

Hyson Green charity, the Partnership Council, offers local people a hand with spring cleaning

The Partnership Council, a charity based on Gregory Boulevard in Hyson Green, is offering to help local people clean up their streets and parks in time for the warmer spring weather - when more children are likely to be playing outside. The charity is also hoping that by getting local people involved in caring for their neighbourhoods, communities will come together to make the most of, and enjoy using, their local areas.

The Partnership Council recently came to the rescue of families living in the Gawthorne Street area of New Basford, helping them to clean up their neighbourhood in time for an Easter children's event held on the 20th March at Gawthorne Street children's park. The spring clean, organised by the Partnership Council, with the help of local residents and volunteers, was so successful that it has inspired the charity to offer the same help to other local neighbourhoods, especially with brighter days and lighter evenings just around the corner.

Moby Farrands, the Partnership Council's Volunteering Development Worker, was over the moon with the enthusiasm of local residents and volunteers.

"As an area with a mix of factories and industrial buildings side by side residential housing and families, the Gawthorne Street Park area of New Basford was looking untidy, particularly as the recent windy weather had blown litter into every corner, yard and hedge! With a few hours hard work, our volunteers and local people soon had the area looking spick and span and ready for the 'Easter Funnies' play event (organised by the Partnership Council's Children Forum). Now, we're really keen to give other local residents the chance to spring clean their areas."

Tools and equipment for the Gawthorne Street Park clean up were kindly provided by Nottingham City Council's Streetscene team. Anyone living in the New Basford, Hyson Green, Forest Fields, Radford or Arboretum area of the city who would like help to clean up their neighbourhood can contact:

**Moby Farrands at the Partnership Council on 0115 970 8200.
Alternatively, you can email moby@partnershipcouncil.co.uk**

Notes to Editors

The Partnership Council is a charity based in Hyson Green Nottingham that works to improve the lives of people living in some of Nottingham's most disadvantaged communities. The Partnership Council runs many innovative environmental projects including an ongoing programme of environmental education aimed at getting children and young people involved in caring for the environment. The charity won two prestigious 'Green Guardians' awards in November 2007, presented by the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust in recognition of the Partnership Council's contribution to the environment in Nottingham.

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