

Bacup Neighbourhood Forum Action Plan Update

Jubilee Celebrations

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Bacup residents enjoyed the Diamond Jubilee thanks in part to Bacup Neighbourhood Forum which offered funding grants of up to £100 for local Jubilee Celebrations and street parties. Coronation Buildings in Stacksteads, Stacksteads Friendly Riders, Cotman Close, Sandby Close, Holme Street, and the Young Peoples Service all took advantage of the offer and successfully applied for funding for their celebrations.

“it was a fabulous day made better by the rain staying away and your grant helped financially. The community has been drawn closer together and it was brilliant to be a part of something special” many thanks, Sandby Close



Residents of Cotman Close raised money for the Society of Mucopolysaccharide Diseases at their Jubilee party. Over 80 people attended and activities included a tug of war, sack race, three legged race, pass the balloon and a bouncy castle. This was followed by food and an impromptu game of bingo and fireworks to end the evening. “A good time was had by all even though the midges savaged us in the evening! We managed to raise just over £700 with your help. Thank you for your grant.”



Coronation Buildings “There were about 40 neighbours at the event - everyone brought food and drink, and we had a huge surplus which we divided up at the end “

Tourism and Leisure



**Stacksteads
Friendly Riders**

“Although the weather wasn’t great (to say the least) twenty-seven horses and riders, five cyclists, five walkers and four dogs braved the elements and completed the circuit.



The barbeque went well and even though everyone had to shelter from the weather, we did not let it dampen our enthusiasm. Thanks to all for their contributions!”

Young People enjoy a Royal Jubilee Tea Party at KGs

KG's Centre for Young People in Bacup held a Royal Jubilee Tea Party on Thursday 7th June. With support from YPS Rossendale and Rossendale Borough Council, the young people from KG's made flap jacks, scones, strawberries and cream, royal cupcakes, a Jubilee Cake, sandwiches, and traditional lemonade, which was available to visitors and guests for the price of a small donation.

The youth centre was decorated with handmade bunting, flags and even a life sized model of the Queen herself! A timeline about the life and times of Queen Elizabeth II and her family was on display, alongside images of the Queen including her recent visit to Burnley.



There were lots of activities including; arts & crafts, quiz, music from the 1950's, and 'A Guess the Weight of the Queen' competition, with a special Jubilee prize won by Danny Lord from Bacup!

Halfway through the proceedings 60 red white & blue Balloons were released, with wish tags attached to commemorate the Jubilee year. During the day visitors signed a book to record their attendance at the event which will be placed in a time capsule

alongside other Jubilee items including newspapers from the day, a scrapbook, photos etc. The time capsule will be buried at the end of 2012 and will preserve the memories of this year's events for years to come.

Despite the rain on the day a great time was had by everyone.

If you want to find out what's going down in Bacup for young people during the summer holidays please contact KG's Young Peoples Centre in Bacup or visit the Go4it section of our website.

Activities for Young People

The Communities Team at Rossendale Council successfully bid for funding from the Lancashire Drug and Alcohol Action Team (LDAAT) for funding for positive activities for young people in the area. Several projects in the Bacup area are being supported through this funding.

Friday night street dance.

On Friday nights at Trinity Baptist Youth Club, a group of young people have been learning to do street dance. With the help of Dansworks instructor Karen, they are learning new skills and having fun at the same time.

Basketball at Bacup Hub

Rossendale Raptors recently started putting on weekly basketball sessions at Bacup Hub for the following age groups on Thursday nights.

6-7pm - 8-11 year olds

7-8pm - 12-14 year olds

8-9pm - 15-18 year olds

"Sessions are running at 15 participants in the 8-12 year olds group which is excellent and probably the fastest growth we've seen in any session we run across the district. We only have 2 in the 13-15 age group and none in the 16+ but we are working on it."



The sessions will run initially for 10 weeks to see how they go.

Summer Activities

Rossendale Leisure Trust will be running free activities for young people in MUGAs (Multi Use Games Areas) across Rossendale during the summer holidays. Activities will include football, basketball, handball, parkour, cricket and netball. The activities will be free to the young people and will encourage them to be outdoors and active and will link into the emphasis on sporting activities created by the Olympics.

