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Neighbourhood Waste Action Project

Annual Report

2003 - 2004

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Introduction

The Neighbourhood Waste Action Project is a partnership between Brumcan and local community groups. Initially funded through SRB 2 and the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme, it is currently supported by Birmingham City Council and WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental) through the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. The Project aims to encourage and promote waste minimisation, re-use and recycling by developing a network of neighbourhood-based initiatives. The Project is working in several different neighbourhoods in the southern part of the Birmingham area providing educational services to schools, youth and community groups. The Project is set against a background of a continuing rising mountain of rubbish and supplements the existing recycling services provided by Birmingham City Council.

The areas that have been involved this year, April 2003 – March 2004 are:

- ❖ **Optima Community Association (B15 area)**
- ❖ **Balsall Heath (B12 and B5)**
- ❖ **Friends of Cotteridge Park (B30)**
- ❖ **The Small Heath ward (B10)**
- ❖ **The Moseley Ward (B12, B13, B14)**
- ❖ **The Sparkhill Ward (B11 and B12)**
- ❖ **The Sparkbrook Ward (B11)**

Throughout the year, schools and local residents have benefited from newsletters, workshops, seminars and displays at local events to encourage greater participation in the recycling schemes provided by Brumcan and Birmingham City Council. The work



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provides practical information on waste minimisation and recycling through the provision of information and demonstration of examples of re-use.

Further details of all these activities and the communities involved are included in this report, which is the second of the project.

Activities in the second year have concentrated on cementing relationships with community groups in the project areas, integrating Brumcan and waste recycling into everyday life. As a result, contracts for recycling services have been signed with several community partners, this has led to Brumcan's involvement in a range of local events.

Des Munelly from The Tenants & Residents of Cleveland Tower (TRACT) receives a certificate to celebrate their recycling success from Ann Brookman, Waste Action Project Co-ordinator, Brumcan





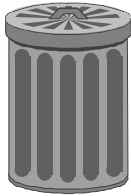
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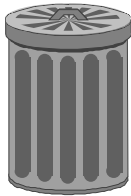
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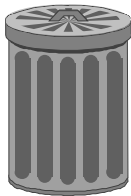
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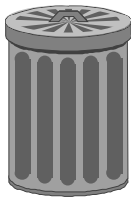
To increase awareness and understanding of sustainable waste management issues amongst community groups in Birmingham



To increase participation in waste reduction and sustainable waste management activities amongst individual households



To encourage better use of existing re-use and recycling services and identify opportunities for the development of new community based initiatives



To develop a high quality sustainable waste management self-help guide for neighbourhoods



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Project Activities

AWARENESS RAISING WORKSHOPS

A total of 20 workshops were held in the project areas, these were attended by 443 people from over 25 different resident and youth groups. The workshops were designed to increase peoples knowledge on waste and recycling issues through a mixture of talks and practical re-use activities.

The workshops were used as opportunities to distribute information leaflets, newsletters and to promote home composting.



Talfourd Street Clean Up Day.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Project has been actively involved with 26 community groups and organisations during the year. These groups have been mainly in the Small Heath and Moseley/Balsall Heath areas and are listed below with community partners highlighted.

Small Heath Residents Association
Danford Gardens Wardens and Residents Group
Small Heath Street Wardens
Small Heath Transportation & Environment
Group
Digby North Residents Association
Digby South Residents Association

Islamic Support Group Meetings
Sparkbrook Street Wardens
Moseley Environment Wardens
Clean Environment Theme
Group (Moseley)
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Moseley WAB

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Small Heath Community Forum
Green Association
Small Heath Ward Advisory Board
Talfourd Residents Group
Small Heath & Bordesley Green Community
Safety Forum
Small Heath Federation
Friends of Small Heath Park

Islamic resource centre, Balsall
Heath
United We Stand
Mary Street Gurdwara, Balsall
Heath

Brookfield Residents Association, Hockley

TRACT

Kilbey & Lighthorne RA
Friends of Cotteridge Park

Calendar of Events & Displays Attended During the Year.

April 30 th 2003	Environment Day for Sparkhill/Sparkbrook area
May 22 nd	Asda Stores display
June 2 nd	Birmingham City Council, Environment Week
June 27 th	Talfourd Street Clean up Day, Small Heath
July 5 th	CoCoMad event in Cotteridge park
July 11 th	Painting It Green, Young Peoples Parliament
July 20 th	Party in the Park, Balsall heath
Sept 27 th	Community fun day, Hockley
Oct 8 th	Sparkbrook Street Wardens open day
Oct 17 th	Noor-ul-uloon Mosque display, Small Heath
Oct 25 th	Moseley Farmers Market display for kerbside celebration
Dec 6 th	Green Association AGM, Small Heath
Jan 29 th 2004	Balsall Heath Churches Centre kerbside celebration
Feb 9 th	Marlborough Infants School parents display
Feb 13 th	Green Lane Mosque display, Small Heath
Feb 19 th	Kings Heath Diversity Day event
Feb 25 th	Bertram Nursery school parents display
Feb 25 th and 26 th	Oldknow junior school parents evenings display
Feb 27 th	St Bernadettes science week parents day
March 11 th	Saltley & Small Heath gardening awards ceremony
March 14 th	Mary street Gurdwara, Balsall Heath
March 22 nd	TRACT (Tenants & Residents of Cleveland Tower)
March 23 rd	Small Heath & Sparkbrook Street Wardens Surgery
March 24 th	Green Funders Fair (Birmingham City Council)

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Lorna Owen, Waste Action Project Officer with the display at Asda Stores Ltd, Small Heath



Birmingham City Council
Environment Week

Moseley Farmers Market



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Masks made by Year 2 pupils ,
St Bernadette's RC Primary
School and displayed during
Science Week.

Display at King's
Heath Diversity
Day



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Compost bins

Distribution of compost bins to promote waste minimisation continued throughout the year. 135 bins were delivered, bringing the total to 388 since the start of the Neighbourhood Waste Action Project.



Source: Blackwalls

Other Project Activities

The Project Steering Group met during the year to discuss progress. Their comments have been incorporated into the Waste Watcher Pack.

A quarterly newsletter has been distributed to residents and organisations in the Project areas with a total of 22,000 being produced. A multi-lingual version was produced in the Spring to encourage participation in recycling schemes in ethnic minority communities.

Media Coverage

Articles on the Project appeared in the Shell Better Britain publication 'Shell Interactive' and in the Balsall Heathen and the Green Association Newsletter, local community publications.

Information on recycling was passed to Radio Ramadan for broadcasting during Ramadan.

