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# Livewire

**Radford needs YOU!**

**Take a walk on the wild side**

**Food for thought in Forest Fields**

**You spoke and the City Council listened**

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# Welcome to the new look Livewire!

Recently, we asked readers of Livewire how we could improve our newsletter and you asked for more local news plus details of forthcoming events. We hope you like the changes and remember you can always give us your views. Call Ruth or George on - **0115 970 8200** or email - **mail@partnershipcouncil.co.uk**

## Win! Win! Win!

Congratulations to the three lucky winners of our competition to win a hanging basket:

- Sue Anderson
- Shamim Hussain
- The Pearey family,  
Mick, Katina & Rebecca

All three guessed the answer to the question 'how old is the Partnership Council' correctly - it's 11 years old!

### Shamim told Livewire:

*"I had some work done on my house recently and the builders forgot to return my original hanging basket, so it's great to have a brand new replacement!"*



### 'Rain didn't stop play on the Forest'

Cover photograph courtesy of:

George 'The Quizmaster'

Submit a cover photo yourself email:

[mail@partnershipcouncil.co.uk](mailto:mail@partnershipcouncil.co.uk)



## Radford Wants YOU!

If you live or work in Radford now is your chance to get involved in shaping the area's future - from housing and the environment to children's facilities and employment.

Nottingham City Council is developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Radford and it's keen to do this with the help of local people. The Plan will outline how Radford is developed over the next 20 years so this really is an opportunity to make a difference where you live! The Council's Neighbourhood Management Team for the area, and the Neighbourhood Regeneration Officer for Radford, Fran Roberts, is looking for local people to join a Community Working Group.

The Community Working Group will help develop the Neighbourhood Plan and will also help decide how the Plan is put into action. Anyone from Radford is welcome to join the Group.

Alternatively, why not come along to the public launch of the Plan?

**It's on Saturday 10th October from noon until 5pm at Take One Studios on Denman Street East.**

You're welcome to pop in anytime during the afternoon.



### Find out more...

To find out more please contact Fran Roberts on 0115 915 5394 or [email.fran.roberts@nottinghamcity.gov.uk](mailto:email.fran.roberts@nottinghamcity.gov.uk)

# A walk on the wild side



We're already working closely with the Neighbourhood Management Team to improve life in Radford.

For example, we're looking at transforming the areas of concrete outside Holden Court, Hirst Court, Grafton Court and Woodgate Court into attractive wildlife gardens for residents.

These areas were originally developed as somewhere for residents to dry washing and the new gardens will still include drying facilities.

An environmental architect called Paul Hicking has very kindly donated his time free of charge and he will be helping us to develop ideas for the new gardens. We will then show these ideas to residents for their views and feedback. Paul will then develop a final plan.

We hope the new look gardens will include exciting new features such as a 'living carpet' of sedum plants on shed and garage roofs, so that residents can look down on a 'garden'. Plus labour saving ideas ideal for older residents, such as placing raised beds under sloping roofs to catch rainwater - to save on watering.

The Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust has also pledged its support and will be showing us how to encourage wildlife into the new gardens, including bats, birds and butterflies.

 **Find out more...**

To find out more please contact  
**Ruth Greenberg on 0115 970 8200 or  
email [ruth@partnershipcouncil.co.uk](mailto:ruth@partnershipcouncil.co.uk)**

## Sprouting a New green project for Nottingham



Sprout, our environmental project for young people, is supporting a very exciting new project being developed by 24-year-old Jenny Butcher from Forest Fields. The 'Abundance' project aims to collect unpicked and unwanted fruit and nuts that can then be used by community groups and projects to benefit their neighbourhoods.

For example, the 'Abundance' harvest could feed the homeless or provide healthy food for a children's project. Fruit such as apples, pears, plums and blackberries often go unpicked, because it's growing unnoticed by the roadside or on waste ground or because people are physically unable to pick it from their gardens or simply don't like it.

 **Find out more...**

To find out more contact  
**Jenny on 07947 671182 or email  
[abundancearea4@googlemail.com](mailto:abundancearea4@googlemail.com)**

Jenny is currently looking for volunteers to pick and distribute fruit and nuts, together with community groups who could make good use of the harvest.

## Miners Strike Exhibition

As many of you will remember, Nottingham was deeply affected by the miners' strike during the 1980's. Now the Galleries of Justice is commemorating the strike's 25th anniversary with a unique exhibition - aiming to tell the story of the strike from all sides.

The exhibition, called 'Strike 1984' opens at the Galleries of Justice from 19th September.

 **Find out more...**

To find out more call **0115 952 0555**  
or visit **[www.galleriesofjustice.org.uk](http://www.galleriesofjustice.org.uk)**

# Sustainable Communities - making your views count!

The government's Sustainable Communities Act is being introduced to give local councils new powers to tackle neighbourhood nuisance issues such as littering and anti-social behaviour. Over the summer, Nottingham City Council put together a proposal, asking the government for new powers. To make sure the proposal represented the views of local people, Moby and Matthew from the Partnership Council

asked over 250 people what they thought. As a result, the Council made several changes to its original proposal. For example, the Council wants the power to designate specific areas as 'community safety designated zones, to ensure we can enjoy public open spaces like Old Market Square in safety. The original proposal mentioned 'protests' as one of the 'nuisances' affecting public open spaces, along with alcohol

misuse and begging. Many of you felt that this could potentially conflict with people's right to protest so the Council has removed the mention of 'protests' from its proposal.

 **Find out more...**

To find out more call Moby or Matthew on 0115 970 8200. Visit [www.partnershipcouncil.co.uk](http://www.partnershipcouncil.co.uk)

## Diary Dates!

Sprout and Nottingham Organic Gardeners are offering 16-25 year olds the chance to learn about organic gardening at free sessions held at: Whitemoor Allotments, Wilkinson St.

**10th October, 24th October,  
7th November and 21st November  
from 10am - 2pm.**

Call Rachel on 0115 970 8200 or  
email [rachel@partnershipcouncil.co.uk](mailto:rachel@partnershipcouncil.co.uk)

Supported by Sprout, 24-year-old Emma May Ashley from Forest Fields is showcasing artists who use recycled materials in their arts and crafts on

**Sunday 11th October at the  
Forest Fields Community Centre.**

Anyone is welcome to go along and Emma is also looking for volunteers to help organise the event, which will include arts and crafts workshops and children's activities.

Call Rachel on 0115 970 8200 or  
email [rachel@partnershipcouncil.co.uk](mailto:rachel@partnershipcouncil.co.uk)

BaseCamp is offering women from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities the chance to gain a recognised sports coaching qualification, the Community Sports Leader Award at its 'Women Get Set Go' course being held at:

**Bobbers Mill Community Centre  
from Thursday 29th October  
to Saturday 31st October.**

Call Rukhsana on 0115 970 8200  
or alternatively you can email  
[rukhsana@partnershipcouncil.co.uk](mailto:rukhsana@partnershipcouncil.co.uk)

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