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Freephone 0800 800 3344
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Skate park opens in Kings Park

The hotly anticipated Skate Park in Kings Park was officially opened on Saturday 18th March, giving skaters in the borough a much-needed quality facility.

This spectacular facility, which is free to all users, is joint funded by Sport England, Neighbourhood Management, Boscombe Community Working Partnership, Bournemouth Borough Council and KPSK8,

The park, situated behind the Athletics stand in Kings Park, was designed with the help of KPSK8, a local group of skaters and BMX riders, who worked alongside the specialist contractors Bendcrete and the Landscape and Technical team of



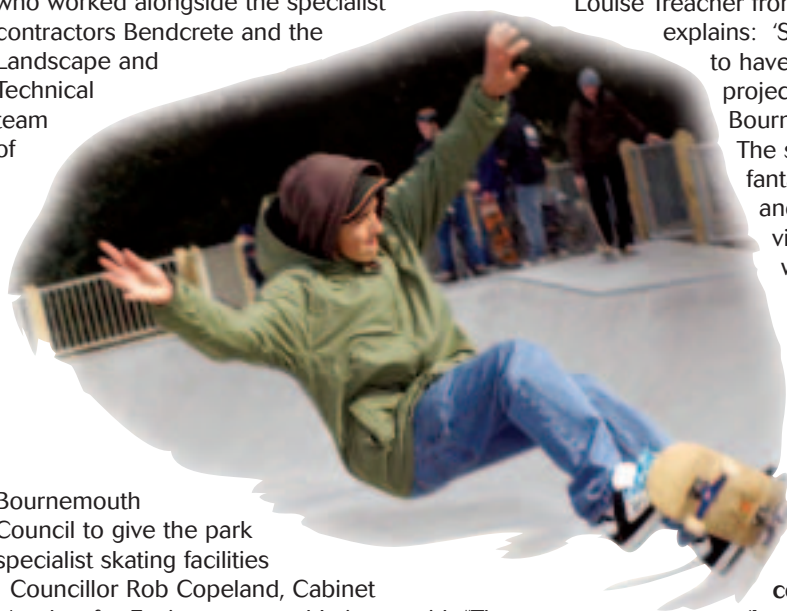
A lot of hard work has been involved in the building of the park, and I would like to congratulate everyone on delivering something that has been craved by so many".

Louise Treacher from Sport England South West explains: "Sport England are delighted to have provided funding for this project and to have worked with Bournemouth Borough Council.

The skate park provides another fantastic facility for Kings Park and realises the dreams and visions of many local people who have been closely involved in the project from its inception. With the links to the Athletics Stadium and the proximity to cycle paths and walkways it provides an excellent example of multi sport opportunities on one site."

■ **For more information on the Skate Park, please contact Sarah Kelly**

(Landscape Officer) on 01202 437821, or Brian Heppenstall (Community Parks and Countryside Officer) 01202 437801.



Bournemouth Council to give the park specialist skating facilities

Councillor Rob Copeland, Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure said: "The new skate park is a new fantastic facility for Bournemouth. Skating is a popular sport, keeps people fit, allows them to develop their expertise and provides a positive focus for energies. The best thing about this park is that the sport can now be enjoyed in safe surroundings, as well as the park providing quality street-style skating elements such as ramps, jumps and grindrails.

New management for Boscombe Market - see page 3

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Sue Warr leaves to head up new project

Sue Warr, Neighbourhood Management's Community Involvement Officer, has left to be the Project Manager for the Partnerships for Older People Project (Dorset).

Sue had worked with NM for three and a half years, during which time she supported the Street Reps, and set up the Tenants Forum, Youth Forum, 50+ Forum, Age and Disability Forum, Groundworkers Forum, Black and Minority Ethnic Forum, and most recently, the Community Based Learning Forum.

Sue re-established the Traders Association, and was responsible for securing the post of Urban Centre Manager for Springbourne and Boscombe.



COMMUNITY ROOM AT SPRINGBOURNE LIBRARY OPEN

After many months of working with Neighbourhood Management and Bournemouth Libraries, Bourne Spring Trust was delighted to invite Mayor of Bournemouth, Cllr. Ted Taylor, to cut the ribbon to declare the Community Room open.

