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## The Beeston Express

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### NEXT ISSUE

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# Parents petition for Meadow Road crossing

RESIDENTS who have been asking for a zebra crossing on Meadow Road, Beeston Rylands, for a number of years found their minds focussed once again after a child was knocked down whilst trying to cross the road in October, and spent a number of days in intensive care.

Thankfully, the child made a full recovery, but residents have renewed their efforts and have been out collecting signatures on a petition to present to Nottinghamshire County Council.

Children walking to and from the Rylands Junior and Infant schools who must cross Meadow Road to get there once enjoyed the security provided by a 'lollipop lady', but this lady moved on – and was not replaced.

Notts County Council has refused previous requests for a crossing because it did not "meet the necessary criteria".

Now, however, campaigners are asking that the situation be reviewed and, if necessary, the

need for strict adherence to the "necessary criteria" relaxed in this case. A number of drivers have recently received fines for speeding offences on Meadow Road, and it is generally accepted that drivers do slow down as they approach a zebra or pelican crossing.

Rylands ward councillor Steve Barber said: "When we were collecting signatures on the petition, several parents who drive their children to school said it was because of the lack of a crossing that they chose to drive and commented that, if a crossing was provided, they would feel confident enough to allow their children to walk to school unescorted.

"This point demonstrates that a crossing would reduce car usage and would, in fact, reduce the dangers around the school as a secondary effect."

A petition containing 137 signatures has been sent to the County Council's portfolio holder for Transport, Cllr Richard Jackson, and the campaign has the support of

the head teacher at Rylands Junior School, Mr K Briffet.

Mr Briffet said: "As a school, we teach our children about road safety and talk about using safe crossing points. We always emphasise the use of a pelican or zebra crossing or a lollipop lady or man. Yet, in Beeston Rylands, our children do not have this option.

"In October, one of our pupils was knocked over and nearly killed trying to cross Meadow Road. I believe future accidents could be prevented by installing a crossing."

Cllr Richard Jackson said: "We have been looking at changing the criteria for new crossings to a more flexible formula that applies common sense.

"Money has been set aside and, in view of the recent accident on Meadow Road, a crossing there is being given urgent consideration."

## News in Brief

### Junior safety lessons at Highfields

CHILDREN from the Chilwell Sunnyside Primary and Nursery schools learnt how to keep themselves safer in the winter weather with help from Nottinghamshire's Fire and Rescue Service during the recent Chilwell Action Week.

In an event held at Highfields Fire Station, the youngsters enjoyed a fun day during which they learned about water and road safety with the firefighters, and were given a presentation on 'Stranger Danger' by Nottinghamshire Police.

Before going home, they were given fluorescent 'slap wraps' by Broxtowe Borough Council and high-visibility backpacks donated by Nottingham Forest Football Club.

### Fighting fire at Wollaton Hall

WHILST all fire stations have procedures in place to deal with large-scale incidents at prominent or high risk locations, it's a good idea to put the firefighters' skills to the test every now and again by way of a mock incident.

For that reason, an exercise was staged to fight a large fire developing within the Hall. A high volume pumping unit was used to pump water from the mains supply on Middleton Boulevard as well as from the Hall's own lake.

Crew Manager Jon Howard, who organised the exercise, said: "It's vital that we test and update our procedures for dealing with incidents at large buildings. A good knowledge of local risks and regular training is vital to ensure firefighters are fully competent in this diverse role."

### Chilwell Road Fund Raising

TWO recent events have added more than £800 to Chilwell Road Methodist Church's fundraising for Casa Alianza, the church's charity for 2009.

On November 21, the Nottingham Wind Ensemble performed a 'Winter Concert' with music including the Commando March, selections from Oliver, The Blue Danube, Bolero, Nott'num Town, the Suite of English Folk Dances and Mancini Magic. The concert raised £201.

On November 28, the church held its Christmas Fair, with many of the church groups serving refreshments or organising stalls. Over £900 was taken, of which £620 was destined for Casa Alianza. Other charities to benefit were Rainbows Hospice, Brushwood and the Broxtowe Women's Project.

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# Local restaurant fined for unauthorised display

FOLLOWING a complaint from a member of the public, Broxtowe Borough Council's planning enforcement officer discovered that an unauthorised banner had been displayed on the Cottage Balti premises, Chilwell Road, Beeston, since October 2008.

The restaurant owners were advised that the banner advertisement was a criminal offence as it contravened the Town and Country Planning Act, and were asked to remove it. The owners subsequently submitted two applications for planning consent to retain the banner, both of which were refused. However, the unauthorised banner remained

in place and the Council started legal proceedings against the two owners of the restaurant as well as the owner of the building on which the advertisement was displayed.

The banner was finally taken down four weeks before the case came before the Nottingham Magistrates Court on November 16 and, as the owners of the restaurant pleaded guilty, this fact was used in mitigation. The building owner did not enter a plea.

The Magistrates said that there had been a prolonged period during which displaying the advertisement on a prominent

site would have benefited the Cottage Balti financially and that the owners had chosen to flout the Council's advice, this itself an aggravating factor.

The Cottage Balti's owners were each fined £350 and each ordered to pay £80 towards the Council's legal costs.

The building owner was fined £500 and also ordered to make a contribution of £80 to the Council's legal costs. The total penalty imposed by the Magistrates was £1485.