

## **News from the Core Group Meeting held on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2009**

### **Transport Action Team**

The Transport Action Team meeting took place on 17 November 2009 and heard that the County Council would report on the passenger rail feasibility on 18 December 2009. The Action Team also discussed further the County Council's decision to put on hold the improvements to Ollerton roundabout. The Action Team were keen to keep up the pressure on the County Council to address the roundabout problem and it was suggested at the meeting that more needed to be done to stop the Station Road "rat run". The Action Team are monitoring the situation outside St Joseph's School where the daily school run is causing traffic congestion.

### **Disability Action Team**

The Disability Action Team held a meeting on 30 November 2009 and discussed the latest developments with Boots over their failure to obtain planning permission for a ramp. The Action Team will be writing to the Town Council to obtain information about the actual planning application as submitted by Boots. The Action Team was disappointed that the refurbishment of the Co-Op store had not included the proposed disability access improvements. The store manager has told the Action Team that this was due to budget constraints.

### **Eco Shop**

ODEF has received further information about the Future Jobs Fund and has been asked to supply the job descriptions for two workers for the Eco Shop. Meanwhile, there are now sufficient volunteers to open the shop every weekday morning.

### **Ollerton Visitor Guide**

There will be no more distribution of the visitor guide until the spring. Meanwhile, the accompanying website is being updated and will be live shortly.

### **Osaka University, Japan – Graduate Visit**

Osaka University in Japan has contacted ODEF about the possibility of a graduate visiting ODEF next summer to do field work and research into closed colliery communities like Ollerton. The Core Group agreed that the visit would be very beneficial and welcomed the offer from the university.

### **Nottinghamshire County Council**

The County Council's budget proposals for next year have been published and show large cutbacks in services. There are some major effects on Ollerton including the closure of the Bishops Court care home and less funding for the Dukeries services. The Core Group noted the proposals but agreed ODEF could not become involved with any of the community lobbying campaigns that were emerging. However, the Core Group did support the Transport Action Team campaign to improve the road infrastructure in particular the urgent need to improve Ollerton roundabout.

### **Traveller Community Involvement Project**

ODEF has agreed to offer information and advice to any travellers as part of its contribution to the Dukeries Adult Learning project

### **Forum Meetings**

The next Forum Meeting is scheduled to take place in February 2010.