

# NEWGATE ACTION GROUP

The Community Forum of the Newgate Lane Urban Renewal Scheme  
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Please find enclosed the agenda for the next meeting. Your support at the next meeting would be most welcome. **Please note that we have again included the NAG Neighbourhood Questionnaire at the end of the minutes. This questionnaire is important, as it will be used to determine our future neighbourhood renewal activities. Therefore we would appreciate it if you could find the time to complete the questionnaire and return it to us at the next meeting.**

## The next meeting will be held on

**Tue June 17th 2003 Date: 6.30pm**

**Venue: 110 Newgate Lane**

## AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Talk by Terry Farrelly, Litter Enforcement Officer.
4. Reports and updates
5. Any other business
6. 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.

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Minutes of the meeting of the  
**Newgate Action Group**  
held 6.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2003 at 110 Newgate Lane

**1. Attendees**

Ian Lilliman (Secretary)	Resident
Gary Jones (Vice Chairman)	Resident
John Gunn	Resident
May Gunn	Resident
Samantha Raggart	Mansfield District Council
Councillor Malcolm Sage	Mansfield District Council
Councillor Graham Flint	Mansfield District Council
Courtney Nangle	Mansfield CVS

**2. Apologies**

Michelle Ward (Chair)	Resident
John Pickering (Treasurer)	Resident
Ann Norman	Resident
Caroline Beastall	Resident
Dilwyn Evans	Groundwork
Janet Smith	Resident

**3. Introductions**

3.1. The meeting began at 6.30pm and all were welcomed by Ian Lilliman (Secretary)

**4. Previous Minutes**

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

**5. Reports & Updates**

**5.1. Jacksons Park** – Samantha Raggart (MDC) said that the extra works to the park had begun, most notably with the replacement of the damaged park lighting with a type more resistant to vandalism. In addition, the poles supporting the new lights have been painted with ‘anti-vandal’ paint, which is a type of paint that never dries, reducing the potential for vandals to climb the m

5.1.1. Although 3 new trees are planned to replace the damaged ones, this work will not be done until the autumn, as this is the best time for planting.

5.1.2. An extra bin is to be added to the park near to Empire Street.

5.1.3. Samantha was asked about the inclusion of another bench in the children’s playground. However, she said this was unlikely because there was insufficient room. Ian Lilliman (Secretary) commented that there has to be a sufficient ‘fall-zone’ around play equipment and another bench may intrude into these zones.

5.1.4. As stated in previous meetings, any footpaths on the park that have not been upgraded shall be resurfaced with tarmac.

**5.2. Newgate Lane / Junction with A617 Ratcliffe Gate** – The group had received a letter from the highways department. It said that at peak times, this junction is already overloaded. When combined with the absence of any serious recorded accident problems in the past involving

pedestrians, it has been felt in the past that the advantages to pedestrians of an all red phase would be outweighed by the serious traffic congestion this would cause

Therefore in the short term it is unlikely that any improvement can be made, however this junction is under review by the traffic control section to model an all-red phase, to predict exactly what effects this would have on town centre traffic. In addition, the problem of cars parking on the double yellows outside the dance school has been reported to the traffic wardens for their attention.

## **6. Any Other Business**

- 6.1. Parking on Carter Lane** – May Gunn raised comments about the parking outside of the Oasis hairdressers/Chinese takeaway saying that a number of inconsiderate drivers were parking half on/half off the pavement. Due to the raised footpath outside of the Chinese takeaway, it was impassable when pushing a child in a pushchair forcing people into the path of traffic of a very busy road. **Action - Cllr Graham Flint**
- 6.2. Hanging Baskets** - Samantha Raggart (MDC) informed the group that through the South Area Assembly, a resident on Gladstone Street had requested, and been granted, funding for the placement of 18 hanging baskets on Newgate Lane. Samantha said these would be mounted in an elevated position to deter vandalism.
- 6.3. Youth Clubs** – Cllr.Graham Flint (newly-elected independent Councillor for Titchfield) raised the issue of insufficient activities for teenagers in the area, suggesting that more effort and resources should be utilised to form youth clubs, with activities in tune with the modern teenager. Courtney Nangle (Titchfield Social Inclusion Officer) agreed with Cllr. Flint and said that he would get the local youth worker to contact Graham to discuss in greater detail. **Action - Courtney Nangle**
- 6.4. Crank Calls** – A resident raised concerns over a number of “silent” telephone calls they had received. This prompted another resident to report the same happening to them too. It was suggested that someone might be trying to determine if a property is unoccupied with a view to burgling that property. Residents were urged to be extra vigilant and report anything suspicious to the Police.
- 6.5. Extended Garden Boundary** – A resident asked Samantha Raggart (MDC) why permission had been granted by the Council for a Beresford St resident to extend his or her rear garden boundary, after being told that this would not be possible for anyone on the street whose gardens back onto Jackson’s Park. Samantha said that she was unaware of this, nor of any planning permission being granted. **Action - Samantha Raggart**

## **Next Meeting**

**Tue 17<sup>th</sup> June 2003, 6.30pm, 110 Newgate Lane**



# NAG Neighbourhood Questionnaire

Please complete and bring along to the next meeting.  
**Your answers are very important to us.**

Q.1 How would you rate your neighbourhood with 1 being poor and 10 being excellent

Q.2 What concerns you most about your neighbourhood (tick all that apply)

- LITTER                       VANDALISM                       POOR LIGHTING
- CRIME                                       DRUGS                                       DOG FOULING
- ABANDONED CARS                       UNTAXED VEHICLES                                       GRAFFITI
- ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR                       PERSONAL SAFETY

Q.3 Which of the above would you say concerns you the most and why?

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Q.4 Have you ever been a victim of crime in the last 12 months? YES  NO

Q.5 How would you describe the crime (e.g. burglary / trespass / verbal abuse, etc)

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Q.6 Did you report it to the Police YES  NO

Q.7 If not, why not?

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Q.8 Has the renewal of Jacksons Park increased a particular issue and if so, which?

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Q.9 Which park issues do you think have not been addressed? (tick all that apply)

- LITTER                                       VANDALISM                                       POOR LIGHTING
- CRIME     DRUGS     DOG FOULING
- FOUL LANGUAGE                                       MOTORCYCLES     GRAFFITI
- GANGS OF YOUTHS                       ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR                       PERSONAL SAFETY

***Thank you for your taking the time to complete this questionnaire.  
If you cannot make the next meeting, please push through  
the letterbox at 110 Newgate Lane. All answers are strictly confidential.***