

Diary Dates:

2007—European Year of Equal Opportunities for All

15th February—Lancashire Police Authority, Accrington Town Hall, 7pm

Don't forget your Lancashire Local meeting, the next date is not available yet check on <http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/council/meetings/committees/locals/committee.asp?cid=585&sysredir=y>

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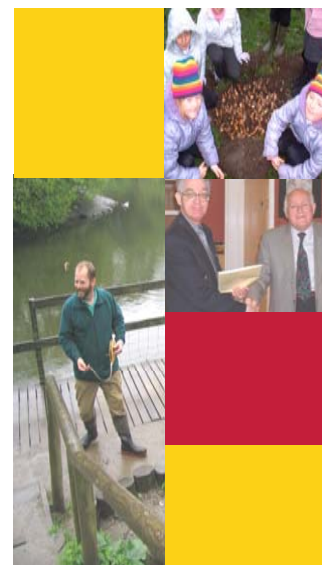
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Your  
Community  
... Your Voice

*Bringing together  
community, voluntary  
and faith sector  
groups in Hyndburn*



## NETWORK AGM

The first AGM of Hyndburn Community Network took place on Thursday 7th December 2006. Members of the Network from community, voluntary and faith organisations throughout Hyndburn were represented at the meeting, both new and old members had a chance to meet and network with board members and Network staff. The guest speaker for the evening was Elaine Michel from the Primary Care Trust.

If your organisation is a community, voluntary and faith organisation servicing the people of Hyndburn and you are not a member of the Network, contact us now, membership is free with many benefits.

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## Your Network Board Members

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Hyndburn Community Network's board members are shown below. They are listed along with the community, voluntary or faith group they represent. Board members represent these community, voluntary and faith groups at the Network meetings and ultimately the local strategic partnership.

If you wish to speak to a board member please contact the Network, the staff will be happy to put you in touch.

Delys Ashton, Huncoat Neighbourhood Project  
David Ashworth, Great Harwood Male Voice Choir  
Ashley Butterworth, Bullough Park Residents Association  
Jill Cotter, West Accrington Residents  
Amy Cowburn, Oswaldtwistle Women's Institute  
Lin Dean, Fairfield Childrens Centre  
Anthony Foley, Accrington Lions Junior Rugby League FC  
David Foster, YMCA Blackburn  
Roy Hyland, Woodnook Community Resident Association  
Naheed Kauser, Behno Group  
Gayle Knight, Hyndburn Women's Forum  
Bill Matthews, Baxenden Community Forum  
Mohammed Yaseen, Hyndburn Cultural Association  
Roy Parker, Cannon Street Baptist Church  
Tom Parsons, Spring Hill Network  
Ian Plested, The PROSPECTS Foundation  
Peter Shaw, Laneside Residents Association  
Aidan Unwin, Neighbourhood Renewal Community Voice (NRCV)  
Michael Whittaker, Monday Night Youth Group  
Alan Wilkinson, Great Harwood Community Action Group  
Michael Wolstenholme, Christian Institute Oswaldtwistle (Melbourne Street)

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## Grants available as part of new guide on road safety

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A new guide has been launched for communities wanting to take action on road safety issues. The Community Action Guide, produced by Lancashire Partnership for Road Safety (LPfRS), provides details of relevant agencies for road safety which enables people to express any concerns to the correct agency more easily. It also contains an application form for LPfRS' grant scheme which provides funding to groups who wish to carry out road safety projects aimed at tackling speeding, drink driving and non-wearing of seat belts.

There is no deadline for applications and grants of up to £1000 are available. This link will take you straight to an Application for for a Community Road Safety Action Grant <http://www.safe2travel.co.uk/community/applicationform.pdf>  
Contact (LPfRS) on 01772 534531 for details.

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on. The three chairs of the Forum are Delys Ashton, Joan Pilkington and  
ime; Joan attended a Workshop on Older Peoples Forums facilitated by  
Meetings at St Andrew's Court, Oswaldtwistle; Kirk House, Church and  
and hopefully bring their word and opinions back to the forum.  
aking links with their Over 50s tenants.  
ner organisation with the Over 50's Forum, has moved to pastures new,

helle Webb at the Network on 01254 232426 or come along to the next  
id Community Resource Centre, Cannon Street, Accrington.

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## Voluntary Sector North West

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All charities know that the profile of charity fundraising has never been higher, as well as following the legal requirements, best practice is key to public confidence.

