

# Heart of Efford News

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## HECP Special Anniversary Edition

### Dear Efford Resident

Please join us in celebrating our first year anniversary! A year has gone by since you elected us as your Committee to represent the community in working with partners to bring about positive change for Efford.

We now invite you along to our AGM to meet us and some of our partners, hear about our work and elect new Committee Members.

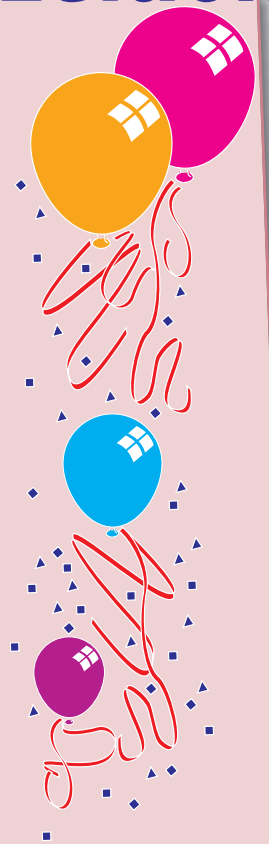
If you want to be nominated for election as a Committee Member, please read on and fill in a nomination form at the back of this newsletter.

Our AGM will take place at Highfield Community School on March 29th between 5.30 – 7pm. There will be plenty to do and lots of opportunities to get to know us and hear about our work with displays and activities galore!

Elections will take place on the same day - all HECP members (anyone who lives or works in Efford) will be able to vote for new Committee Members from 3.15-4.15pm at Highfield and Plymview Schools and at the AGM from 5.30-6.30pm. Make sure you get to have your say!

Look forward to seeing you there!

From the HECP Committee



## Big thanks...

We would like to extend our most appreciated thanks to everyone that has been involved with the HECP in the last year, supporting our work and delivering some excellent projects that contribute to making Efford a better place. We would like to thank all the residents who keep involved and active in the HECP and all our past Committee Members. We wish to thank Highfield Community School for letting us use their premises so often and acknowledge all the support and guidance from our committed Stakeholders, Partners, Councillors and MP.

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# It's been a busy year...

## Take a look at a year in the life of the HECP

**March 2006**

### Demolition of St Pauls Church starts

St Pauls Church moves into temporary Chapel at Highfield Community School



### HECP Committee Elections

HECP Committee and Partners involved in selection and recruitment of Master Planning Consultants

Shillam and Smith Consultants commissioned



**April 2006**

1st HECP Committee Meeting

### Old Efford Lane Library closed



**April - July 2006**

Efford temporary library open at Highfield School

Shillam & Smith Consultants meet Efford residents and service providers and draw up a spatial analysis of the neighbourhood

HECP Committee adopt and finalise Constitution

HECP Committee hold 'visioning session'

Community Consultation is organised

HECP Committee interview and appoint Consultation Workers, Kirsty and Sharon

### HECP Committee Members complete Lottery Funds Training



**August 2006**

HECP Committee involved in recruitment of Efford Artists

HECP Website is launched – [www.hecp.org.uk](http://www.hecp.org.uk)

Master Planning Consultation workshops are held

**September 2006**

### HECP Committee and Artists walkabout

The 'Purple Pod' is delivered



### The 'Purple Pod' is officially opened

Master Plan Community Consultation stage begins and runs for a 6 weeks period

HECP Committee members receive Food Hygiene training



HECP Committee supports Artists working with the Efford Community as part of the Master Plan consultation

**October 2006**

Public Health Development Unit Master Plan Session

Shillam & Smith produces a draft options report for the Efford Master Plan

Plymouth City Council Internal Departmental presentation of the Efford Master Plan options report

HECP Committee member attends 'Building Communities Initiative Summit' in Bridgwater



### HECP Committee members attend Art School at Plymouth Arts Centre

**November 2006**

Children's Centre Official Launch

HECP Committee Member receives 'Leadership Skills' training

## December 2006

Shillam & Smiths Draft Final Report presentation  
HECP Committee Social event  
Arts School Walk through Efford

