



Tinsley Tribune

newsletter of Tinsley Forum

March 2010

Our aim is to improve the quality of life for all the people of Tinsley

Sheffield City Council's Free Home Insulation Scheme is in Tinsley Now!

With the coldest winter for 30 years finally coming to an end, it's a good time to make sure your home is warmer, and your energy bills are lower for next year's cold snap. One of the best ways to do this is by making sure your home is well insulated. Residents in Tinsley can make sure they are ready for next winter now by signing up for Sheffield City Council's Free Insulation Scheme now, joining the nearly 10,000 households in Sheffield have already benefited since the scheme was launched a year ago.

What is the scheme offering?

We're offering free loft and cavity wall insulation for all homeowners and private tenants living in the Darnall ward (which includes Tinsley and parts of Handsworth). We can also offer referrals to other services including benefit checks and smoke alarms.

Is it really free?!

Yes! Providing you either own your home or rent from a private landlord, and your home is suitable, you will pay absolutely nothing for your insulation. It doesn't matter how old you are, how much you earn or how big your property is - it really is free!

What are the benefits of insulation?

- Insulation keeps homes warmer in winter and cooler in summer.
 - As well as reducing carbon emissions by over a tonne a year, loft and cavity wall insulation can reduce heating bills by over £350 per year.
- Installing loft and cavity wall insulation



can also help to prevent condensation, so it's good for the fabric of the building.

How do I sign up?

To make it as easy as possible for you to take advantage of the scheme, there are a few ways you can sign up for the scheme now:

- Come and see us at Tinsley Forum. The team will be there 12th – 16th April between 10am and 4:30pm to sign you up with the help of translators from Tinsley Advice Service.
- Wait for a Council Officer to knock on your door and sign you up there and then. We'll leave a card if you're not in, and a number to call if you'd like one of our Energy Advisors to take your details over the telephone, or make an appointment to come out and visit you at a more convenient time

Call the office on free phone 0800 915 9096 and sign up for the scheme over the telephone.

What will happen next?

Eaga Insulation, the ONLY company working on our scheme, will contact you to arrange a free technical survey of your home. If the survey shows you would benefit from insulation, eaga Insulation will arrange to come out and install your free insulation.

How can I find out more?

Call our freephone number 0800 915 9096 (8am- 6pm, Monday to Friday), see our website www.sheffield.gov.uk/freeinsulation or email insulation@sheffield.gov.uk

we aim to deliver to every household in Tinsley

Ever dreamt of starting your own business but done nothing about it?

We are looking for people from the **Tinsley** and **Darnall** area to be the entrepreneurs of the future

Can you survive *John Speed's* Sheffield **ENTERPRISE ISLAND CHALLENGE?**

It's easy, just pitch up at one of the events and take the fun Enterprise Conversation

Wednesday 24th March 2010 **Darnall Forum Centre**, 245 Main Road, Sheffield, S9 5HP 11am – 3pm
 Wednesday 24th March 2010 **Tinsley One Stop Shop**, 120 – 126 Bawtry Road, Tinsley, Sheffield S9 1UE 5pm – 7pm
 Thursday 25th March 2010 **Tinsley One Stop Shop**, 120 – 126 Bawtry Road, Tinsley, Sheffield S9 1UE 11am – 6pm



Call **0800 043 5522** now to register your place.

www.thebigwebsite.org.uk/enterpriseisland

Tinsley Green Café Closes at end of Month

Tinsley Parents and Children's Consortium (TPCC) have made the decision to give the council notice that they intend to cease running the café based in Tinsley Green. The café will close at the end of March due to lack of funding and the fact that the café does not currently make sufficient money to cover the costs of running the business. Sally Pearse, TPCC Project Manager said "The café is a fantastic community resource and provides a much needed meeting space in Tinsley for people to socialise and relax. It is with great regret that we are closing the business but our organisation is facing a funding crisis in all areas and we feel that we must concentrate on the nursery and training



aspects. We really hope that the café will re-open soon and that local people will take advantage of the support available to set up businesses in Tinsley." **Officers in Parks and Countryside have been working with Tinsley Parents and Children's Consortium on their business plan for the café and it is with regret that they have taken the difficult decision to close the café. Officers are looking at various options for the future provision of facilities for the local community and would like to thank the Consortium for providing the café service.** TPCC would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support over the last three years.

