

Project Name: Burnley Community Network
Total spend: £75,000

<p>What has the project delivered?</p>	<p>What has been achieved through the outputs? (e.g. Output volumes, resident satisfaction increases, impact on outcomes, cost reductions, delivery on time to budget).</p>
<p>BCN continued its contributing in delivering the LAA indicators over the financial year 2009-2010 and can report success in that the four national indicators which we saw as priorities (i.e. NIs 1, 4, 6 & 7) are all included in the Lancashire LAA and agreed with GONW.</p> <p>BCN started its operational year by holding its 7th annual election which sees the renewal of a third of its Management Committee and of its Representatives on the LSP (Burnley Action Partnership Assembly). The new members took up their role at the AGM and first MC meeting held on 25 June 2009.</p> <p>BCN Vacancies on BAP thematic and sub groups were filled in the first instance posting on the website and forwarded by e-bulletin to BCN members, then followed by an article inserted in the 19th edition of the Networknews to seek declarations of interest to the wider community for remaining seats.</p> <p>Commendation was received by the VCFS Strategic Engagement Officer for Lancashire County Council (Phil Richardson) who after touring the whole of the County to survey CEN's engagement, affirmed Burnley Community Network as a Good Practice to be copied upon (website, structure, elections, Networknews, showcase, mentoring and induction pack in place for representatives etc).</p> <p>BCN members are active in the Neighbourhood Management forums and PACT groups.</p>	<p>BCN Membership is now 297 to be exact at the present time. Fluctuation in membership is due to the very nature of its member organisations who stop operating for various many reasons (commitment, funding, premises etc...) – but overall the number of members has remained near on or about the 300 target over the year.</p> <p>18 members in each category - BAP Full Assembly and BCN MC. 26 representatives on BAP Thematic groups</p>

Partnership Officer joined the MAPS team in the first quarter.

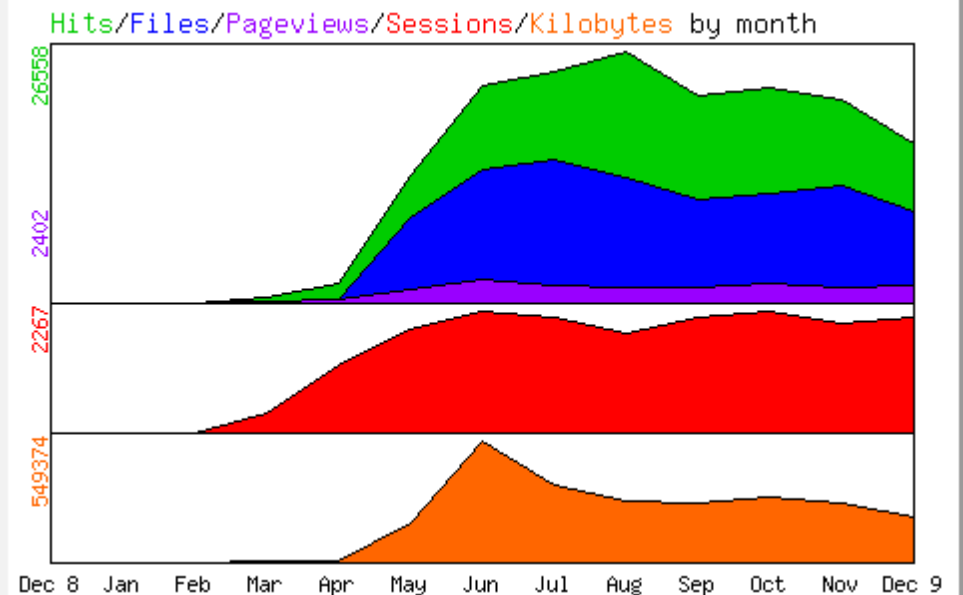
To follow the Impact survey completed last year (08/09) (commissioned by BCN & BBC), a new third sector survey took place which emphasised the economic value of the VCF sector in Burnley and most importantly as a major employer in the town. A database has been developed for future input of complementary information to update initial results.