## January 2007

### HECP New Year Celebration

Master Plan nearing completion and on display for consultation



Heart of Efford Youth Partnership is formed

### SLOW exhibition is launched featuring Efford Artists



## February 2007

HECP Committee organises AGM and election process

HECP Committee seeks support to become a Company Limited by Guarantee

HECP Committee works with partners to submit a Lottery Bid

## Who are the HECP?

- ◆ In case you don't yet know **HECP** stands for **The Heart of Efford Community Partnership**.
- ◆ Members of the Heart of Efford Community Partnership are all who live and work in Efford.
- ◆ We as the elected Committee work on behalf of the Community.
- ◆ The first Committee was set up and elected by Efford residents in March 2006.
- ◆ A steering group existed before the HECP who worked very hard to successfully bid for some SWERDA (South West of England Regional Development Agency) regeneration funding for Efford.
- ◆ The HECP Committee adopted a new constitution (see our aim and objectives below) and has since been busy getting involved with the regeneration of our area.
- ◆ As the HECP Committee we are resident-led; residents always out-number anyone else on the Committee and we work with a number of Co-optee members – other people who work or live in Efford. We also have a huge network of supporting organisations and 'stakeholders' who support us and regularly update us with their work and proposals to develop their projects/services. For example, Plymouth City Council Departments, Plymouth & South West Co-operative Society, Plymouth Public Health Development Unit, Devon and Cornwall Police, Plymouth Arts Centre, Sarsens Housing Association, Lipson Community College, Plymouth Community Partnership and many more.

### The Current Committee:

Steve Payne – Chair  
Kath Hancock – Vice Chair

### Other Resident Committee Members:

Michael Bridgwater  
Cindy Jennings  
Caroline Jones  
Barry Lucas  
Fred Thorne

### Local Service Providers/Business Committee Members:

Rose Lee – Torridge Way Post Office  
Wendy Brown – Efford Youth and Community Centre

### Ward Councillor Committee Members:

Cllr Brian Vincent  
Cllr Andy Kerswell  
Cllr Claude Miller

### Co-opted Committee Members:

Kim Dorian-Kemp – Highfield Community School  
Laurie Doyle – Plym View Primary School  
Ernie Edgcumbe – Efford Children's Centre  
Linda McTear / Paul Boyce – Lipson Community College  
Mike Woods – Torridge Way Tenants and Residents Group

## Aims and Objectives of the HECP

### Aim

To further the interests and improve the quality of life of all who live or work in the Efford Neighbourhood.

### Objectives:

- a. To listen to, consult and share information with the people of the Efford Neighbourhood.
- b. To promote and implement initiatives to further the Aim of the Partnership.
- c. To be the lead body for all consultations relating to the Efford Building Communities Initiative and other local regeneration issues.
- d. To become a focus for community life.

## What does it mean to be a Committee Member?

HECP Committee Members are involved in running the HECP and have various roles and responsibilities. Officers include the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary but other members also play vital roles as part of the Committee and Action groups. Action Groups have been set up to work on certain tasks or to develop projects and are another way for residents, partners and interested 'stakeholders' to get involved to support us in our work.

Committee meetings take place monthly however Committee Members are often meeting as Action Groups to undertake certain tasks – e.g. approve 'quick wins' funding proposals, organise an event. Committee Members are also called upon to attend other meetings as an HECP representative, such as recent Master Planning meetings.

## Some real life experiences of working with the HECP..

*'This last year has been a busy and eventful one for the HECP committee and one in which we have begun to see physical changes in Torrridge Way. The committee not long after its election found itself supporting the master planners as they canvassed members of the local community regarding their hopes and aspirations for Efford. The purple pod, the base for the consultation took up its accommodation in Highfield Community School and held a number of events. Artists through a range of activities engaged with young people to hear their views.*

*In this time the committee have been growing into their responsibility to represent the views of the community to see Efford begin to change for the better. It has been encouraging to see the commitment of all the committee members to this task.*

*Recently it was great to witness the good turnout for HECP New Year Celebration held in Plymview school. Local people were able to see and comment on the findings of the master planners. There was such a positive attitude from all about the future, a real sense of a community in which people are working together to see positive change in the area.*

*It was particularly heartening to have many different groups and agencies involved in Efford at the celebration and to hear of the commitment who are supporting us.*

*It has been a privilege to chair HECP even though it has had a busy and energetic programme.*