Together we can Stop these unhealthy Dust Clouds over Tinsley



Please when you see the clouds of Orange dust coming from ELG Haniel Metals phone Sheffield City Councils Environment Protection Service and Environment Agency straight away so they can come and see it for themselves.

Phone Claire Pilkington on 0114 2053588 and Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60

straight away Please Tinsley Forum are working with residents concerned about the health effects of the dust to get this practice stopped

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We Don't want the Canal Bank to get like this again!

Please Stop Tipping On the Canal Bank its starting to look like it did in March 2007 before Tinsley Forum got British Waterways to clean up the banking.

In April the canal towpath from Wharf Road to the Tram stop Bridge should be tarmaced. Tinsley Forum are in the process of developing a bid to Changing Spaces Big Lottery Fund to further improve this stretch of the towpath including benches, clearing overgrown areas that obstruct sight lines, better lighting, benches, artwork, wild flower planting, improving habitats for animals in area. (See sketch on this page)

So dumping rubbish on the canal bank will spoil the pleasant experience we want for Tinsley residents when they use this towpath



Tinsley Canal Bank March 2007



A change in the rules in January means that many people with Tax Credit overpayments may be able to get them written off. This applies where one of a couple has gone abroad or returned from abroad, and they forgot to inform the Tax Credit people immediately. It also applies where people have separated from, or got together with, a partner and reported the change late.

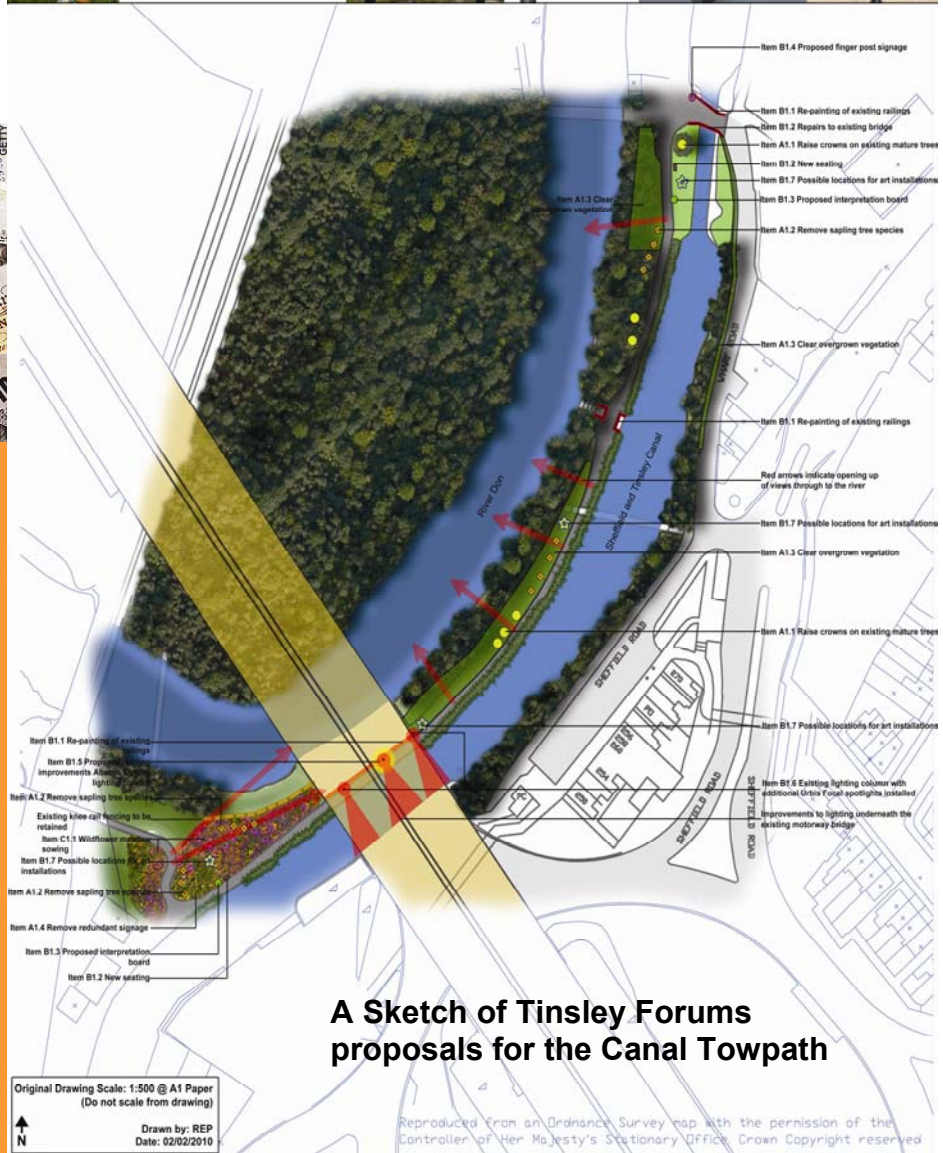
What should you do?

