

BARROWFORD PARISH PLAN WORKING GROUP

Progress Report January 2009

A Working Group Progress Meeting was held on Monday 19th January. Below is a summary of the current situation concerning the implementation of the Parish Plan Actions List.

1 Community Wellbeing – Personal Safety

- Barrowford Safety Committee details circulated with Autumn Barrowford Newsletter
- Barrowford website due for 'go-live' on 1st February, this will include extensive contact detail information as well as Safety Committee meeting dates

2 Community Wellbeing – Health Facilities

- Established monthly surgery supported by PALS representatives from East Lancs PCT to deal with health administration and general queries
- Health contact information to be included on Barrowford website

3 Community Wellbeing – Social and Spiritual Support

- St Thomas' have introduced a regular Youth Fellowship evening
- Luncheon clubs have been established by St Thomas' and Higherford Methodists on a twice monthly basis
- Discussions are progressing with the CRUSE bereavement support charity to establish a Barrowford based group linked to the Lancashire/Burnley branch
- A link has been established with the NHS Community Matrons service to support their work by providing spiritual support on a request basis
- A 'Welcome to Barrowford' information pack has been produced and is being distributed through Estate Agents and others to people moving into Barrowford. An updated version is being developed
- A comprehensive list of social and community organisations operating in Barrowford and the immediate area, is being compiled as part of the Website development

4 Civic Pride and Responsibility

- An exercise is being undertaken to identify local 'grot spots' and inform the responsible authority
- A list of contacts of public authority departments responsible for various civic amenities (eg street lighting, pavements, footpaths etc) is being compiled and will be included in the website contacts section and will be included in future Barrowford Newsletter editions
- Local Authority contact details will be included in the Barrowford website contact list

5 Tourism, Heritage & Countryside

- A series of Walking leaflets are being developed, supported by an LCC grant, to include a Heritage walk, a Retail walk and 3 countryside walks of distances from 3 to 9 miles
- Discussions have taken place with Pendle Borough Council's Tourism Team to include Barrowford information in Pendle tourism information, including available accommodation

6 **Retail Business**

- Discussions have been held with local retailers to form a Barrowford retail support group
- Details of local retail and other commercial enterprises are being collected to provide a comprehensive Business Directory on the Barrowford website

7 **Sustainable Transport**

- The Pendle Borough cycling initiative is being actively supported with the development of new cycle routes away from main roads. The initial development is for routes to local secondary schools
- Action is being taken to lobby the local bus companies to provide wider services, particularly in the evenings and Sundays

8 **Young People**

- The Advanced Driving Course has been launched with 3 young people (aged 18-25 yrs) starting on a 10 week Institute of Advanced driving course on 18th January. Seven places are reserved for the April course with 4 people already signed-up
- Local Police and Youth Service are being actively encouraged to provide improved services for young people through the Safety Committee. The Bullholme youth club has recently extended its availability and provides improved facilities for young people

9 **Development**

- Copies of the Parish Plan have been requested by the policy team at Pendle Borough
- The Conservation Area description work and the proposed extensions of the areas is being progressed with the conservation/heritage team at Pendle Borough Council

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