*The challenge for the committee ahead is to make sure that we continue this momentum of change that has already begun.'*

*Steve Payne - HECP Chair*

*'I am delighted to have the opportunity to contribute to the Heart of Efford News First Anniversary Edition. This first year has proved an excellent start, there is yet lots more to do, but whenever I meet with people in and around Efford their determination and their community spirit shine through.*

*The HECP Committee and the staff supporting the group have worked tirelessly, both to develop practical and deliverable plans, but also to keep residents fully involved. This newsletter has been a key part of that and I know its bright and informative style have been very important in ensuring that we all know what is going on, and how we can have our say.*

*Together with Claude, Andy and Brian, your very hard working Councillors, I am ready to help wherever I can to ensure that dreams now become reality. I can be contacted on 226626, or you can email me on [gilroyb@parliament.uk](mailto:gilroyb@parliament.uk), or write to me at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA'*

*MP Linda Gilroy*

# Masterplanning Efford Public Art projects

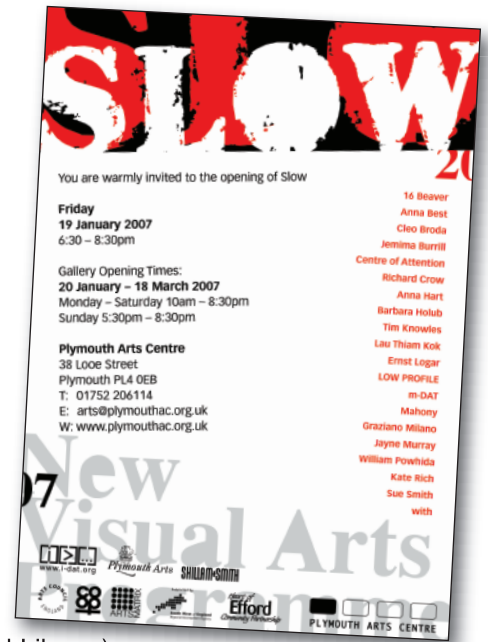
Did you miss seeing the draft Masterplan OPTIONS for Efford Regeneration - for the area around Torrige Way, and for a new school - when they were displayed at the Community Celebration on Saturday 20th January, in Plymview School?

Then see them now at Plymouth Arts Centre, Looe Street, as part of their current Exhibition SLOW – entrance FREE – open until 8.30pm daily. (Exhibition closes 18th March.)

Together with the work of our Efford Arts Project team:



- ◆ Cleo's Efford Recipes (copy of book also in Efford Library)
- ◆ Anna's The Legend of Jack Sorrell (of the Royal Marine) – (free booklets available at Arts Centre)
- ◆ Jayne's NO/YES project, asking young people about where they'd like to be and what they'd like to do in Efford
- ◆ Sue's Efford Moves dance video (see it also on [www.effordmoves.org](http://www.effordmoves.org))



**SMOKEFREE**

## Thinking of Quitting Smoking?

Are you one of the 70% of smokers who would like to quit?

Would you like effective advice and support to help you stop?

The NHS offers free local support that really works. The Smoking Advice Service, your local NHS Stop Smoking Service, runs quit smoking courses across Plymouth and also 1-1 appointments. Home visits are available for pregnant women. Look out for the new Smoke Free Homes Project which starts 28<sup>th</sup> February, your community midwife/health visitor/school nurse will have more details.

Quitting with the Smoking Advice Service, or with a quit smoking adviser in your local GP surgery makes sense because it gives you the best chance of success, **ITS FREE** and all recommended treatments are available on prescription.


**Be Smokefree!** Quitting smoking is one of the very best things you can do for your health and those around you. By quitting smoking you can feel great, look good and save money!