The Fundraising Standards Board (FSB) was set up as an independent body to deliver the self-regulation of charity and voluntary sector fundraising, as recommended in the Government's 2002 Strategy Unit report.

The FSB will provide toolkits for participating charities and an independent complaints procedure for complainants. For more details about the FSB and how to join contact the Fundraising Standards Board, PO Box 42197, London SW8 1ZS, or call 0845 402 5442, or go to [www.fsboard.org.uk](http://www.fsboard.org.uk)

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## Over 50s Forum

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The Over 50s Forum chose three people to chair the meetings in rotation. Linda Corriess. At this meeting the Code of Conduct was approved.

Linda has been attending meetings representing the forum for some time. Age Concern Lancashire.

Michelle from the Network now visits Accent North West Residents' Home at Milnshaw Gardens, Accrington to report to Over 50's in the community.

Barbara has had a meeting with Hyndburn Homewise with a view to making a decision.

Claire Diack, the representative from Age Concern Hyndburn, our partner, her replacement, will be in post in February.

If you are interested in joining the Over 50s Forum, please contact Michelle at the meeting on Monday 19 February 2007, 10am at Hyndburn Voluntary ar

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## Fairy Tales Myths and Legends—Gt Harwood's Winter Warmer Success

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The second Great Harwood Winter Warmer took place in December. The event which brings together the local community, voluntary, faith groups, local businesses, statutory organisations and the public sector is all about community cohesion and building respect in the community.

Leading up to the event eleven groups and schools held workshops and created lanterns and costumes for the torchlight parade. The art workshops provide diversionary activities for young people enabling them to develop new skills, be involved with the local community and make a positive contribution to society. More than 250 adults and children took part in the lantern parade, which followed the judging of the fancy dress competition.

Over 30 organisations and businesses hosted stalls at the event, which included the switching on of the town's festive lights. The money for the event was raised from a number of small grants and donations from local businesses.

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## New LIFT Health Centres in Accrington

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An artist's impression of the Blackburn Road Health Centre, showing a modern building with a mix of grey, yellow, and orange panels. A red-bordered box highlights the text 'Artist impression Blackburn Road Health Centre'.

Artist  
impression  
Blackburn  
Road  
Health Centre

Blackburn Road Health Centre is due to be finished and handed over to the Primary Care Trust at the beginning of October 2007 for us to furnish and equip. It is anticipated that services will move in around the end of November 2007. The services confirmed so far are:-

- Branch surgery for Dr. Manjooran and Partners
- Sexual Health Services
- Children's Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy
- Child Development Centre
- Choose & Book – for patients referred to Hospital Consultants
- Patient Advice & Liaison Service
- Community Nursing-District Nurses, Health Visitors and School Nurses

Services which are still being discussed include:-

- Other GP surgeries
- Treatment Room facilities
- Health Education facilities
- Pharmacy

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## New funding available for local organisations to help promote race equality and community cohesion

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'Connecting Communities Plus' is a three year funding programme from the Department for Communities and Local Government to help deliver 'Improving Opportunity, Strengthening Society', the Government's strategy to increase race equality and community cohesion. The programme includes three types of grants: Strategic, Project and Community grants for local organisations to help them in their work to increase race equality and community cohesion. **The second round of the Community grants opened for new applications on 12 December (closing on 29 March 2007). Successful applicants can receive community grants of up to £12,000.**

For the first time the fund will also support local projects, which are commemorating the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the 1807 Abolition of the Slave Trade. These could include organisations engaging young people from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds in researching local connections with the slave trade or working with people in local communities to run activities that increase understanding of the history of slavery and slavery as it exists today. For further information about the grants programme including criteria and details on how to apply please visit the Community Development Foundation's website at: [www.cdf.org.uk](http://www.cdf.org.uk) and select the Connecting Communities Plus option on the left hand side of the page.

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## Crime and Grime in Peel

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The Criminal Damage Sub Group of Hyndburn Community Safety Partnership held a week-long multi agency '*crime and grime event*' in the Peel ward at the beginning of December.

The initiative involved the Council's Environmental Health and Cleansing departments, the Police, LCC Fire & Rescue Service, Trading Standards, LCC Youth and Community Service, the Dog Warden and many others.

During the week fifteen S46 Notices were issued. (An S46 Notice is about making sure waste is not left out on the wrong day, at the wrong time or in the wrong receptacle) Another fifteen S80 Notices were issued for unclean backyards but seven of these were cleaned immediately.

