

NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Meet your Neighbourhood Management Team **For Peel & Barnfield**

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For the past two years Peel & Barnfield residents have benefited from having a **Neighbourhood Management Team** working in the area.

The Team is based at the Neighbourhood Office at 62 Nuttall Street in Woodnook, and operates across the whole of Peel and Barnfield providing a range of services and activities to residents.

Open for three mornings a week, (Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am - 12.30pm) the office deals with an average of nearly 100 enquiries every month.
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GETTING INVOLVED!

There are various ways that members of the local community, either residents or those who work in the area, can become more involved in helping to improve their neighbourhood. The work of the Neighbourhood Management Team is guided and directed by the **EAST ACCRINGTON AREA MANAGEMENT BOARD** which is made up of local residents and the ward Councillors for the Peel and Barnfield wards. For more information about the work of the Board and enquiries about joining the Board please contact the Neighbourhood Management Team (see above).

Some of the most popular and high-profile activities of the Neighbourhood Management Team are the Walkabouts. These happen regularly and usually cover three streets on each occasion. Staff from a range of agencies and organisations such as Police, Fire Service and Environmental Health take part, and residents are welcome to take part in the Walkabouts to raise any issues and concerns that they may have with the relevant agencies.



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OUR CHANGING NEIGHBOURHOODS - AUTUMN 2009

EAST ACCRINGTON AREA

Covering the PEEL & BARNFIELD areas

Regeneration and Area Management News from Hyndburn Borough Council



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HOUSING MARKET RENEWAL COMES TO EAST ACCRINGTON

From 2010, the Council will be using some of its Housing Market Renewal (HMR) money on physical regeneration schemes in two East Accrington neighbourhoods.

All through the summer local residents and residents' representatives of the Burnley Road area (between Eastgate, the railway line, Plantation Street and Clarendon/Windsor Streets) and of Woodnook have been discussing ideas about how the money should best be spent.

Over two weekends in August events took place in both neighbourhoods, when more than 100 residents came along to see drawings of some ideas and tell us what they thought. These drawings remained on display at the Town Hall and on the Council's website until 7 September, during which time further comments have been received.

A "masterplan" is now being produced, based on the original ideas but very much reflecting what residents have told us about how they see their neighbourhoods and how they want them to improve. The masterplan is the important first stage in preparing for next year, when we start turning ideas and plans into action on the ground.

A few of the ideas under consideration are described in more detail on page 2.



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Councillors are now considering the ideas in the East Accrington masterplan, and all the comments received. In the next few weeks they will make decisions about which ones are able to go ahead. Schemes will be designed to give each neighbourhood a more positive image and a stronger character based around pleasant streets, green spaces and high quality buildings.

We will be in touch with residents of both neighbourhoods again before any work is started.

Some schemes could begin quite soon after the regeneration programme commences in April 2010, but the whole programme will take some years to complete in full. This means that not all schemes will start immediately, and some residents will need to be patient a while longer.

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HOUSING MARKET RENEWAL COMES TO EAST ACCRINGTON

Ideas now being considered include:

BREATHING SPACES



There is a real shortage of open space in both neighbourhoods, and some of the ideas focus on creating breathing spaces among the tightly packed terraced rows. By using existing bits of open space more effectively, and creating new ones by demolishing some houses, a new and more open aspect can be given to the neighbourhoods.

Using "green avenues" to link these new spaces together will enhance their effect and really change the appearance of the areas and the quality of life of residents for the better.

CREATING GREATER CHOICE

Remodelled Terraces



Many of the existing houses in both neighbourhoods are small terraced homes with only two bedrooms. Ways of widening the choice of houses available for sale and rent are being considered.

Some terraces may be demolished to provide sites for new developments of high quality larger houses. Some existing houses could be remodelled, for example larger houses might be provided by "two-into-ones", created by converting two existing terraced houses into one larger home.

REFURBISHMENT

Refurbishment of houses makes a big difference to a neighbourhood, and this is a technique that will be used in East Accrington as it has been used very successfully elsewhere in Hyndburn.

Cleaning the exterior walls and renewing items such as gutters and downspouts makes an immediate and highly visible improvement to terraced houses.



STREETSCAPE AND MOVING AROUND



Improvements will be made to the streetscape, and the Council is taking another look at how people and traffic move into and around the neighbourhoods.

It is important that links with other parts of the town are improved, to relieve the rather inward-looking isolation which both neighbourhoods have at the moment.



HOME FRONT SCHEME

A successful bid has been made by the Neighbourhood Management Team to FAIR SHARE LOTTERY for funding for a new scheme being developed to improve the appearance and frontages of property in the area. Some additional funding has been secured from Hyndburn Borough Council and it is hoped that the scheme will start in Autumn 2009.

The **HOME FRONT INCENTIVE SCHEME** will offer local residents match funding for improvement work to front gardens and frontages of their property and includes items such as rebuilding garden walls, fencing, paving, front door repair or replacement of guttering and down pipe repairs. The scheme will complement the refurbishment work that will be undertaken through the Housing Market Renewal programme by initially targeting areas outside of the redevelopment areas.

Details of the Scheme will be circulated to the area being targeted in the first phase as soon as these have been finalised.



GO PEEL!



For the second year running the Neighbourhood Management Team have worked with local residents and other partner agencies to put on the **GO PEEL** event during the school summer holidays.

This year's event held on the 15th August attracted 56 young people from the Peel and Barnfield areas covering ages 6 to 16+.

A wide range of sports activities including football, cricket, rugby and archery were on offer with Police Community Support Officers involved in coaching and supporting the event.

NEAT STREETS

A **NEAT Streets** initiative took place across the area earlier in the year and included children for local schools helping with community clean up work in their area. NEAT Streets involves a wide range of agencies working with residents to clean up and improve the area through litter picking and the provision of skips for excess household rubbish. Over 7.5 tonnes of rubbish were removed and Environmental Health Officers issued over 30 letters and formal notices for dirty back yards or failing to deal with rubbish correctly.



PRIDE IN THE COMMUNITY

Regular visits in the Peel and Barnfield areas by the **Community Pride Caretaker Team** are helping to tackle fly tipping and back alley rubbish. The work of the Team has expanded this year to link into precautionary work with Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service and to carrying out weekly checks on long term empty property owned by housing association, Space Housing.

In November 2008 the Community Pride Caretaker Team contributed to the annual "BRIGHT SPARX" bonfire campaign led by Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service and removed approximately 20 unauthorised bonfires from the Peel and Barnfield areas, contributing to a major reduction in incidents across Accrington for the Fire Service around Bonfire Night.