The activities will be on the Pennine Road MUGA on Thursdays from 26th July - 23rd August from 1-4pm.

Full details are in the Summer Fun brochure

Bacup Youth Cafe

Project Brief :

Proffits a local not for profit company was asked by Rossendale Council to provide activities in Bacup Town centre to engage young people who congregated in the town centre who were perceived to be involved in anti-social behaviour.

Project plan:

To hire a town centre café on Wednesday nights to engage with young people congregating in the town centre by providing a safe warm and friendly environment in which they could socialise, take part in organised activities and have access to subsidised food and drinks.

The cafe is running at Caroline's Diner until the end of July, when the project will be evaluated.

Neighbourhood Forum Grant Funding

The Neighbourhood Forum has grant funding available for local community groups and project funding to support actions in the Bacup Neighbourhood Action Plan.

In the year April 2011—March 2012, the Neighbourhood Forum awarded grants to the following organisations:

- **Pioneer Cheerleaders — £500 towards the 2011 European Championships trip**

“The Pioneers Senior all-female cheerleading returned to the UK triumphant after placing 6th in Europe at the European Championships 2011 in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The team worked hard in preparation for the competition to be ready. We have also, as a team, had to push up the difficulty of our skills and stunts etc. to the next (and highest!) level in order to have a good chance of doing well at the event.

When arriving at our resort, we dumped our luggage and found a free spot of grass to get training and running through our routine for an hour, before we had our tea and got to bed ready for the competition the following morning.

When arriving at the competition, it was great to unite with the other UK teams to cheer on our country, as well as the 13 other countries who were entered throughout the divisions. When the Pioneers took to the floor we gave it all we had! Not everything went to plan as we did have one stunt group which came down but in cheerleading there's no guarantee no matter how many times you achieve it perfectly in training that it will hit on the day. It didn't matter though as we were all so proud of ourselves and on finishing the last beat of our routine we all just erupted in a big group hug which was the best bit! The standard and level of the teams from across Europe was breath taking! Finland especially took over the competition bringing home many of the European champion titles, they were brilliant. I am so proud of the Pioneers and what they have achieved in such a small amount of time! Hopefully they will continue to progress and maybe one day come home with the gold, you never know! “

- **Bacup and Stacksteads Carnival Committee— £500 towards carnival event expenses**



- **Maden Centre — £500 towards Speakeasy course for parents and children**
- **Acre Mill Toddler group—£500 towards play equipment**
- **St Mary's Primary School PTA—£500 towards their Animation project with the Horse and Bamboo Theatre**

- **Bacup Family Centre— £498.50 for toys for the toddler group**

“Last year Toddler Group attendees asked for a wider range of activities, however with the increasing numbers attending, there wasn't room for more activities.

Responding to these requests and concerns, discussions were started with Central Methodist Church.

Now Ladies from the Church, man the kitchen providing a healthy snack and Staff and volunteers from the Family Centre, set up the equipment (including crafts and other activities), offer informal support, encourage adults to interact with their children and tell them about other local activities that may be of interest . Since the move the growth in numbers has been really encouraging. Parents say how much better it is in the bigger room with more activities for their children. It is now safe for parents to have a hot drink, which is something they really appreciate! 62 children and 52 adults are on the register.”



- **Stacksteads Countryside Park Group—£500 towards the Christmas Tree at Toll Bar and £250 for sculptures**



- **Bacup Consortium—£2000 for the Christmas Arts and Craft Fair**

- **Bacup Pride—£450 for promotion and marketing.**

Bacup Pride cleaning up after the recent floods



- **Valley Artists—£88.96 towards exhibition of local art in twin town Bocholt**

Improving Signage

Much investment is being undertaken in terms of identifying Rossendale as a place to visit. The Council is aiming to improve the image of the borough by providing, upgrading and developing the provision of signage to realise the potential of what Rossendale has to offer to visitors, thereby benefiting the local economy. The work is in partnership with Lancashire County Council's Highways Department and must conform to the "Traffic Sign Regulations 2002", so the signage will be directional/informational rather than advertising or promotional.

