

## Bacup Neighbourhood Action Plan October 2010 – October 2011

### Summary of Action Plan (Short term actions)

<b>Short Term</b>	
<b>Challenge / Key Issue</b>	<b>Suggested Action</b>
<b>Place</b>	
<b>Town Centre</b>	
Rear of Buildings causing a problem with drug users-anti social behaviour.  Grot Spots in the town centre/derelict buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual audit of the town centre to be conducted by area team and the police to look at problems</li> <li>• Look at improvements to visual appearance of the town through more planting schemes, hanging baskets.</li> </ul>
<b>Tourism and Leisure</b>	
Improve publicity and awareness of the many events that are going on in Bacup  Maximise potential showcase events-to bring people in e.g folk festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a Whats on Guide for Bacup that will be self sustainable through advertising, to include businesses, public buildings and produce on a regular basis</li> <li>• Support Community events e.g Bacup Carnival</li> </ul>
Maximise visitor potential of the adrenaline gateway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximise visitor potential from Heritage Bus Tour from East Lancs Railway.</li> <li>• Development of Bacup Market e.g Art Market and other specialist markets.</li> </ul>
<b>Economic Challenges</b>	
Need for more and better paid jobs  Improving transport access is key-people have to travel where the jobs are.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the possibility of setting up a Business Forum to look at promotion and development of the retail offer including schemes to promote shopping locally and promotion of a quality retail offer.</li> <li>• Invite someone from Hebden Bridge and Todmorden to a Neighbourhood Forum meeting-what can Bacup learn examples of regenerated mill towns</li> </ul>
<b>Access/Transport</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with LCC to ensure local transport issues are included in the Local Transport Plan for Lancashire.</li> <li>• Explore possibility of improved bus services to Burnley and Todmorden-for a trial period.</li> </ul>

<b>Housing</b>	
Need to challenge perceptions about how people perceive Bacup e.g as a deprived area.  Improvements to housing stock needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote help available through organisations e.g Help Direct</li> </ul>
<b>People</b>	
<b>Health</b>	
Levels of substance misuse-alcohol and drugs particularly by young people.  Heart disease-death rates are higher than the national average	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for local community groups e.g Rubicon to address mental health issues e.g Grants 4 growth projects.</li> <li>Increase awareness of Help Direct and Citizens Advice as signposting services e.g. via new STAN bus.</li> <li>Increase awareness of services available for adults with drug and alcohol problems.</li> <li>Targeted work with local community groups around heart disease.</li> <li>Health markets and outreach via STAN bus to promote healthy lifestyles and increase awareness of health risks</li> </ul>
<b>Community Safety/Anti social behaviour</b>	
Anti social behaviour-particularly in hotspots e.g Stubbylee Park, Bacup town centre, Stacksteads.  Police Confidence Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Community safety delivery plan-priorities around anti-social behaviour e.g through support for Awareness Weeks and Confidence Campaigns.</li> <li>Ensure alcohol control zone in town centre is enforced.</li> </ul>
<b>Young People</b>	
High numbers of NEETs not in education employment or training.  Need for positive roles models for young people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support projects such as Stubbylee Greenhouses where Neets can gain work experience and get certificates for a CV.</li> <li>Arrange for Job Centre Plus to attend a future Forum meeting with a view to advising on services available.</li> </ul>
Lack of activities for young people in the area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with LCC to advertise their activities.</li> <li>Look at ways of consulting with young people who wouldn't attend Forum meetings.</li> </ul>
<b>Communication</b>	
Communicate / Publicise progress of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with partners to develop</li> </ul>

action plan, funding availability, public meetings etc.

Communication Plan for Neighbourhood Forums.