The Mayor said: "I am delighted to open this new area, particularly after the huge amount of work which has

taken place to bring the room to its current state. It was good to see that the local community which fought to keep it (the library) will take advantage of its state of the art equipment and I am sure it will prove to be an excellent and well used facility.

The Room includes a computer suite which can take up to eight people at a time, a meeting area, disabled toilet and a small kitchen.

■ If you would like to hire the room, please contact Jo Keats on 458972 or email joanna.keats@bournemouth.gov.uk

How can I get Involved with Neighbourhood Management?

Here are some of the ways that you can get involved in your area. If you want to know more contact Street Improvement Co-ordinator, Jo Keats on 458972 or Neighbourhood Manager, Dawn Bevan 458708.

Street Reps

Monitor the cleanliness of your street, get involved in environmental projects, and have a direct contact with the community if you want it.

Tenants Forum

Particularly the tenants of private landlords, we want your views and your help to improve local housing. You may want to contact us to be sign-posted for advice or information etc.

Black and Minority Ethnic Forum

Discussing the issues that affect the local diverse BME community, from Fostering to Policing, from Events to Information.

Community Based Learning Forum

This group has been responsible for getting us 'Knitting for Beginners', 'Cooking on a Budget', and 'Person Centred Planning'.

Groundworkers Forum

If you work as a front line worker in the NM area and deliver services either for the Voluntary, Statutory or Private Sectors, this group is for you. Receive training opportunities, share information and network with others.

Traders Association

There is now a thriving Traders Association for the NM area and beyond. We have an 'Urban Centre Manager' and are represented at the Federation of Small Businesses and at the Bournemouth Chamber of Trade and Commerce. Join us if you are a local trader and come along to discuss issues of retail, hotel, business and economic development.

Go green garden event to launch Boscombe in Bloom

It's that time of year again, when our precinct becomes a haven of greenery and our pedestals overflow with a riot of colour.

To Launch Boscombe in Bloom, there will be a special 'Go-Green Garden Event' taking place on Sunday 4th June from 10 am to 3 pm, when the Precinct will turn into a fantastic Garden Centre, with everything you will need this summer to enjoy your garden and hopefully the sunshine! The Mayor of Bournemouth (tbc) will declare 'Boscombe in Bloom' open at 12 noon. There will be a fantastic collection of bedding plants, garden furniture, hanging baskets, BBQ accessories, and produce a-plenty courtesy of the Farmers' Market.

Our thanks go to Boscombe Day Centre for planting out the baskets with the help of the Kings Park Nursery staff, who have grown the bedding plants from seed

We are also grateful to the Boscombe Traders' Association, whose members have kindly sponsored the 25 pedestals, which run from the Crescent, through Sea Road and into the Precinct. And for those who are worried about potential drought conditions this summer, we can reassure you that all watering will take place from rainwater carefully collecting in water butts.

Further details of the event will be available from Neighbourhood Management, Libraries, Community Centres, Visitor Information Centres and hotels, or ring 01202 458970.

New management for Boscombe Market

Boscombe Street Market will now be managed directly by Bournemouth Borough Council and Town Centre Management team from May 2006.

Urban Centre Manager for Boscombe and Springbourne, Carol Butler, said: "We will be working with the market traders to ensure the market is able to flourish and go from strength to strength. This will include the provision of additional marketing and improved presentation of the market stalls."

The Council re-tendered the operation of Boscombe Street Market earlier this year, but received no satisfactory tenders. Further discussions took place with the existing operator but the operator was unable to make an acceptable offer.

The Council feels that the Boscombe Street Market is important to the Boscombe community and hopes to improve and develop the market over the coming months. The new arrangements will continue for 12 months with a review after eight months.

■ For more information please call Carol Butler on 07920 546449 or Marketing & Events Manager, Jon Weaver, on 01202 451737.

Boscombe Traders score in Retail Awards



Boscombe traders fared well at an Awards ceremony to reward local retailers. Bournemouth Chamber of Commerce, and Town Centre Management hosted the event at Marsham Court Hotel.

The Award for Overall Winner in Boscombe went to With certificates awarded to Claire de Lune, Gator Gرافix and Catering & Industrial Clothing in Palmerston Road, Dazzle and Daisy Bridal Collection in the Royal Arcade, and Simoni's Florists in Sea Road.

