

# WEST PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER Spring 2006



### **Annual General Meeting is scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at 7.30 pm in the United Reformed Church on Spen Lane.**

It is hoped that local councillors and the neighbourhood police will be in attendance.



Items to be discussed include High Multiple Occupancy, STEP (Supporting the Elderly People), progress on establishing the West Park Conservation Area and Lawnswood School. It is heartening that the Association has the support of so many households in the West Park area.

**Please continue to support the association in providing a voice for the issues that affect our community.**

### **WEST PARK CONSERVATION AREA**

Proposals are in hand to establish a conservation area covering the Edwardian area of housing approximately bounded by Spen Road, Spen Lane and the Playing fields.

This builds on the excellent work done in establishing the Far Headingley, Weetwood and West Park "Neighbourhood Design Statement" accepted by the Council last year, and which is now being used to gauge the impact on the area of new planning applications. A progress report on the conservation area proposal will be given at the AGM.

### **STEP**

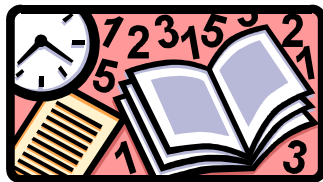
The STEP programme ("Supporting The Elderly People") now has a full-time coordinator, Mrs Wendy Moore. It is planned for Mrs Moore to give a brief presentation at the AGM on the scope and anticipated work of STEP within the local community.

### **High Multiple Occupancy (HMO)**

Last year's AGM was addressed by Dr Richard Tyler and it is hoped that he will again attend and update us all on the trends and developments associated with the licensing of houses for multiple occupancy / rental properties.

### **LAWNSWOOD SCHOOL**

There are now two local residents on the Board of Governors for the School.



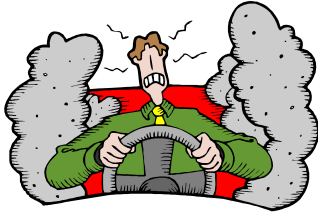
This last year has seen regular meetings held at the School involving the headmaster, deputy head, local residents and the police. These have helped bring to the attention of the School a range of issues, exploring ways of resolving these.

Unfortunately, litter still is a problem on many streets, especially after the lunch break. Until recently the number of incidents of hooliganism does seem to be less than last year.

The AGM will provide an opportunity for local residents to raise issues associated with the School.

## TRAFFIC ISSUES

Traffic in the area (unsurprisingly) is increasing each year, and there has been an increase in parking associated with the introduction of a parking scheme for residents who are affected by the university campus at Beckett Park, also Kepstorn Road seems to have



become more affected by parked cars, possibly related to commuters using buses into Leeds. The North West Inner Area Transport Group has recently started meeting and is to consider developing a parking strategy for the A660 corridor. The Association is represented on this group, which also includes areas off the A660 down to and including Headingley (which really has traffic and parking problems).

## IN CONCLUSION

This past year has been relatively quiet, nothing appears to be happening as regards the Bodington Playing Fields development, Supertram seems to have “hit the buffers” and no-one appears to be wanting to build on the West Park playing fields (as yet).

However, there have been several planning issues including the ongoing saga of 3 Arncliffe Road and possible flat developments on Kepstorn Road. The “email list” of the Association provides an effective way of alerting local residents to possible contentious planning applications, and so allows residents, if they think it appropriate, to lobby the planning authorities.

**Please support the Association and help to improve and preserve the character of the area and the general community.**

## CONTACT DETAILS:

The Association has an **email address** which provides a fast and effective way for the Association and members to keep in touch. If you’ve recently ventured into the “virtual world” and want to join the Association’s e-mailing list, please send an email to the following address: **[westpra@btinternet.com](mailto:westpra@btinternet.com)**

**Residents can also contact the Association through its current officers:**

Finally and sadly the Association has had to say goodbye to Hilary Adolfson, with her impending move away from the area. She was one of the founding members when the Association first met in January 1991, a past Chair of the Association and an active committee member right up to 2006. The Association thanks her for all her hard work in the past and wishes her well for the future in her new home.