

Make Your Voice Heard: Join Your Local Neighbourhood Forum

Do You Want To Have A Say In The Future Of Your Local Area?



Dear Local Resident / Business owner / Stakeholder

The Government's Localism Act 2011 made it possible for local groups to have a greater say in how their area would be developed. These groups are called Neighbourhood Forums and their local area is known as a Neighbourhood Planning Area.

Neighbourhood Forums are made up of individuals who either live, work or regularly use the area (walkers, horse riders, cyclists, bird watchers, joggers, anglers, etc). Members of the forum will have a connection to the daily life of the neighbourhood and understand that small changes can make a difference.

A minimum of 21 people are needed to set up a Neighbourhood Forum and it does take a fair amount of work to get the Forum running successfully and the Neighbourhood Planning Area properly recognised.

The good thing is that everyone has a say.

It's important that Forum members represent a wide range of interests of the neighbourhood, and volunteer to get involved. They should also come from a variety of backgrounds such as: residents; business owners; workers; a Ward councillor; and regular visitors to the area.

*A few residents recently met up and looked at the things residents might want in a neighbourhood area: housing; businesses; greenspace; and a well-established boundary amongst other things. This small group thought the Thornham St John's Parish Boundary * would be suitable because it fulfilled the criteria.*

After setting up a Neighbourhood Forum, it would need to define a vision and development plan for our area that helps us deliver our objectives. Our plan should be realistic, achievable and detail what we would hope our area could be like in the years ahead.

**Come along to Smalley Hall on Thornham Lane, Slattocks – 11.30am
Saturday 25th November and find out how you can have a say and get involved.**

We'll have a presentation from Dr Quintin Bradley, Senior Lecturer in Housing & Planning at Leeds Beckett University. Also there will be Alan Rawstherne of the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum who are part-way along the process, and Sohida Banu, planning officer at Rochdale Council, who will detail how the Council will assist us with the process.

** If you received this leaflet through your door, then 'Thornham St John's Parish Boundary' includes your home/business.*

Help shape your local Neighbourhood Planning Area – Join the Neighbourhood Forum

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You can find out more about Neighbourhood Forums and Neighbourhood Planning at:

www.mycommunity.org.uk/Neighbourhood/Planning

www.rochdale.gov.uk/planning-and-building/local-planning-policy/the-local-plan/Pages/neighbourhood-planning.aspx

www.rtpi.org.uk/planning-aid/neighbourhood-planning

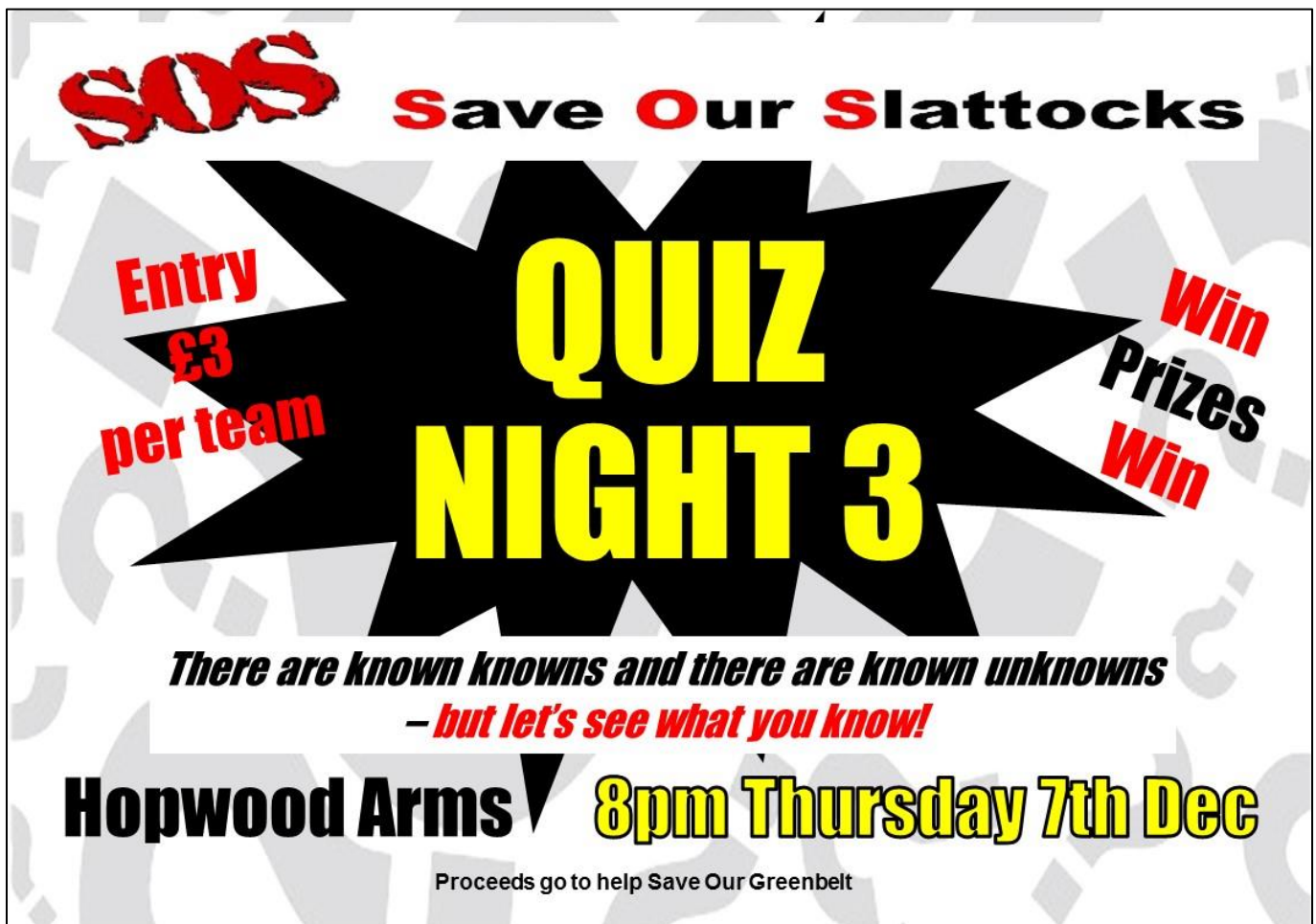
www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2

Look what the Rooley Moor Neighbourhood Forum have done so far at:

www.rmnf.org.uk

For further information about the meeting, please email: greenbelt@slattocks.com

- But it's not all serious stuff -



SOS Save Our Slattocks

Entry £3 per team

WIN PRIZES WIN

QUIZ NIGHT 3

*There are known knowns and there are known unknowns
- but let's see what you know!*

Hopwood Arms 8pm Thursday 7th Dec

Proceeds go to help Save Our Greenbelt

Come and join in the fun

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