The types of signage proposed are:

- Destination (towns/attractions within Rossendale);
- Brown tourism signs to key tourism attractions (for example: Lee Quarry Mountain Bike Centre, East Lancs Railway & Halo Panopticon);
- Way marking on walking routes of national importance (for example: Rossendale Way),
- Picnic sites and cycle routes.

Removal of redundant signs.

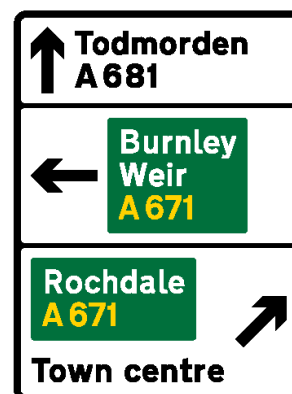
The benefits of improved signage are:

- Improved road safety by effectively guiding traffic flow through the valley to intended destinations;
- Support the business economy, increasing visitor numbers;
- Reduce the carbon footprint by the promotion of easier active travelling (walking and cycling;)

This will in time promote Rossendale as place to work, live and visit and to present the valley with an abundance of high quality leisure pursuits for all to enjoy within the Pennine Playground.

Bacup is well signed in the borough and Weir will be added from Bacup plus a pedestrian sign for "The Wall of History" and additional brown signage will be included for Lee Quarry Mountain Bike Centre with the removal of redundant AA yellow housing signs of completed housing developments

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Greenbelt and Urban Boundary Review

In November 2011 the Council adopted the Core Strategy (Local Plan Part 1)

<https://www.rossendale.gov.uk/corestrategy>

This strategic document sets out a 15 year framework for land in the Borough. The Plan identifies broadly how many new houses are needed, the overall amount of land required for business as well as setting out policies for protecting the best of our countryside. Development will be concentrated in the main towns of Bacup, Haslingden, Whitworth and especially Rawtenstall.

“Lives and Landscapes” (Local Plan Part 2) will take this a step further and identify specific sites for both development and protection. The Plan will take 2-3 years to prepare and will be put together in three distinct phases:

Phase 1: Review of Urban and Green Belt Boundaries

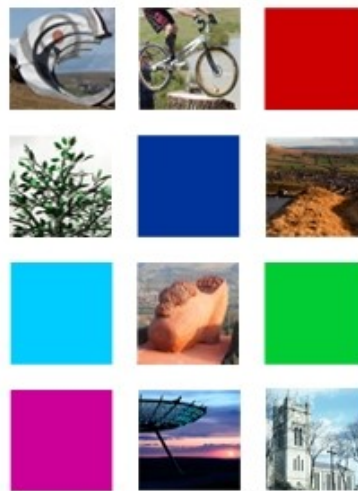
Phase 2: Allocation of sites

Phase 3: Policy for managing development

The Forward Planning Team is currently engaged in Phase 1 of the process. The Urban Boundary separates settlements from the countryside. A six week public consultation will happen in the autumn, starting in early September.

All information regarding ‘Lives and Landscapes’ is available online at www.rossendale.gov.uk/land and will be updated regularly throughout the process.

If you have any questions about ‘Lives and Landscapes’ or the consultation process please contact Forward Planning on 01706 252417 or e-mail forwardplanning@rossendalebc.gov.uk



Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI).

Rossendale Council has successfully bid to the Heritage Lottery for funding under the first stage of the Townscape Heritage Initiative. This is funding for conservation and is for major capital improvements. It is a very competitive process and having got through the initial stage, we have 9 months to work up the full application. £37,500 plus £12,500 match funding is available to put the full bid together. The full application can bid up to £2m with 25% match funding.

A Steering Group is being established to put the bid together and will involve local groups and organisations.

Bacup Traders

All traders in Bacup are very welcome to join this new group - a chance for all local businesses to get involved and work with the Council and other partners to improve Bacup and maximise business opportunities.

The next meeting is on **9 July at 6pm** at Bacup Hub on Burnley Road . See their Facebook page for more information.