Give us a call today to chat about what support is available for you at The Smoking Advice Service, your local NHS Stop Smoking Service

**0845 155 80 80**

**SMOKEFREE** Plymouth **NHS**  
Teaching Primary Care Trust

**Addicted 2 Dance**  
FEEL THE BEAT



**BRAND NEW**  
**Freestyle Disco and Street Dance Classes**

Starting on Tuesday 6 March 2007 at  
**Lipson Community College Dance Studio**

**Beginners very welcome**  
(mixed ability sessions for male and females)

**TUESDAY NIGHT**  
6pm - 45 minute session ages 5 to 12 years.  
7pm - 45 minute session ages 13 to 16 years.  
**£3 PER PERSON**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**  
7pm - 45 minute session adults  
**£3.50 PER PERSON**  
(Ages as a guidance only)

**NO STRESS OR PRESSURE, JUST FITNESS AND FUN**  
Please wear comfortable clothing/sports wear

Please contact Anna Harvey, fully qualified IDTA Professional Dance Teacher, on **0797 1990929** for any further information

Youth Page...Youth Page...Youth Page...Youth Page...

# Refurbishing the garage...

We are pleased to say that we have recently put in a successful funding bid for just under £4000, to transform our garage that was filled with junk into a chill out area for young people.

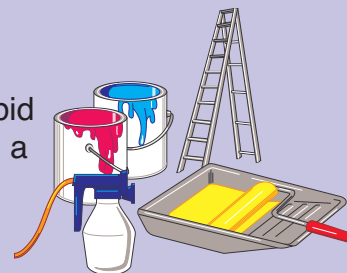
A big thank you to the Youth Opportunity Fund and youth capital fund for funding this project.

We have cleared out the garage and are decorating it ourselves.

There are 8 of us doing it, it is going to look cool!

We are going to have a new TV, DVD and Hi-Fi, carpets, book shelves, etc.

It is going to be a place where we can go and do homework, read or just get some peace and quiet.



We have just been to B&Q to buy all our tools, we are very excited and cant wait to get started. We are going to learn how to paint, make picture frames, shelves etc.



**Watch this space it should be finished the end of March!**

## Appeal for any unwanted materials for arts and crafts

We are organising an open day for the summer, and we would like to make lots of things so we can sell on the day. We are doing this to raise money for a charity and for equipment for the centre.

Here is a list of materials we have to get if anyone can help us out there please contact Kirsty at Efford Youth and Community Centre 776853

Jars, bottles, old curtains, any material, crayons, felt tips, fabric paints, zips, card, old cds, ashtrays, balsa wood, plain t-shirts.

**Thank you for your help**

## WATCH THIS SPACE

- Youth shelter waiting for application form for funding a graffiti project just waiting for the site to be confirmed.
- Working on a possible 8 week gym and yoga project.
- Looking at funding for a residential possibly end of May.
- A big thank you to all of EYDF committee members for working extremely hard over the last couple of months.

## PlymView After School Club

**We are open every holiday except Christmas and Bank Holidays:**

**8am - 6pm from Monday to Friday**

**Fees are :**

- 8am -10am: £2 per hour
- 10am - 4pm: £1.50 per hour
- 4pm - 6pm: £2 per hour

*Note from Editor – It's great to hear about everything going on in Efford – please keep the news coming. Let me know of any features or events you'd like to promote please email: debbie.burton@plymouth.gov.uk*

# HECP Committee Elections nomination form

As you know the **HECP AGM is taking place on March 29th at 5.30 – 7pm at Highfield Community School**. Please come along to get involved, hear about, and help us celebrate, our work over the past year and to elect some new Committee Members.

Committee Members will be elected from 3.15-4pm at Plymview Primary and Highfield Community School and again from 5.30-6.30pm at the AGM. Look out for the ballot boxes and place your vote.

According to our Constitution some of our Committee Members must stand down so we have the following spaces to fill:

## 2 Resident members

Any person who lives in the Efford Neighbourhood

## 2 Service Provider/Local Business Members

Any person engaged in a business or non-statutory organisation that provides a local service to people in the Neighbourhood

### Nominee: (Person applying for election)

Full Name:.....

Address:.....

Telephone number: .....

I confirm that I live or work within the area of benefit.....

Signature.....

### Proposer: (Someone who lives in Efford to support your application)

Name .....

Address.....

Telephone number .....

I confirm that I am not related to the nominee .....

Signature .....

