

BAP Theme: Stronger Communities
(Ambition Lancashire Theme - People and Communities)
2010-11 Quarter 1

LAA Theme & Outcomes: People and Communities

- Improve community cohesion and building stronger communities;
- Increase community engagement and volunteering;
- Support the development of the third sector in partnership working and delivery of key outcomes
- Improve access to services and social inclusion;
- Improve equality and diversity in service planning and delivery.

- **How well are the theme's outcomes and improvements being delivered?**

The BAPSCCG group is delivering on its planned priorities and activities. Using positively the opportunities to promote the different activities that are taking place and allowing for discussion and debates on issues that affect the Town. The group is also reviewing the effectiveness of its activities.

- **What are the prospects for the future? (Including risks / barriers)**

To continue the positive work to address the key issues that affect the Town. One of these key issues in the coming months is the impact of funding cuts on activities and projects being made and the strength of partnership work. This will affect the Statutory and Voluntary, community and Faith Sectors.

- **Any examples of good practice or innovation?**

The representatives the group continue to deliver a number of activities that engages and provides opportunities to bring different people together. For example:

- Review of the Cultural Partnership – Extending the involvement of other partners and avoiding duplication.
- Joint working across the districts to consider the issues in Education as part of the Pennine Lancashire work.
- Voluntary, Community and Faith sector activities that creates opportunities to understand impact of issues, being involved and understanding the decision making process (Take Part, Anne Frank exhibition etc) Burnley Community Network concluded its annual elections for posts on its management committee and as its representatives on the Burnley Action Partnership. Most posts are now filled. The VCF was well represented in the list of winners at the Best of Burnley Awards.
- Police BEAT Sweep – Proactive community engagement and targeting people which has been highlighted as an example of best practice.