Winners were rewarded for customer care, delivery of the best shopping experience and best shopfront.

Chairman of the Boscombe Traders' Association, Margaret Butler, said "Boscombe is delighted to be part of such a worthwhile project, raising the profile of retail skills, and rewarding those who consistently give excellent service to their customers.

BOREDOM BUSTERS THIS SUMMER
24th July-1st September

Bournemouth Boredom-Busters Playschemes

Summer Playscheme
9am-1pm for all kids aged 4-12
Fun-Games Footie Crafts-Drama

Kings Park Summer Sports Academy
2pm-4pm for all kids aged 10+
Sports Coaching for:
Football-Tennis-Golf-Cricket
Rugby-Volleyball
Netball-Basketball-Arts and Crafts

All at Kings Park Sports Field

Bournemouth Borough Council
For more details call 01202 437810

COMMUNITY SPORTS TRAILER

A trailer filled with sports equipment is available for use within the Boscombe and Springbourne area. It can be booked out by community groups, youth and voluntary organisations for use within the parks, open spaces and the beach with the aim to increase access to leisure. Sports include: Football, Basketball, Netball, Rugby, Cricket, Hockey, Tennis, table-tennis, Volleyball, Play Equipment (quoits, bean bags, parachute games). The equipment is inclusive of all ages and abilities and best of all it's free! For more information and bookings call the Sports Development Team on 01202 437809.

Glyn Marsh



Here at NM, we want to remember a local champion, a man who gave a huge amount of time and energy, along with his partner Jennie and daughter Jodie, to make a park come alive. Churchill Gardens has gone from being no man's land to a live, vibrant place with new benches, dog bins, and community notice boards. Many hours were spent planting spring and summer flowering bulbs which will now come up year after year.

Glyn always had time to say hello to everyone and had a cheeky grin! He called staff at NM his angels because we were always giving him something else to do. He was a member of the NM Tenants Forum and a dedicated street rep.

Glyn Marsh passed away on April 8th this year and will be missed by family, friends, colleagues and residents. We are sure you will join with us in sending condolences to Glyn's loved ones. A celebration of life service will be held at St Clements Church 1.30pm, Saturday 8th July with refreshments afterwards at Churchill Gardens on Walpole Road.

Churchill Gardens wins national award for its improvements

The Homewatch Group at Churchill Gardens (formerly Walpole Park) were last month given an award by a Central Government scheme called Sparkplugs.

Last year several groups within Bournemouth were invited to give ideas on what they would do to improve their areas if they had any money. The Churchill Gardens Group was awarded £4000 through this scheme and their project centred on involving the local community and improving the local park.

The workforce included local residents and children as the group set about planting several thousand spring and autumn flowering bulbs including daffodils and crocuses as well as a new shrub garden which will be cared for by the community. New benches were installed facing away from the children's playground and are already proving very popular as is the extra dog fouling bin. An extra notice board, which will hold information about the history of the park and any future events, has been placed at a busy entrance to the park.

Councillor Robert Copeland, who helped plant bulbs and shrubs, allocated some of the Local Improvement Fund into



planting more autumn bulbs to provide more colour to this local community park. Also in recognition of the work that the group has done, Neighbourhood Management provided funding for another litterbin and also name signs stating the park's new name (it became Churchill Gardens last year after a vote by local residents), which will add more prestige.

The improvements to the park seem to have been welcomed by all visitors to the area, the park is better cared for by the residents, people are increasingly picking up after their dogs and the new litter bin is being used readily, the new benches are a popular sunspot and the notice board will provide a useful point of contact for the community!

Churchill Gardens is truly a Community Park and the credit has to go to the local residents who have worked extremely hard to make these changes!

■ **For more information on this project please contact Community Parks and Countryside Officer, Brian Heppenstall, on 01202 437801, or alternatively email brian.heppenstall@bournemouth.gov.uk**

COULD YOU BE A CARER?

Bournemouth is lucky to already have a wide variety of excellent carers, however we need to ensure that we have more carers who can offer foster homes to teenage boys and girls who need long term, stable placements.

Children come into care for many different reasons. Regardless of their race, culture, religion or language they need a warm, caring environment where they can feel safe. Becoming a foster carer is a life changing experience that can be very rewarding.