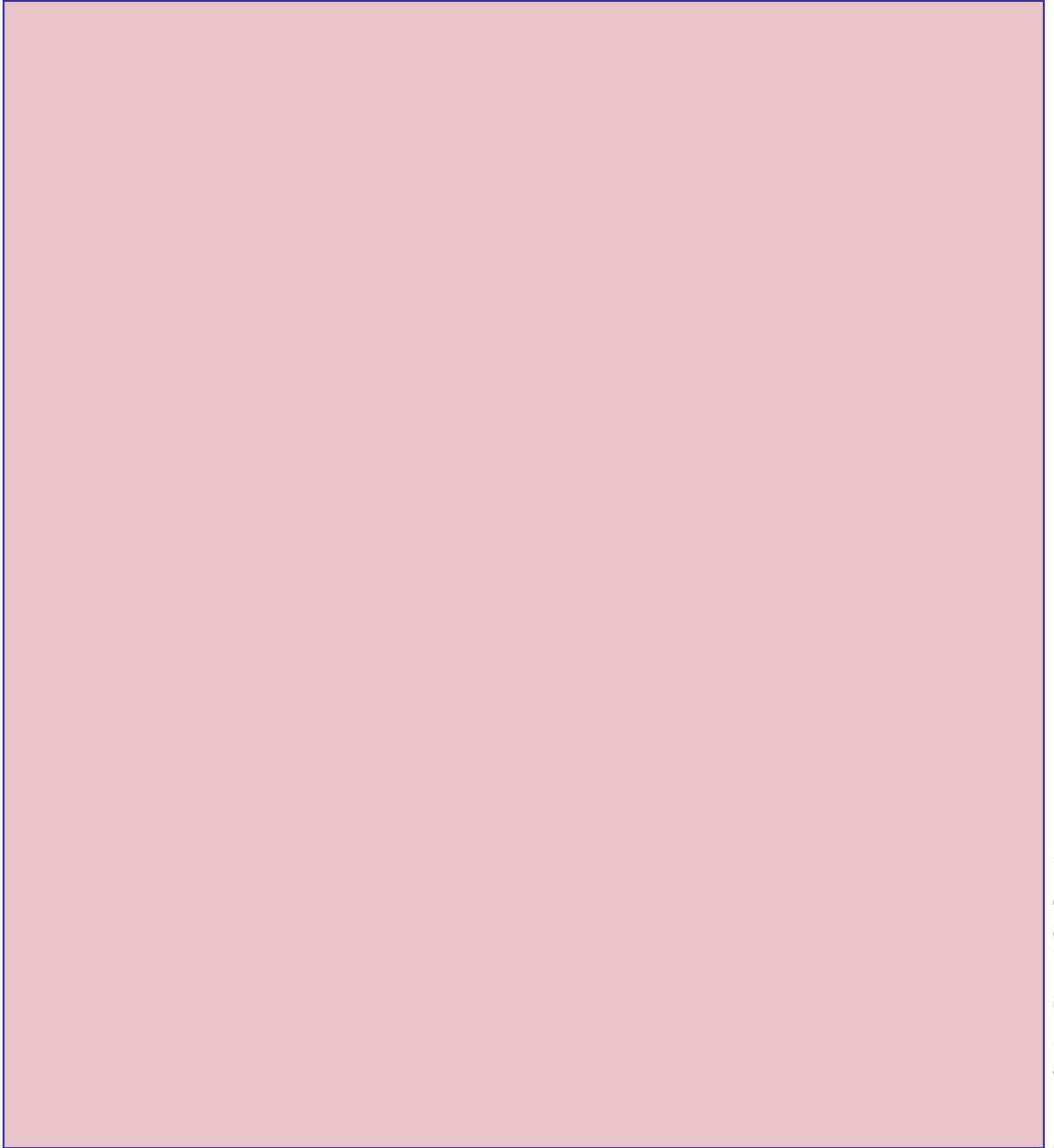
Please complete the following form and return to the address below by 15th March 2007.

*Please turn over*

**Personal Statement:**

Please include in this section any comments you want to make that supports your nomination for election/appointment, for example, why you want to be on the Committee, any relevant skills you have to offer, what links you have with the Efford Community etc.

This information may be presented at the election on the 29th March.



**Once you have filled in the form please tear off page and return to:  
Debbie Burton, Neighbourhood Regeneration Team, Plymouth City Council,  
East End Renewal Office, 4 Mainstone Avenue, Prince Rock, Plymouth PL4 9NB**

**Please call Debbie on 01752 306521 if you need assistance or any further information**