Alongside a number of other agencies, the Network attended the one-stop-shop at Cambridge Street Methodist Church to offer advice and help to local residents.

Crime and Grime events have also been held in Woodnook and parts of Rishton.

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## Pond Conservation

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The Network has helped Fern Gore Residents' Association to form a partnership with the Ponds Conservation Trust (English Nature) and Lancashire County Council on improving the lodges at Fern Gore as a community and education resource. The project is part of Ponds for People and the aim is to conserve, restore and create ponds through practical community projects, research and training.

Paradise Street Health Centre is due to be finished and handed over to the Primary Care Trust at the end of October 2007 to furnish and equip. It is anticipated that services will move in around the beginning of December 2007. Services identified for the new building so far include:

- GP's
- Healthy Heart & Health Promotion Service
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Diabetic Clinic
- Musculo-skeletal Clinic
- Occupational Therapy



**Artist impression  
Paradise Street  
Health Centre**

If you have any questions about these new buildings you can contact either Senga Lindsay on 01282 610214 or Christine Gregory on 01282 610230.

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## Interfaith Forum—Faith Walk in February

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The Interfaith Forum is meeting regularly and encouraging new members. If you are interested in attending the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 28 February 2007 at 3.30pm at Hyndburn Voluntary and Community Resource Centre, Cannon Street, Accrington, BB5 2ER. For more information phone Michelle at the Network on 232426.

The Interfaith Forum is holding the **Hyndburn Faith Walks on Sunday 25 February 2007 at 2pm** in Accrington and Great Harwood. Everyone is welcome—why not come along with your family and friends and walk from church to mosque, seeing and hearing about the purpose of each place of worship? Refreshments will be available at the start of the walk at the churches and at the end of the walk at the mosques.

### **Accrington**

2pm, meet at St Peter's Church, Richmond Street and walk to the Mosque, Grimshaw Street.

### **Great Harwood**

2pm, meet at Central Methodist Church, King Street and walk to the Mosque, Segar Street.

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## Lancashire Lantern

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The Lancashire Life and Times E-Resource network allows you to search databases which are provided and maintained by the Reference Departments within Lancashire County Library. Community Information contains details of local community, voluntary and self-help groups, clubs and societies and other resources and facilities throughout Lancashire.

The service is available to non-profit-making organisations and persons who wish to publicise their activities to the local community of Lancashire. If you would like your organisation to be included in the Community Information database, please download the form from <http://www.lantern.lancashire.gov.uk/inform/LL46.pdf> complete it and return it to your local library.

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## Housing and Environment

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### ***Thinking of organising a community clean up for your area?***

Why not download a copy of 'Litter-organising, a clean up' - Guidelines for community groups who wish to conduct a clean up of their area published by ENCAMS. Go to [www.encams.org/uploads/publications/cleanup\\_082006.pdf#](http://www.encams.org/uploads/publications/cleanup_082006.pdf#)

It covers planning ahead, the clean up crew, equipment and preparation, informing, instructing and organising, publicity, sponsorship and funding and avoiding danger.

There are other useful publications covering -

- All you need to know about local environmental quality issues from dog fouling and litter to graffiti and neighbourhood noise
- A guide for the public on Abandoned vehicles
- A guide for the public on current law regarding Fly Tipping
- A guide to the public on dog fouling and the law in the UK
- A guide to the public, including all aspects of litter and the Law in England

You can also get involved with various campaigns:

Over the next 12 months, Keep Britain Tidy will concentrate its efforts on campaigning to clean the streets of fast food rubbish and cigarette litter, as well as reducing the nuisance caused by noisy neighbours.

### ***Solving Neighbour Noise can be a piece of Cake***

You are not alone - 43% of neighbour noise sufferers in England have endured the problem for a year or more. There is information and help from <http://www.noiseconcern.org/> about neighbour noise. Neighbour noise is a form of anti-social behaviour that can be tackled. Noiseconcern.org can guide you through the variety of actions you can take but first you need to assess the severity of your noise problem and this web site helps you to do this.

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## 5 Wards Youth Forum

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The 5 Wards Youth Forum is the young persons section of Neighbourhood Renewal Community Voice (NRCV) and aims to involve young people from the five priority wards in positive diversionary activities enabling them to develop their individual citizenship skills and contribute to the local community and society. Several of the young people have become members of Hyndburn Youth Council and are contributing to the Lancashire Arts Audit.