A fostering family can be made up of married couples, same sex couples or single people just as long as you are committed to providing care and support for children, you could be just the people we need.

On a practical note you will need a spare bedroom, plenty of relevant experience, the commitment to undergo our assessment process and training and of course, you will also need lots of patience, time and energy. If you feel that you could be committed to supporting children reach their full potential, then fostering could be the right choice for you and your family.

■ **If you feel you can help and are interested in finding out more, please contact the Fostering Team on 01202 456757 or email fostering@bournemouth.gov.uk**

A STITCH IN TIME



Eighteen people signed up for the recent 'Knitting for Beginners' classes funded by Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities scheme, part of the NM Community-based Learning Forum.

This class has been meeting at the newly refurbished Springbourne Library Community Room. Those who attended learnt how to: cast on, cast off, knit, pearl, decrease, increase, and knit with alternative materials (plastic bags, wire, twine, fabric strips etc.).

The class was so successful that additional classes were held, and the group of learners asked for a Textiles Course to be held as soon as funding is identified (to teach Upholstery, Dressmaking, Silk Painting, Quilting, Crochet, and Lace making.



BUDGET COOKING CLASSES A SUCCESS

The recent Community-based learning classes, funded by the Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities scheme, teaching local people how to cook healthy food on a budget, finished on Saturday 15th April with a meal for 14 people prepared by the learners!

A three course meal was prepared with four choices of starter and four choices of main course, all followed by fresh fruit salad.

The Echo came along to take some photos, and course tutor, Tony Gibbons, has been promised further funding to train some 'Healthy Eating' volunteers, to support local schemes and programmes.

Dorset Arts Week is coming to Boscombe

Local artists are planning a two week exhibition of their work in Boscombe during Dorset Art Weeks 27th May – 11th June. Venues include shops in the Royal Arcade, Crumbs Café, The Salad Centre, Bournemouth Centre for Community Arts, and AFC Bournemouth, all of which will be linked by an arts trail.

If you would like to contribute by offering exhibition space, materials, sponsorship or assistance please contact us now. Details of the Art Trail will be available in libraries, Visitor Information Centres, hotels, Neighbourhood Management and at local community venues throughout the area.

■ For further information, contact Lee Hadaway at talk@boscombe.org.uk, or ring 07789 865934

Funday aids community involvement

In April Neighbourhood Management ran a Community Involvement Fun Day in the Sovereign Shopping Centre.

The event was attended by the Police, Dorset Fire and Rescue Service, Neighbourhood Wardens, and included a funfair for small children with hot dog and candy floss stalls. Mr Magic provided puppet and balloon entertainment throughout the day.

Inside the shopping centre there was entertainment and activities provided by Bournemouth Chinese School – traditional dance and costume events, classical mandolin playing, origami, and calligraphy – and information stalls provided by Job Centre Plus, The Pensions Agency, the Healthy Living Project and Age Concern Bournemouth.

What is the Local Area Agreement (LAA)

The Local Area Agreement (LAA) is an opportunity for Bournemouth Council and its partners to make a difference to the lives of people in Bournemouth.

The process of creating this agreement – between the partners and with the national government – for improved outcomes in Bournemouth, has to be completed for February 2007.

To help co-ordinate the LAA, Stuart Twiss has been appointed as Project Manager for one year. Stuart is the first port of call for answers to any questions or matters to do with the LAA and will be in touch so that you can play your role in its development.

Stuart is based in Room 73 of the Town Hall for one year and you can contact him on 01202 458210 or 07739 659293 or by email at Stuart.Twiss@bournemouth.gov.uk

Helpful sources of information about LAAs can be found on the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) and the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) websites at www.odpm.gov.uk and www.idea-knowledge.gov.uk respectively. Here you can find detailed guidance that will be used for Bournemouth's LAA and ideas about how other local authorities and partnerships have tackled matters important to their communities

The Bournemouth Partnership shared a learning event with Council members and the Government of the South West (GOSW) to find out more about the Local Area Agreement (LAA) and what it will be able to contribute to our vision for Bournemouth.

The first task is to be clear about what we want to achieve and we are expected to have a long list of these 'outcomes' by June.

