

Haslingden, Helmshore & Edenfield Neighbourhood Forum Plan Update

Neighbourhood Forum

June 2012

Haslingden Helmshore & Edenfield enjoy a right Royal Tea Party!

Ten community groups in Haslingden, Helmshore & Edenfield were awarded **£100 or more** by the Neighbourhood Forum to support their Diamond Jubilee street parties or events.

Stubbins Residents Association, St Thomas' Church, Haslingden Baptist Church, St Peter's Knit & Natter, South Shore St, Haslingden IDL Club, and Rossendale Flower Club were among many groups across the Valley who were awarded funding to help with their events.



As well as the events, street parties were held at South Shore Street, Campion Drive, Yarmouth Avenue and Raven Avenue.

Bad weather forced St Peter's Church Knit, Natter and Craft group to move their garden party inside for local residents to enjoy homemade sandwiches, cakes and a raffle which helped raise £535 toward the renovation of their toilet facilities.

St James' Church lights a Jubilee Beacon!



St James Church, Haslingden, had the honour of lighting a beacon as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. **£500** of Neighbourhood Forum funding was granted to the church to cover the cost of the beacon.

St James Parish Church is the highest church in Lancashire and so was perfectly placed to be part of the national celebrations. The church asked local residents to bring a picnic to the site to enjoy the celebration, and after the lighting of the beacon, they were treated to a 'last night of the proms' style concert in the Church itself.

The official National Beacon was lit by the Queen at a special Jubilee concert at Buckingham Palace to signal the lighting of the fires across the world.

“Beyond our Wildest Dreams” Forum Funding Helps Scout Group

The 9th Ramsbottom Scout Group have been awarded **£500** towards the purchase of camping equipment. The group, which is based in Edenfield, recently re-started and wanted to purchase some equipment to enable the scouts to go on camping adventures to provide them with important experiences and skills.



The money has been used (along with another grant) to purchase a Mess Tent for the scouts, which enables 20 people to sit in the tent to eat, read, and shelter from the weather.

Angie Allen, from the Scout Group said “ We are so very grateful to the forum for the grant we have received. Being able to buy the Mess Tent is beyond our wildest dreams and really widens the opportunities for the Scout Group”.

The Scout Group’s next adventure with the Mess Tent will be at Essex Jamboree in August, where 15,000 scouts from all over the world get together for a week long camping trip. This event includes inviting other scout groups to enjoy local foods—in this case including Chorley cakes, Eccles Cakes, Vimto, and Corned Beef Hash. Without the Mess Tent this would have proved difficult.

The Scout also have an overnight camping trip in September, and will be able to invite the local Beavers for a day trip, something which would not have been possible without the Mess Tent.

Free Lane Allotment Paths Improvements

£290 of Neighbourhood Forum funding has been granted to Free Lane Community Allotment Society to improve footpaths on the site. The group have previously carried out improvements to the pathways around the allotments using Pride in Rossendale and previous Neighbourhood Forum funding. This further grant will enable them to finish the work to regenerate the footpaths.

The works will be carried out by volunteers in their spare time and are due to start in July.

Ceilidh in Stubbins

Stubbins Residents Association have been granted Neighbourhood Forum funding of **£350** towards a Ceilidh for residents of Stubbins, Chatterton and Strongstry. The event, to be held at St Philips Church Hall, will include a Ceilidh band and catering from a local supplier. The event is expected to take place in September 2012, and the group are carrying out further fundraising activities in the meantime in order that the event can be held.

Worsley Park Gates

After Rising Bridge & Hud Hey Residents Association were granted project funding for reinstatement of the gates at Worsley Park, A & N Construction were given the go-ahead to make a start on the works. The gates are being manufactured by a specialist company in Shropshire, to a similar (but not the same) style to the original gates. The plaque from the original gates which is to be fitted in the new gates has unfortunately been found to be rotten, however works are being done to it to restore and preserve it as far as possible. It is estimated that the gates will be able to be installed in 4 weeks time.

Project Funding—Holistic Help successful

Holistic Help is a project being delivered at Haslingden Community Link. It provides topical coffee mornings, alongside a 10 week Holistic Help programme teaching people about healthy eating, stress management through relaxation and meditation, assertiveness techniques and confidence building.