Health and Wellbeing – Health Improvement Service Change4Life

Thousands of people have already made a Change4Life and more and more are joining every day.

The National Public Health marketing tool Change4Life's approach to the Olympics is Games4Life promoting activity particularly in the run up to the Olympics.
<http://www.nhs.uk/Change4Life/Pages/games4life.aspx>

There is also the North West Olympic website which people may like to look at: They've got everything you need to promote Olympic activity in the North West and information on events happening.
<http://www.nwfor2012.com/>



Communities against Cancer' project raises awareness of the early signs and symptoms of breast, bowel and lung cancer to encourage early diagnosis and to save lives, encouraging people to see their GP without delay.

If anyone would like the team to come along to deliver an Awareness Session to Schools, Colleges, Community Centres, Groups, Luncheon Clubs etc. please contact Kim Wood or Jeanette Gibson on 01254-358026 or email kim.wood@lancashirecare.nhs.uk or jeanette.gibson@lancashirecare.nhs.uk

Communities against Cancer are supporting the current National Campaign 'BE CLEAR ON CANCER' - "Been coughing for 3 weeks?" Tell your Doctor.

Lung cancer is the second most common cancer in England & Wales – 33,000 new cases a year, killing more people than any other cancer.

Although it is more common in smokers, around 1 in 8 people diagnosed have never smoked.

Other symptoms may include repeated chest infections, coughing up blood, breathlessness, feeling more tired than usual for some time, losing weight for no obvious reason and an ache or pain in the chest or shoulder that has lasted some time.

If you notice any of these symptoms, tell your doctor right away.

Promoting healthy lifestyles

East Lancashire "Believing in Breastfeeding Campaign"

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust's Health Improvement Service, based in East Lancashire, is using the theme "Believing in Breastfeeding" to both promote breastfeeding and celebrate current breastfeeding rates in East Lancashire. Currently, 4 to 6 weeks after the birth of their babies, 38% of mums are still breastfeeding their babies.



The Health Improvement Service encouraged multi-agency partners to take the opportunity to promote breastfeeding during National Breastfeeding week in June. To support them with this, the Service produced a downloadable display pack, which is available via email request.

The pack has been developed using the mums' own words and experiences related to breastfeeding and highlights the range of support available in East Lancashire, for parents-to-be and mums, following the birth of their babies.

Friends of Stubbylee Park

Would you like to get more involved in your local park, are you interested in local environmental issues? Come to a meeting at the Council offices in Stubbylee Hall at **10 am on Saturday 21st July** - the meeting will last about an hour.

The purpose of the meeting is to agree a way forward and nominate key people to be involved. We have no great ambitions - we just want a group of people who will care about the park, and help keep it attractive with bulb planting schemes or similar projects



Allotments Update

As a result of the demand for more allotments the council is looking at how more sites can be created and is putting a call out for possible sites.

If you have a suggested site which could be turned into allotments, please let us know. There will need to be a community group willing to run the site as allotments. Any sites put forward where there is a group willing to run the site will be seriously considered for allotments.

All decisions will be reported back to the next forum meeting.

Bacup Neighbourhood Forum Area - who to contact for projects, issues and queries

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Simon can help you with issues concerning environmental enforcement such as dog fouling, litter, fly tipping, abandoned vehicles, untidy land and property, accumulations of waste on private land, fly posting, refuse and recycling, and also issues or general enquires about your neighbourhood and environment.

Lucy will help you with queries regarding day to day operational issues as she manages the grounds maintenance team for the area. This includes things such as grass cutting, shrub maintenance, parks and open spaces maintenance and playgrounds.

Alison can help with more strategic issues which affect the area, larger scale projects or those involving other agencies and organisations, as well as advise and support community groups with projects or issues. Alison is also the contact for the Whitworth Neighbourhood Forum.

For more information about any of the items in this newsletter, please contact:

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If you would like to place an article in the next newsletter, please send your text and photos to Alison Wilkins as above.

Deadline for next newsletter is 4 October. If you're involved in a local project, tell us about it and blow your trumpet!

