

# **SOUTH GOSFORTH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

## **Your Local Voice**

### **WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2008**

South Gosforth Residents Association (SGRA) is a group of people whose aim is to improve the area in and around the South Gosforth area. We do this by working in partnership with the local authority, councillors and residents to find solutions to issues affecting each and every one of us.



### **WRENDALE HOUSE & DRAINS**

**These are some of the issues that we have tackled over the last year, we haven't had room to list them all in this letter but here are some of the main ones.**



Wrendale House was by far one of the biggest upheavals in the area that affected a lot of people, after all the work was completed the area of access land was turfied.

A vehicle tried to get over the turf and very quickly got bogged down and had to be towed out by a recovery vehicle. Those who walk by the top of Ridgewood Gardens will remember the aftermath.

The Association brought this to the Council's attention and this was re-laid within 48 hours (Persimmon Homes arranged for this to be done). To finish off the area of the land at the top of Ridgewood Gardens bollards will be installed to prevent this from happening in the future.

Also as a result of the above happening the Council arranged for the new street lighting programme to be brought forward to improve visibility in the area.

The Association contacted Your Homes Newcastle to invite a representative to attend a meeting, we highlighted some of the problems that residents were having with the drains. dropped kerbs, the wall has been tidied as well. As you can see pictures speak louder than words when we are trying to make a point in what needs to be sorted.

### **South Gosforth Roundabouts**

We have raised over the year the condition of the pools at the road junctions; this was resurfaced earlier on in the year and also the road markings redone as well.

### **Pavements in the area**

We have raised our concerns to the Council regarding the cracked pavements leading down Station Road and outside the Tenerife Buildings. (Due to inconsiderate parking).

After raising this issue at many ward meetings over the last year the bollards have now been installed on Station Road down from the Tenerife buildings.

### **Graffiti**

We have also raised with the Council the problem of graffiti in the area, And have taken up the problem of chewing gum left on the pavement outside the fish & chip shop with the council who have agreed to remove it soon.

### **Milldene Home**

We campaigned to the Council to improve the land that was outside the Milldene Home, this used to attract debris and has now been tarmaced over.

Also we have met with the Milldene Home to discuss why the green bin is left on the walkway. We are making progress with this long standing issue.

### **Seating on the Green**

What do residents think about putting extra seating – picnic area on the green?

Please can you either email your comments to Jerry or Sonia via the website or if you like please drop a comment through my door.

Useful Contracts. **Darren Penaluna** - Neighbourhood Response Manager

Responds to issues around graffiti, litter and grounds maintenance - Email: [darren.penaluna@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:darren.penaluna@newcastle.gov.uk)

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### **How to contact the South Gosforth Residents Association**

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[www.southgosforth.org](http://www.southgosforth.org) (Registered Charity No 1097323)

### **Advert.**

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**(Sheila spent 10 years in Italy hence the Italian Connection) as well as providing a buffet service.**

**Chef Allesandro from Rome dishes out typical Italian Specials that are changed regularly.**

**Watch the Chalkboard**

### **Dates of our next meetings**

**If you have an issue that you would like to raise or would like to join in with any of our meetings then come along to the Brandling Pub, South Gosforth at 7pm on any of the following Mondays:**

**1<sup>st</sup> September - 6<sup>th</sup> October**

**3<sup>rd</sup> November – 8<sup>th</sup> December**