

Dear resident,

## **IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ**

Due to a technical hitch in distributing the minutes of the last meeting, many of you did not receive an invitation to the meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The meeting was therefore cancelled and the next meeting will be held on: **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. Please make a note of it in your diary, in case we forget to send out a reminder!

**Please note:**

**A planning application has been submitted for the construction of 16 flats on the land at the top of Birkland Sreet**

**An additional meeting has been scheduled solely to discuss this application.**

**This meeting will be held on  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
6.30pm at 110 Newgate Lane**

## A BIG THANK YOU TO YOU, THE COMMUNITY for making a REAL difference

Dear resident,

The committee of the Newgate Action Group would like to thank all those residents who have supported the work of the group during 2002.

Undoubtedly, the biggest event in 2002 was the refurbishment of Jackson's field into what is now Jackson's park. Many of you will agree that the change has certainly been for the better. Not only does the park provide badly needed play facilities for the teen-age group, it also manages to focus many outstanding problems such as graffiti, vandalism and excessive noise into one small area. This makes the project more appealing to local residents whilst at the same time ensuring the site is more manageable from the Council's point of view. Your concerns about litter, feeling unsafe at night, drug taking, dog fouling, etc have partly been addressed and it has been your input that has helped address those issues.



However, your input has not just ended there. By the time you have read this, the children's playground should also be completed. Again, you as a group were given the opportunity to choose what you considered to be the better option for the children of the local community. It has been your pride in the area that has helped create a better living environment but that's not the end of it. Issues still exist; crime, drugs, littering and anti-social behaviour still remain in other parts of our community, as they do throughout Mansfield and through your help we can hopefully eradicate them. It is a proven point that local people can more easily identify the problems they face and propose effective solutions. And through the Newgate Action group, you can voice your concerns and be assured they will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities to be dealt with.

The powers that be are slowly beginning to listen and change is happening more quickly now. In addition, with the group acquiring a bank account, we are now in a very strong position to apply for funding ourselves to tackle neighbourhood issues, but we need to know from you which issues concern you the most. At the end of the minutes is a feedback form, which we would like you to complete. Your input in the renewal process is very important to us. Once completed, please bring it along to the next meeting. If you can't make the next meeting, please post through the letterbox at 110 Newgate Lane. *Help make your neighbourhood a safer, better, healthier place to live.*

Best regards

Ian Lilliman  
Secretary, Newgate Action Group

**P.S. Remember, if you have any neighbourhood issue that concerns you, please raise it at the next meeting, you're most welcome.**

# NEWGATE ACTION GROUP

The Community Forum of the Newgate Lane Urban Renewal Scheme  
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Dear resident,

Please find enclosed the agenda for the next meeting. Your support at the next meeting would be most welcome, however, if you cannot attend, the minutes will be available to view and/or download from the NAG website.

## Invitation to attend the next meeting

<b>Date: 6.30pm Tue April 23rd 2003</b>	<b>Venue: 110 Newgate Lane</b>
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### AGENDA

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matter arising from the minutes
4. Reports and updates
  - a. Children's playground
  - b. Jackson's Park
5. NAG neighbourhood questionnaire
6. Any other business
7. Date and time of next meeting

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Yours sincerely

*Michelle Ward*

Chairperson, Newgate Action Group

**Do you have an issue you wish to have discussed in depth at a future meeting?**

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Use the space below to remind yourself of questions or comments you wish to raise at the next meeting.

If you can't make it to the next meeting you can submit questions from the 'Contact Us' page on our website or you can leave comments in our online forum.

