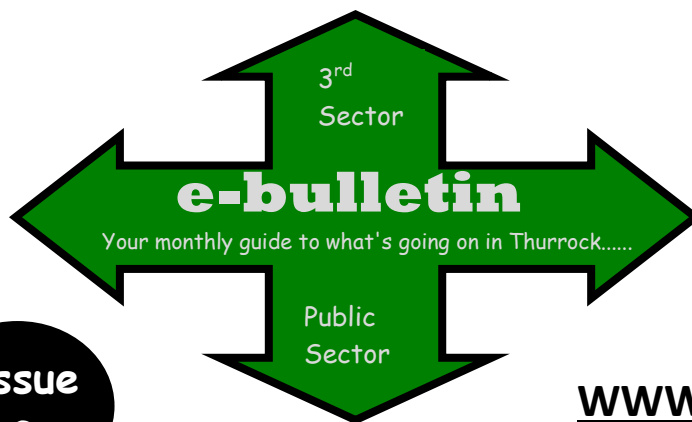


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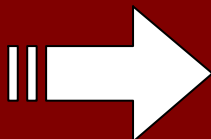
Introduction

At last new website goes live!!!!

Our new website is now up and running and you will find it a lot easier to find your way around the site. There are sections on The Take Part project, The Community Involvement Board and of course TCEN, there are also easy links to Funding & Grants and news stories. If you have any information that you feel will be useful to other groups in Thurrock please [contact us](#) so that we can include it on our website and also our next e-bulletin. So why not visit www.tcen.org.uk

Our objective is to enable Thurrock's residents and communities to be aware of, inform and influence local policy and the provision of services. This bulletin promotes this objective by providing information on upcoming events and consultations as well as news and updates that may affect you or your organisation group or club.

The information in this bulletin can be found in more depth on our website www.tcen.org.uk this e-bulletin is designed to act as a signposting tool only.



[Click for community events calender](#)

Funding & Grant info

[1000 Days to Go Grant deadline extended till 28th February](#)

[Two new grants listed this month](#)

For information on how to access the [GRANTfinder](#) website where you can input your own criteria for your project and it will search approximately 4,000 Funders to find ones that are suitable. Other grants available can also be found on [this link](#), two local grants from TTGDC Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation can also be accessed via the link along with other longstanding funding opportunities. If you become aware of any funding opportunities please inform TCEN at info@tcen.org.uk so that we may feature them on the link.

Shaping Thurrock Information

Shaping Thurrock is the Local Strategic Partnership for Thurrock. Their aim is to bring together the leaders of strategic organisations and representative networks of the Voluntary Community and Faith (VCF) sectors in the planning of service provision and local development. Please follow the link to the programme board of interest.

Sustainable Communities Programme Board- (SCPB) of the Shaping Thurrock partnership covers a broad and diverse range of topics including Thurrock's economic development, culture, the environment and infrastructure.

Healthier Communities Programme Board (HCPB)

The Healthier Communities Executive has been established as a programme board of Shaping Thurrock since September 2005. The overarching aim of the board is to develop and drive the strategic direction of health and wellbeing of the population of Thurrock.

Thurrock Community Safety Partnership (TCSP)

Don't forget to read Safer Thurrock. The latest edition of the Thurrock Community Safety Partnership newsletter highlights the partnership work with organisations including Essex Police, Essex Fire and Rescue and great results from the Thurrock Road, Rail and Fire Safety group. **Edition 8 is available now at [newsletter_issue8.pdf](#)** or by email from safer.thurrock@thurrock.gov.uk

Thurrock Children's Trust (TCTB)

Children's Trusts are local partnerships which bring together the organisations responsible for services for children, young people and families in a shared commitment to improving children's lives.

The Community Involvement Board (CIB)

The CIB works with both the public sector and the Third Sector in Thurrock to ensure communities and voluntary sector organisations can have their voices heard.

Consultations

There are 3 current consultations.

A consultation on the [Local Bus Services](#) runs from 21st December and finish on 20th February 2010.

[Minerals & Waste issues & options](#) runs from 10th December 2009 until 18th February 2010.

Consultation on the [Proposed closure of Quarry Hill Junior School](#). 29th January 2010 to 12th February 2010 & 29th March 2010 to 10th May 2010

For more information and to take part in the above consultations click on links above. Better still [sign up](#) to receive automatic emails when new consultations are added.

Feature Organisation

This month's featured organisation is
[One Community Development Trust \(OCDT\)](#)

Our vision for One Community Development Trust "To provide the effective leadership that will deliver opportunities and inspiration-raising achievements levels for all and realising the potential in our community that will make Chadwell and Tilbury a place where people are proud to live"

If your organization would like to take advantage of advertising your group on this page please contact Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk

Opportunities & Training

[Link to Opportunities & Training Take Part Pathfinder](#)

This page gives information on over 35 ways local people can become more active citizens. Whilst we realise you may already be heavily involved yourself, please pass this information on to members of your group. If you have any opportunities within your organisation where local people can become involved or you would like someone to give a short presentation on the many varied opportunities and training available in Thurrock, please let us know by contacting Terry Piccolo at Terry.Piccolo@tcen.org.uk

Success Stories

Green Green Grass Not Homes

Having asked for stories where local residents are making a difference in their neighbourhood, we have been told of the success achieved by the residents of North Grays. Thurrock Thames Gateway Development Corporation (TTGDC) asked for residents views on the North Grays Masterplan option in late July early August last year. All 3 options suggested were in one way or another unacceptable to the local residents, the most alarming proposal was the developments proposed on Blackshots Playing Fields. A small group of concerned residents got together and formed the North East Grays Action Group (NEGAG) in an attempt to get local residents to make their views known to TTGDC by sending back the questionnaire. What was the result? Over 1000 responses were received by TTGDC the vast majority of them against not only the development on Blackshots but also other areas of Green Belt land in the proposal.

Did they make a difference? Well according to Mike Lee of NEGAG they certainly did!!

When the Draft North Grays Masterplan went out for resident's views between November & December last year the development of Blackshots Playing Fields was no longer part of the scheme along with revised plans for other Greenbelt sites. Mike of NEGAG says "Whilst the new Masterplan still contains schemes we would prefer not to go ahead, the major issues we raised have been reflected in the revised plan, It is perhaps unrealistic to have hoped that residents would get all our own way, but we feel we have proved that if local residents act together they can make a difference!!"

Links & Forms

[Links Page:-](#)

This page gives you a list of very useful links to many organizations and information websites we are always interested in adding links so if you have information on a website that will benefit our members please let us know by contacting info@tcen.org.uk

[On line forms:-](#)

Links to useful forms including, membership forms for Thurrock CVS, ngage, TCEN. Consultation update requests etc.

ngage

Please follow this link to the ngage regular update page, their updates include the latest neighbourhood watch figures, information on any scams & con tricks operating in the area, training, and much more, it is well worth the visit.

[Ngage update](#)

This e-bulletin is intended to assist our members in accessing information relevant to their needs and keeping them informed of current developments. It is also intended to increase the opportunities to Take Part and influence local policy and decisions. We are here to empower you not overpower you so please let us know of any other topics you would like included in this bulletin, and also whether you find it useful.