The day helped us all move towards that deadline with group work that had people proposing outcomes linked to the Bournemouth Partnership Vision and nominating lead partners for actions to achieve them. Interestingly the most popular outcomes to work on were :

- Building a network of vibrant local communities that people are proud to be a part of,
 - Fewer disadvantaged areas as a result of better resource distribution across and investment in communities,
 - More opportunities for participation for different groups and ages to work, learn and play together
 - Greater personal responsibility for health and well-being
- Stuart is keen to make sure the project creates a LAA that can make a material difference to the lives of people in Bournemouth within its lifespan of three years.
- Critical to the success of such an important project will be :
- taking the chance to listen to the people of Bournemouth
 - using the LAA to strengthen the existing partnerships
 - getting commitment from all the partners at an early stage
 - developing an understanding about what value can come from joint working, and what cannot
 - having good governance of the LAA which was transparent and democratically accountable,
 - being clear about the use of the initial money
 - thinking ahead to potential problems and solving these together before they caused friction
 - and balancing our aspirations with what is achievable in three years.

HEALTHY LIVING PROJECT



Healthy Living Board Members

Elaine Findlay, Acting Chair,
Springbourne resident

Cat Jung,
Neighbourhood Management

Vivienne Aird Bournemouth
Council for Voluntary Service (BCVS)

Cllr Robert Copeland
Elected Member

Scott Fountain
Boscombe Resident

Tony Gibbons
Boscombe Food Centre

Joy Reynolds
Bournemouth Teaching PCT

John Ludlow Healthy Living
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Budget (SRB) Rep

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Springbourne Resident

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New Health Information Point opens

A brand new Health Information Point was opened in Bournemouth on 27 April 2006 at King's Park School, King's Park, Bournemouth by Pratap Deshpande, Corporate Director of Bournemouth Borough Council.

The launch incorporated a free MOT health check drop in for members of the community. Staff were on hand to assist with a range of testing: cholesterol, lung function, blood pressure and body mass index. A free raffle was held for all participants.

The Health Information Point will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week, from 8am to 10am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm.

Access for everyone is available in nearby Station Approach, so why not call in – there are opportunities to find out about activities in the area, meet health professionals and get information about healthy lifestyles.



Are you interested in being part of this exciting project?

The King's Park School Health Information Point is looking for volunteers to help the community by giving out information, researching on the internet, or just by having a listening ear.

No formal qualifications are required, and full training will be provided! This is a good opportunity to develop new skills

Give us a call to find out more on 01202 720319

Helen's Home Page

Giving yourself a challenge helps strengthen the mind



“ While I am writing this there is one week to go, and by the time you read this I will (hopefully) have completed it.

Preparing for a marathon can be a very daunting and frightening prospect. It has involved many months of disciplined training. I have run across clifftops, and up and down hills in blistering 80F/25C degree heat, battled against wind, rain and occasional hail, sleet and snow, early mornings along the seafront, when a warm bed and a hot cup of tea seemed so much more appealing. There have been aches, pains and blisters. Then the nerves start to kick in as the big day approaches.

It all sounds like a nightmare, and there have been times when I think it would be easier to give up. This is not the first marathon I will have run and the reason I put myself through what may seem like a gruelling schedule is that because along with the weeks and months of hard work comes the feelgood factor, the elation at being part of something that a few years ago seems like something way beyond

my reach, the community spirit of the competitors and the cheering of the spectators and there is no other feeling so wonderful than the personal achievement, having taken on a challenge, conquered it and finally crossed the finishing line.

It can be daunting taking on a challenge, whether it is walking or running three miles, taking up a new activity, starting a new course, or in my case running 26

miles. It is usually harder than we expected or wanted it to be, but the personal journey can be very rewarding. Each new achievement promotes physical and mental fitness. Nobody can take away the personal satisfaction of your own efforts, you did it yourself and it will always be with you.

Life is full of challenges often frightening and worrying, but taking them on can make us stronger and more able to cope with whatever may come our way.

Why not give yourself a goal, and get the children involved too. My two lovely girls have been so supportive and cycled with me while I ran which has kept them fit in the process.

Everyone benefits. Good luck, keep trying. For any advice or help in getting started on a new venture call me on 07747 312095 ”



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Dates below are subject to change.

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