



# Welcome....

Welcome to the second edition of the Homeless Forum Newsletter.

This edition provides you with lots more news on what's happening in Hyndburn.



### Choice Based Lettings (CBL) Is Coming

From October 2009 a new way of letting social housing is being introduced across East Lancashire. Vacant properties are advertised and applicants on the housing register can choose which properties they want to bid for. The scheme is called "B with Us".

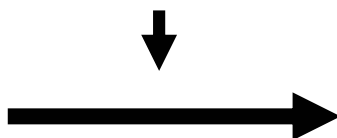
4 local authorities (Including Hyndburn)  
& 16 housing associations involved with  
CBL across East Lancashire

Points system  
replaced by 4 bands

One application form &  
one waiting list

Homes advertised on the  
internet, newsletters, housing  
offices, health centres etc.

Choice Based Lettings  
Helps



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Do you or someone you know need a little bit of extra help to improve life?

Where would you go to get that help?

Help Direct is a new free service for all adults in East Lancashire funded by Lancashire County Council. We aim to be your first port of call to get access to the practical support, guidance and information you need to get the most out of life.



Our Friendly Help Direct team work closely with local organisations and community groups and are waiting for your call to find the right service for you.

We are currently launching this exciting new service throughout Burnley, Pendle, Hyndburn, Rossendale and Ribble Valley in such locations as Libraries, Markets, supermarkets and community groups.

Look out for the Help Direct sign in your area!

If you would like us to attend your meeting or social group to tell you more about Help Direct, please contact us and we will be happy to oblige.

Please call Help Direct on 0303 333 1010 or email [enquiries@calico.helpdirectlancs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@calico.helpdirectlancs.org.uk) and we will help you to find the right service for you and your individual needs



## SMYL Neighbourhood Health Workers

NHS East Lancashire Neighbourhood Health Workers 'Michael Rawsterne' and 'Fiona Muir' are here to support communities and organisations so that the people of Hyndburn live longer healthier and happier lives!!

The Save a Million Years of Life campaign (SMYL) is an innovative NHS East Lancashire programme that ...."works in partnership to reduce health inequalities by making measurable Improvements and by raising aspirations of local communities". Partners include Hyndburn Borough Council, Lancashire Fire and Rescue, Lancashire Constabulary, Accrington Stanley FC, ACCROSS and Hyndburn Community Network.

To reduce geographical health inequalities and to ensure the success of the SMYL campaign Mike and Fiona are based in the Hyndburn priority wards of Huncoat, Springhill, Church and Central.

Infant mortality rates and harm and deaths from drugs and alcohol, tobacco, cardio vascular disease and cancer are much higher in these four priority wards. The SMYL campaign aims to address these issues through partnership work.

Examples of partnership working include:-

A monthly presence at Job Centre Plus helps staff and customers to easily access information advice and guidance on the SMYL priority areas.



Removing barriers to accessing health and leisure services - Mike and Fiona worked with Hyndburn Leisure Trust and Homestart Hyndburn to secure an agreement that Homestart Hyndburn be able to act as an official body to authorise 'The Passport to Leisure Scheme'.

Over the summer Fiona and Mike will be involved in ward focused work to reduce tobacco use particularly in the Huncoat area which has much higher than regional average rates of harm and deaths from smoking related illness.

You will also see them at various community events e.g

- The Mela on 16<sup>th</sup> August and
- ACROSS Freshers Fair in early September.





Hope Metro provides supported and short term housing for individuals who have suffered from addiction and have possibly been imprisoned as a result.

Our aim is to reach individuals most affected by these issues and find themselves in a cycle of addiction/crime/imprisonment.

The programme is approximately 6 months which allows time for a vital period of adjustment and will help individuals make a positive transition in to their community.

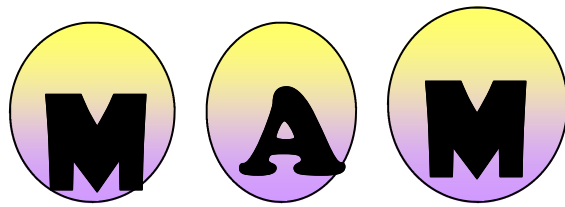
Through our links with the Homeless in Hyndburn Forum we have been able to network with other agencies who are involved in housing (particularly those housing vulnerable groups) such as Inward House, YMCA and other housing agencies.

## Case Study

***One of the men who has successfully completed the programme was 45 years in the cycle of addiction/crime/imprisonment and at the age of 58 wanted to make a fresh start.***

***Hope Metro, through the Restore programme, was not only able to help re-house him but also help him get back into work.***

***He is now free from the cycle of addiction, reunited with his family and employed as a full time plasterer with a local building company.***



## MULTI AGENCY MONITORING

Multi Agency Monitoring was set up in April 2005 to help gain information on the extent of homelessness and housing need in the Hyndburn area. Following the homeless review the form has been amended and shortened to make it easier for agencies to complete.



Thanks to those agencies who are already completing the form. To get a complete picture of housing need in Hyndburn we need as many partners to be involved as possible.

If you would like to help please contact Stuart (Details Below) Please remember to send your MAM forms to Stuart at the end of each month.

### YOU ARE INVITED TO A HALF DAY FORUM CONFERENCE

ON TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2009  
FROM 09:30AM TO 1PM  
WITH LUNCH INCLUDED

VENUE : SCATCLIFFE HOUSE  
ORMEROD STREET  
ACCRINGTON

FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW IN SEPTEMBER

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