The project was originally funded by Lloyds TSB but due to overwhelming demand further 'top-up' funding was required in order to complete the 2 year project, which started in September 2011. Haslingden Helmshore & Edenfield Neighbourhood Forum members agreed that after submitting an Expression of Interest Form for Neighbourhood Forum Project funding, a full business case should be submitted to grants panel members. The project has now been awarded **£7,886.50**

The project has engaged with people from a range of backgrounds and people accessing the project have also included young parents, adults with a disability, elderly people, and adults with mental health difficulties.

So far the outcomes of the project are:-

- Promoted positive parent / child interaction. One lady's relationship with her autistic son has improved after attending the workshop. The stress management exercises have helped calm both her and her son, and the school have noticed a difference in her son's behaviour.
- Promoted positive social interaction between families from different communities. One person commented "Love the group, nice to meet other cultures and learn about their views and life".
- Promoted positive cultural differences. One elderly lady attending the classes had never seen Henna Art before and was delighted when she had the opportunity to have a henna pattern designed on her hand.
- Taught self-value which will help people focus on their self –development. One attendee, after noting an improved, more positive frame of mind after attending the sessions is now thinking about going back into education to become a paramedic.
- Demonstrate alternative routes to tackling a variety of issues and inhibitions—one of the ladies who has attended had made huge changes to her lifestyle following the sessions.

Victoria Park Play Area Complete!

The installation of the new playground at Victoria Park, Haslingden is now complete!

Works to the playground were delayed due to bad weather and problems with drainage to the site.



Victoria Park play area now has 11 pieces of equipment including 2 sets of swings, a roundabout, 2 spring mobiles, a web-climber and a zip-wire!

Equipment has also been added to the skate park, and stepping stones installed down the banking.

The project was funded by Community Spaces funding obtained by Friends of Victoria Park supported by Community Interest Company Proffitts, and match-funded by Rossendale Borough Council using money obtained from local housing developments.



Victoria Park Launch Event

The official launch event for Victoria Park's new play area takes place on **Sunday 1st July**. Friends of Victoria Park have organised the event using funding from Community Spaces to celebrate the completion of the new play equipment.

The celebratory event will take place between 11am and 4pm and will include a funfair, games, stalls, and more. It is expected to draw huge crowds from the local area and beyond.



Environmental Enforcement Update

Over 150 calls regarding environmental enforcement issues in Haslingden, Helmshore & Edenfield have been received by the Communities Team since the last forum in March, 45% of which have related to waste found in alleyways, at collection points or contaminated bins, with continuing problems in Haslingden's 'Triangle' area.

The Communities Team have investigated 22 incidents of fly tipping in the same period, including a number of incidents at or near Back Lane in Rising Bridge and one incident at the Halo in Haslingden. Evidence was found and in both cases with a white pick-up van described as possible perpetrators. Investigations are continuing.

In May, a business owner from Great Harwood was issued with a £180 fine for allowing his trade waste to be dumped at Clod Lane, in Haslingden – a location which has become a hotspot for fly tippers in recent months.

Twenty-six calls have related to a build up of waste in yards/gardens of commercial or residential properties, and as a result 11 legal notices have been issued to owners requiring them to clean up the property.

Following intervention from the Communities Team, an unsightly property in Haslingden Town Centre has been improved under Section 215 of the Town & Country Planning Act.

Before



After



Snig Hole Park Update

As members will recall, Rossendale Council has received £38,200 in funding from a local property development, which can be used to develop Snig Hole Play Area.

A local resident has now formed Friends of Snig Hole group, with a view to working towards developing the play area. The group has worked with Burnley, Pendle & Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service to become fully constituted and they have so far held 2 meetings.

The group are working with Proffitts Community Interest Company with a view to securing a larger funding pot, carrying out consultation, designing the play-ground and arranging installation.

The next steps are:-

1. Consultation in the local area including questionnaires delivered to houses, open evening, schools involvement
2. Based on results of consultation either carry out further investigation / consultation or draw up design for the play area
3. Invitations to tender (equipment may be specified or as with Victoria Park left open to tenderers)

It is anticipated that the consultation process will start some time in July.

A new double-leaf noticeboard has also been ordered for the park to help with the consultation.

Members will be kept updated.

Allotments Update

As a result of the need for more allotments being a Neighbourhood Forum priority and the concerns of Neighbourhood Forum members that there is land which can be freed up for such purposes, the council 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.