The group tackles issues such as bullying and racism to reduce the fear of crime and antisocial behaviour. A series of theatre craft workshops, attended by a total of 90 young people, were held at New Era and Spring Hill Community Centre, which enabled the young people to develop their personal and social skills through the arts. Workshops were also held at Rhyddings Business and Enterprise School and at Accrington Moorhead Sports College through the extended schools project. The theme for the workshops was 'Bullying and Anti Social Behaviour and how the arts can be used to remedy it.'

Mick Frankland, Chairperson of the Hyndburn Community Safety Partnership, said, "It is always rewarding to help local projects where so much time and effort is put in by the community itself and people who work in the community. I wish them every success."

The project was funded by the Home Office Safer, Stronger Communities Fund 2006/7 via the Hyndburn Community Safety Partnership. Barbara from the Network and Julie Standage from NRCV provide professional support to 5WYF.

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## Helen leaves the Network

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At the Network's board meeting Peter Shaw, Chairman, informed board members that Helen was leaving to become Hyndburn's LSP Manager. Peter thanked Helen for her hard work, for her support for the board and for her support for the staff.

Helen said, 'I've thoroughly enjoyed working at Hyndburn Community Network, I'm looking forward to the challenge in my new role as LSP Manager. Although I'm leaving the Network I won't be leaving Hyndburn.'

*Michelle and Barbara wish Helen success in her new role and will miss her as part of 'The Team'.*

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## Neighbourhood Renewal Community Voice

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A workshop will be held on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007 at 6pm at Spring Hill Community Centre, Exchange Street, Accrington. This workshop event will replace the usual NRCV meeting.

In light of changes to Neighbourhood Renewal Funding, the Local Strategic Partnership and the introduction of the Local Area Agreement for Lancashire the NRCV will be reviewing its Constitution and Terms of Reference.

The workshop will focus on the future of NRCV, awareness, understanding and general perceptions of NRCV, motivations and barriers to getting involved, decision-making in the NRCV local areas together with growing and sustaining participation and the amount of involvement required.

Membership of NRCV is open to community, voluntary and faith groups in the Barnfield, Central, Church, Peel and Spring Hill wards. Tel Barbara on 232426 if you would like to attend and join NRCV.

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## Hyndburn's Local Strategic Partnership is changing

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### Why does Hyndburn Community Network get involved with the Local Strategic Partnership?

Hyndburn Community Network brings together community, voluntary and faith sector groups especially those which are marginalized or excluded and provides the link to the LSP - Local Strategic Partnership.

### How does Hyndburn Community Network get involved with the local Strategic Partnership?

The Network provides the LSP with several members ensuring that the community, voluntary and faith sectors are able to contribute to decisions made about local issues and service delivery. Outcomes of issues talked about at the LSP and the contribution made by Hyndburn Community Network will be reported back to our membership in the Network newsletter, eBulletins and website.

Representation from the voluntary, community and faith sector will be: three from the voluntary sector; four from the community sector and two from the faith sector. In addition there will be representation for specific groups: one for older people, two for BME, one for disabled people and one for NRCV (Neighbourhood Renewal Community Voice.)

### What is the Local Strategic Partnership?

The LSP makes decisions about which local problems need the most attention. It brings together all the key service providers, for example, NHS, Police, Fire Service, Social Services, schools, the College, Hyndburn Borough Council, as well as the Community, Voluntary and Faith Sector.

### Why is the Local Strategic Partnership changing?

Last year Hyndburn's LSP was the subject of two important reviews. One was the annual performance review which was undertaken by Government Office North West and the other was a peer review by Jon Parkin and colleagues. Both reviews suggested the need for significant improvement. In order to make these improvements and to meet the requirements of Government Office a group was formed to put together an improvement plan. This was achieved with support from a Neighbourhood Renewal Advisor and has been approved as the way forward.

The Improvement Plan addresses the concerns raised by the 'Parkin' Report. The plan includes restructuring the LSP so that it operates as an unincorporated partnership. The LSP will become the Partnership Assembly Board and membership will be increased to include a greater proportion of the private sector and will better reflect the community by including representatives from specific groups such as older people, young people, the BME community and disabled people. The Partnership Assembly Board will meet less often but will focus on setting the strategic priorities for the Partnership.

### When will these changes be complete and how do I find out about them when they're finished?

The Network website will be updated regularly on the changes to the LSP. You can also contact the Network directly for more information.