of young people, he cannot do right for doing wrong and, as a result, feels constantly humiliated. Dave's special weekend 'treat' is a cross-country hike from his house to Stanage Edge. K.'s description of it, which comprises most of the novel, is frequently hilarious in its description of Dave's many outlandish 'accidents', all the result of his excessive swagger and extravagance. However, his walk, ill-conceived, ill-planned, poorly-led, and badly executed, was, on a snowy winter's afternoon, at times downright dangerous. Jenny, wet, hungry, increasingly chilled and often feeling that Dave is ignoring her plight, can laugh at his slapstick mishaps, but these do not endear him to her. She finishes in a state of 'contented exhaustion' but only because she is proud of herself for meeting the stiff challenge and because she has been impressed by the beauty of the countryside. However, it's not only Dave who is at fault. Another nice twist to the plot is that the division in the family is not just between the two brothers but, potentially, between Jenny's parents. She spends nearly all the weekend longing to hear from them but dreading that this will be news of their separation. Jenny's two troubled relationships, with Dave and her parents, create a delicious tension in the novel, with the reader never quite sure how all will end. To say more would be to spoil the plot. This absorbing and entertaining tale of family relations deserves to be widely



In recognition of his dedication to help organise St Columba's Covid vaccination hub to be as one of the best rated. On behalf of the community Ian Hague, Crosspool Forum Chair, presented Steve Ellis with the 2022 Crosspool Person of the Year Award and Certificate.

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On top of the excitement of hosting this prestigious event, we are really proud to announce that Scott was inducted into the martial arts hall of fame for the second time at the UKMAS awards in Doncaster and collecting an award for Excellence in Teaching Award. This is amazing news for a community run club that has worked so hard since 1996 to promote and pass on our knowledge through martial arts.

We will be hosting more events in the future, so if you would like to get involved with our club and learn more about what we do, please call or message Jo on 07708 795172

## CARE IN CROSSPOOL



Founded on November 17th 1986, Care in Crosspool is a registered charity linking caring volunteers to those in the local community when needed most. Although based in a tiny office round the back of St Columba's, it is in no way affiliated to the church.

Their 37 volunteers, who are all over 18, come from all sections of the community, have DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks and carry photo ID cards.

Care in Crosspool relies on funding and donations to carry out their work helping those living in the Crosspool area. As far as able to; they spend time visiting people in their own homes - help with transport - visit an elderly or housebound person for a chat and to make them a drink. Sit and befriend with someone to give their carer a break- collect a prescription - occasionally help with shopping - take an elderly or less mobile person to an appointment.

For more information on the help they can give or for an application form to volunteer, please phone (0114) 2670045 (there is a 24 hour answering service when the office is closed) or email-careincrosspool@gmail.com or write to: Care in Crosspool, 503 Manchester Road, Sheffield S10 5PL. Even if you could only spare an hour or so every six to eight weeks you could make a big difference to someone.



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\* **What is your main business?**

We sell sandwiches/salad boxes/paninis - hot or cold. Mon – Fri 7.00am – 2.30pm.

\* **How is business going?**

Very well and we as a team really enjoy serving the community.

\* **How many staff do you have?**

I have four staff all from the local area.

\* **What are your best sellers at the moment?**

Our home-made spicy chicken, southern fried chicken and our breakfast sandwiches are very popular.

\* **What makes "your business special?"**

Everything is homemade and fresh, and served by a good spirited team.

\* **What plans do you have for the future?**

We would like to extend our hours and renovate the shop.

\* **What has been your favourite moment so far?**

Being part of the community and meeting lots of new faces.

\* **What changes have you made?**

Improved on quality of products and extended our daily specials.

\* **Why do you think people should buy local?**

To help the small family businesses who sell local sourced produce.

\* **What do you like about Crosspool?**

How friendly and welcoming it is with its good community spirit.

\* **What would you like to see improve around the precinct?**

Some more shop local signs.

\* **Do you have anything you want to add?**

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- Do not agree to offers or deals immediately. Make decisions in your own time.
- Insist on time to obtain independent advice before making a decision.
- If in doubt, phone a relative or a friend.
- If you believe you have been a victim of a doorstep fraudster, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk). Do not be embarrassed to report this crime -these criminals are experts at deceiving people and your report will make it more difficult for them to deceive others.

**CRIMINALS ARE ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR EASY TARGETS**

The effective way to deter criminals is to practice good, common sense crime prevention habits. Ensure all windows and doors are locked, even if you are only in the garden, or popping to the shop. A large proportion of burglaries are what we class as "sneak-ins" where an intruder slips in through an insecure door or window. Make sure alley/garden gates allowing access to the rear are closed and locked where possible.

Keep house keys, car keys and handbags out of reach of letter boxes/cat flaps and ideally out of sight of any ground floor windows. Offenders will use fishing rods or garden canes to access car and house keys.

Keep items such as laptops, mobile phones, digital cameras and iPads/tablets out of sight of ground floor windows while you are out or asleep.

Use your burglar alarm when you are out, in bed or away. Speak to your neighbours and ask them to call the police should the alarm sound.

Lock away ladders, tools, and other garden items that burglars could use to enter your home, make sure wheelie bins and other garden items are stored away from second floor windows. Use timer switches on lights to make your home appear occupied while you are away. Check that your door locks are Anti-snap locks. TS007 is the national recognised standard.

We can visit your property to assess your home security and identify how to make your home safer. To arrange this, contact your local officers Pam 07584 617 210 and Phil 07787 882 106 [southyorks.police.uk/find-out/your-neighbourhood-policing-team/sheffield-north-west/](http://southyorks.police.uk/find-out/your-neighbourhood-policing-team/sheffield-north-west/)

**COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

The West Local Area Committee that covers this part of Sheffield has invested in a Speed Watch Gun that can be used by local Community groups that wish to help reduce speeding in their local neighbourhood. Training by the Police will be included. If you wish to find out more, please feel free to contact your local PCSO<sup>5</sup>. Pam and Phil (as above)

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