Try and check in your paperwork to see which year(s) the overpayment(s) arose EITHER phone Tax Credits on 0845 300 3900 and ask for "Notional Offsetting" for each overpayment

OR pick up a form from reception at Tinsley Advice Service

OR come to a drop-in session at Tinsley Advice Service and ask to see an advisor. Bring your Tax Credit papers with you.

Tinsley Advice Service, One Stop Shop, 120-126 Bawtry Road
Drop-in sessions: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9.30-1.30



A Sketch of Tinsley Forums proposals for the Canal Towpath

Original Drawing Scale: 1:500 @ A1 Paper
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Tinsley Canal-side Improvements
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Tinsley's Green Gym

Tinsley Community Allotment is open again for weekly gardening sessions on Fridays 10am-12pm, they started on Friday 5th March. This green gym has free membership and offers a variety of activities as gentle or as energetic as you like; activities range from sowing seeds and organising labels to digging beds and turning compost heaps. Learn how to grow your own fruit and vegetables using organic methods or just come and enjoy the garden and meet new people! You can enjoy the fruits of your labour as all the organic fruit and vegetables produced on the allotment are shared out amongst the volunteers. Sessions through the spring (March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and April 9th, 16th, 23rd) will include sowing peas, parsnips and broad beans, and planting potatoes.



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Joint Tinsley Forum, East Community Assembly Open Meeting



This is your meeting find out what's happening in the area contribute to the discussion if you want to. The agenda will include a

- ⇒ **Update on the Construction of The EON Biomass Power Station**
- ⇒ **Environmental issues Sterecycle and Haniel Metals update**
- ⇒ **Sheffield City Council Free Insulation Scheme in Tinsley**
- ⇒ **Police and Community Together (PACT) update**

Thursday 25th March 2010 7.00pm

At

Tinsley Methodist Church, Ingfield Avenue, Tinsley

Praise or Grumble

This is your opportunity to let us know if you have anything you wish to tell the Forum. Please fill in the slip below if you wish to inform us about:

- Complain, (local rubbish collection, nuisance neighbours, traffic etc)
- To report an incident anonymously (racial abuse, concerns about car/house/ street crime)
- To praise or congratulate (Awards/successful funding bids, positive community involvement).
- General comments

Name (optional).....

Address (optional).....

Comments

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Please drop your slip at the Tinsley Forum. Or post to Tinsley Forum 120 – 126 Bawtry Road, Tinsley, Sheffield, S9 1UE

Or if you wish to put an article in the next Tinsley Tribune please contact Anne Saleh at the Tinsley Forum. **All comments will be kept confidential and passed on to the relevant services if necessary.**