[www.the-nag.org.uk](http://www.the-nag.org.uk)

Minutes of the meeting of the  
**Newgate Action Group**  
held 6.30pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2003 at 110 Newgate Lane

**1. Attendees**

Ian Lilliman (Secretary)	Resident
Gary Jones (Vice Chairman)	Resident
John Pickering (Treasurer)	Resident
Barbara Miller	Resident
Margaret Wheat	Resident
John Gunn	Resident
May Gunn	Resident
Jean Lissaman	Resident
Samatha Raggart	Mansfield District Council
Courtney Nangle	Mansfield CVS (Council for Voluntary Services)
Councillor Malcolm Sage	Mansfield District Council

**2. Apologies**

Michele Ward (Chair)	Resident
Councillor Barbara Nestor	Mansfield District Council
Ann Norman	Resident
Caroline Beastall	Resident

**3. Introductions**

3.1. The meeting began at 6.30pm and all were welcomed by Gary Jones, acting as Chair.

**4. Previous Minutes**

4.1. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be a true record.

**5. Reports & Updates**

**5.1. Children's Playground** – Work is still in progress but has been delayed due to the poor weather. However, work has re-commenced and should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

**5.2. Newgate Lane Drains** – Margaret Wheat reported that the drains outside the cottages on Newgate Lane have been inspected and jetted to clear debris. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE PERSON CLEANING OUT THE DRAINS STATED THAT THEY WERE SOAKAWAYS AND NOT DRAINS IN THE PROPER SENSE. Council officers please take note!  
**Action – Ian Lilliman (Secretary)**

**5.3. Additional Park Funding** –Samantha Raggart reported that funding was available for any additional work on Jackson's Park and asked the group for their ideas. Those at the meeting voiced a number of issues as follows:

1) Bins at the Empire street end of the park are constantly full. It was asked if these could be emptied more regularly, or perhaps another bin installed

2) The two vandalised trees at the Birkland St end of the park could do with being replaced. *Samantha said that she was having great difficulties in contacting Groundwork regarding this*

*particular matter. Ian Lilliman said he would also chase up Groundwork.*

3) Footpaths need renewing in various places across the park.

4) Scooters (moped's) still a major problem on the park.

*Samantha said that nothing could be done about the access gates to the park as these needed to be wide enough for motorised 3 and 4-wheel scooters. She suggested that this would be a matter for the Police.*

5) Additional larger dog signage on the park, preferably at each entrance to the park so visitors to the park are aware the area is a 'no fouling' zone.

*Samantha said that this may be possible and would look into it.*

6) Potholes appearing in the park access road, adjacent to the 'No Access' sign. Need repairing before they get worse.

**Action – Samantha Raggart (MDC) / Fiona Clark (Groundwork)**

**5.4. Jackson's Park Cleaning** – Significant progress has been made with the cleanup of the park, with the PIN (Pride in Neighbourhood) team being called out to clean up after all attempts failed through the usual routes, i.e. YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE! However, despite a letter to NAG from Mr Downes (Operations Manager Parks) confirming that the park shall be inspected twice weekly, large amounts of litter are known to have remained on the park for over a week, which begs the question – *is the park being inspected twice a week or cleaned twice a week?*

**Action – Samantha Raggart (MDC)**

## **6. Any Other Business**

**6.1.** A resident reported that she received verbal abuse from youths at the youth shelter on Jackson's Park and when she threatened to call the Police, they began to intimidate her more by saying they would steal her mobile phone.

*Ian Lilliman urged residents to report **ALL** crimes to the Police the moment they happen no matter how insignificant they may be. The Police can only act in situations as they are occurring. No one on the park should have to suffer such intimidation and by working with the Police, this type of behaviour can be eradicated. But while ever residents refuse to report such incidents, the perpetrators will continue such behaviour.*

**6.2.** A resident reported that he had seen a traffic warden booking a number of vehicles on his street for having no road tax. Ian said that at the last meeting held by the South Area Assembly, Councillor Sage voiced his concerns to Ak Kahn (Divisional Commander – Mansfield Police) over the number of untaxed vehicles reported to him by local residents that were not being dealt with. Ian also backed up his statement, saying that the head traffic warden had given NAG a small presentation about the work of the traffic wardens department and how they had been instructed to concentrate on the town centre and how understaffed he was. Ak Kahn gave a personal pledge to have these dealt with and it seems he is holding true to his word.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm

**Next Meeting**

**Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2003, 6.30pm, 110 Newgate Lane**