

# MACKWORTH ESTATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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At the Annual General Meeting held in September the members elected to the Committee were Paul Pegg (Chair), Fred Prime (Vice-Chair), Les Broughton (Treasurer), Fr John Phillips, Lawrence Lomax, Pat Godfrey, Tony Fox, Kim Fox, Pete MacRorie, John Millar, Kevin Bowler, and we are pleased to welcome Andy Ong who replaced Barbara Riley following her wish not to seek re-election, last but not least Judy Kelsall remains Secretary.

Where are we with regards to the lease for the St, Francis Family Centre? all I can tell you is that it is in the hands of both sets of Solicitors, and that a draft lease has been drawn up and has soon as the t's have been crossed and the l's dotted there will be an announcement in the press.

You will have seen that MECA have put in a bid of £150,000 over three years for a dedicated youth worker on Mackworth Estate. If the bid is successful the worker will be employed by MECA, and will be responsible for getting out and meeting with the young people on the streets, and in the schools to find out precisely what it is that they would like to do, the worker will then put on and organise those activities. This bid was put together with the help of Derby College staff, the Students Union at Derby College and Derby CVS, hopefully we should hear within the next few months if we are successful or not. It is not easy to put a large bid like this one together, infact this one took us over twelve months.

We were unsuccessful with our £80,000 bid to the Children In Need Fund for a skate park, but we will continue to seek funds for its development.

Over the next few months MECA will be looking at funding bids for a variety of activities, such as trampolining, kayaking, cycling, if there are any adults out there that would be come involved, please contact the Secretary, Judy Kelsall on 346356.

There are a number of youngsters who would like to join a local fishing club or even start one of their own but require the help of an adult(s) who know about fishing if you can or would like to help please contact Judy Kelsall.

In December MECA will be asking the local councillors for funding from Area Panel 5 for a notice board that will be sited by the steps at the shopping area on Prince Charles Avenue. The notice board will be available for use by all voluntary organisations and the churches on Mackworth Estate to advertise there various activities.

Paul Pegg has received a number of telephone calls of late with regards to the future of the mobile library, apparently there is a young male going around with a clip board telling residents that the Library Service is going to be

withdrawn, this is not true, Paul has been in touch with both Councillors Lisa Higginbottom and Richard Gerrard, who have been given assurances from the City Councils Cabinet Member for Cultural Services Alan Graves, that there are no plans either now or in the future to remove the library service.

At the foot of this page you will see that there is a tear of slip which we want you to fill in and tell us what you would like to see on Mackworth Estate.

For far to long now in certain areas Mackworth Estate as been neglected and we want you to tell us what you would like the MECA to lobby the City Council for, we know about the road crossing, on Prince Charles Avenue and Brackensdale Avenue, but what else do you believe we should have that other areas have got that we on Mackworth Estate haven't?

Judy Kelsall has received many complaints about the state of pavements on Mackworth Estate and especially Balham Walk and has petitioned the City Council through Area Panel 5 for them to be repaired.

We at MECA want to know what activities you would like to see taking place, we are not just asking the young we want to know from all age groups and organisations that live and work on Mackworth Estate, so that we can plan and yes help put on some of the activities.

Please return the form to the Secretary Judy Kelsall 47 Willesden Avenue, Mackworth Estate, DE22 4EZ or to any member of the Committee.

**The committee would like to wish all Residents of Mackworth Estate a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous and Healthy New Year!**

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