Improving Roundabouts—Rising Bridge

As a result of feedback from Neighbourhood Forum members, and as advised previously, funding has been identified which could be used to improve Rising Bridge Roundabout.



Rossendale Borough Council can enter into an arrangement with the Highways Agency to undertake re-development and maintenance of the roundabout from the Highways Agency and are exploring this option. This has included obtaining from the Highways Agency, information about what they would permit in relation to design and development of the site.

Their suggestions about what design / works would be permissible on the site are:-

- introduce low level hardening / landscaping, using local materials, ideally a hardened outer circle with e.g. Mortared sets / cobbles
- include an area of low level appropriate planting in the middle—Low growing or shrub like specimens

Using this information, quotes are being obtained from landscape architects to design and implement the works.

Members will be kept updated.

Community Safety Update

Inspector Judith Finney will provide an update on behalf of Lancashire Police and the Rossendale Policing Team.

‘Lives and Landscapes’ Update



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 forward-planning@rossendalebc.gov.uk

Support Haslingden Library

Current activities at Haslingden Library are:-

Hasiwriters 1st and 3rd Tuesday every month — 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Baby Bounce & Rhyme — 10.15am to 10.45am every Friday (term time)

Rossendale Family History Society — Mondays 17.30 to 20.30

Under 5s—2pm to 2.30pm every Monday (term-time)

Headspace 11-19 yr olds cybergames Mon & Tues 5pm to 7pm

Reading Groups ‘Get Into Reading’ Fridays 10.30am to 12.00pm

Haslingden Library Reading Group one Saturday a month 11am to 12pm

Help with computers every Tuesday 2pm to 5pm

Computer Class ‘Go-On’ Tuesday 10am to 11:30am & Thursday 2pm—3.30pm including basic computer skills, shopping online, sending emails

Rossendale Crochet Group Fridays 1-3pm

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;

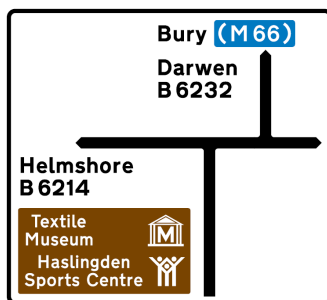
Support the business economy, increasing visitor numbers;

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.

Haslingden is well signed in the borough but will now be include brown signs leading to the Halo Panopticon, with new signage for the swimming pool and sports centre.

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National Breastfeeding Awareness Week – 24th – 30th June 2012

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 would like to encourage multi-agency partners to take the opportunity to promote breastfeeding during National Breastfeeding week. To support them with this, the Service has 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.

To request a pack and obtain more information, email Alison.rushton@lancashirecare.nhs.uk

Change 4 Life

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

'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 (cont...)

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.

Cycling @ Fusion



Using funding from the Healthy Streets Initiative, the scheme linked to the introduction of 20mph speed limits across Helmshore (and ultimately throughout the borough), cycling has been brought to Fusion!

The Initiative is aimed at encouraging people to cycle, walk and play on the streets more, alongside the introduction of the lower speed limits in residential areas.

From the end of May until the end of July, CTC will provide cycling activities for the young people attending Fusion at Haslingden Sports Centre on Friday evenings. The activities will include a bike maintenance session, cycle trips around the local area, and even bike ramps.

It is hoped that the sessions will also lead to a cycling trip in the summer holidays for the young people who have taken part in the sessions.

A poster for 'Fusion Youth Only Zone' at Haslingden Sports Centre. The poster features the 'Fusion' logo in large, stylized letters. Below it, it says 'Youth Only Zone' and 'hang out at haslingden sports centre'. There are icons of a bicycle and a person playing tennis. The text 'on the bike at fusion' and 'chill out zone table tennis' is also present. At the bottom, it says 'come and tell us what you want to do'. Logos for Lancashire County Council, Rossendale Borough Council, and Rossendale Leisure Trust are at the top. A Facebook logo is also visible. The bottom of the poster has the text: 'E1 ENTRY - FRIDAYS 6-8PM - 13-19 YEAR OLDS EVERY FRIDAY FOR MORE DETAILS - HASLINGDEN SPORTS CENTRE, HELMSHORE ROAD, HASLINGDEN BB4 4DN 01706 227016'.

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