



# BLACKFEN FORUM NEWSLETTER

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## What is Blackfen Forum?

It is your community organisation which provides the opportunity for people concerned about the future of Blackfen to become more involved in decisions on local issues including the regeneration of Blackfen and surrounding areas.

The area regarded by most “locals” as being Blackfen is divided into parts of three separate wards, Blendon & Penhill, Blackfen & Lamorbey, Falconwood & Welling.

The Forum was inaugurated in 2004 in order that issues that affect the Blackfen Community as a whole could be addressed collectively rather than separately through individual ward representation. Membership is open to all residents, together with representatives of businesses and voluntary organisations located in the Blackfen area. Meetings are free and are non-political. They are usually held three times a year at Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall, 330A Burnt Oak Lane.

## For further information.

Please visit our website

[www.blackfenforum.org.uk](http://www.blackfenforum.org.uk)

Or contact the Forum Secretary,  
George Murrell.

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Minutes of meetings are also available for reference at Blackfen Library.

• **Recent improvements** -  
to local shopfronts and forecourts have been favourably commented upon.

## Appreciation.

After a long time campaigning it is nice to see some results and be able to say “thank you”:-

- To Bexley Council - The new paving stones, bollards, litter bins and repainted pedestrian rails have done much to enhance the appearance of the focal point of the shopping area.
- To the George Staples, public house (formerly the Woodman) - for an attractive “makeover” and refurbishment which has greatly improved the visual amenities of the town centre.
- To the several agencies, traders and residents who cooperated in the successful Blackfen Parade “Clean Up” project.
- To our local police “Safer Neighbourhood Teams” - Police Officers and PCSOs are now regularly seen patrolling the town centre and both graffiti and disorder have been much reduced.

## What Now?

Despite the above there is still room for considerable improvement in Blackfen. Traffic problems, road safety and lack of parking facilities continue to cause concern therefore your comments and suggestions on improvements are always welcomed.

Local ward councillors together with representatives of the Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been invited to attend the meeting. In addition local Army Cadets (Old Farm Road East) will provide a short demonstration to illustrate the many and varied activities that they can offer the young people of Blackfen.

The next “open” meeting **WEDNESDAY 9th July 2008 at 7.30pm**  
At Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall, 330A Burnt Oak Lane.