- a) Maintain the BCN Database of VCF organisational membership

Consultation

- BCN Management Committee members took part in the 1st phase of the Council's consultation on the Sustainable Communities Act 2007.
- Consultation Exercise (10.09.09) – “Planning Together” - This Consultation event was two fold in that the Council is consulting on the future of housing across the borough and on neighbourhood design for South West Burnley
- Consultation Exercises (Strengthening Local Democracy & The Compact Refresh) (14.09.09)
- BCN organised a “Commissioning for the Future” event (24.02.10 at Burnley Football Club) with presenters from Better Outcomes - NAVCA, Lancashire County Council, Help Direct, East Lancashire PCT & Burnley Borough Council
- RS2010 Consultation. This builds upon the Principles and Issues Paper consultation in early 2009, which led to agreement on outcomes and values, as well as developing a comprehensive evidence base and identifying the key issues, challenges and opportunities needed to be addressed. It set out the Regional overarching vision for the twenty-year strategy.(VCF answer of consultation on BCN website)
- BCN Office organised the “Direct Say” Citizen Panel small grants scheme.

WWW Access Statistics for 2009



Hits per month <i>www.burnleycommunity.net</i>	
Total hits this month (any request)	20691
	Average
Hits per day	795

Four editions of the quarterly NetworkNews – with a print run of 1000 per edition (ie 4000 across the Borough during the course of the year)

<p>A Burnley Borough Council initiative to engage the Burnley Citizens' Panel in a decision making process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contribution in assisting the Mayor with this year Mayor's Fund dedicated to the third sector <p>Burnley Community Network also holds showcases on a quarterly basis, bringing many diverse sectors of the community together. Members and partners alike soon realise that their group/organisation is not isolated but all contributing to a better Burnley.</p> <p>BCN staff attended the IDeA Partnership Improvement Programme (York – 26.11.09) to share the learning from the Partnership Improvement Programme, to consider actions for improvement in their own areas and to hear about the activities planned through the National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning and the Targeted Support Fund</p> <p>Facilitation of the Integrated Offenders Management event (16.10.09) at BFC in partnership with Lancashire Constabulary) BCN Commissioning for the Future event (Feb. 10) took place at BFC</p> <p>Partnership Officer made preparation to facilitate Training for LSP Representatives delivered by NAVCA in a bid to “Skilling Up for Stronger Voices” of our representatives – training delivered by NAVCA over three sessions.</p>	<p>8 consultations (resulting in 186 attendees)</p> <p>Four Showcases culminating into 27 projects presentations front of a total audience of 167 <i>Presentations taking place were as follows:</i></p> <p>Our Partnership Challenge event at BFC organised by Lancashire Constabulary, Promise NW event organised by VSNW, Health & Work conference run by NHS East Lancs and BASSAC conference in Manchester on the subject of Community Involvement in Local Democracy. He also attended the NWDA Annual conference & AGM (BT Convention Centre Liverpool -15.10.09), the Magistrates Event (Burnley Court 22.10.09), the NAVCA “Who's Voice is it anyway event” (Birmingham 11.03.10)., the Voice event (Blackburn 17.03.10) organised by Young Lancashire VCF sector reference group for Children & Young People, Public & 3rd Sector Partnership Conference (Old Trafford 7.7.09)</p> <p>Also, followed up report of Integrated Offender Management event in partnership with Lancashire Constabulary (Sergeant N. Hodgeson). BCN Representative at the New Era event - Pennine social enterprise (31.01.10); Fraser Street Youth Club during HRH visit at Burnley (5.02.10); Burnley Employers Forum (10.02.10); Burnley & Padiham Over 50's Forum (22.02.10);</p> <p>NAVCA “Skilling Up for Stronger Voices” of our representatives – training delivered by NAVCA over three sessions. (29 trainees over 3 sessions started October 8th)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Management Committee meetings
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BCN sponsored both the Community & Faith tents at the Summer Festival and its Communication Officer attended all steering groups committee meetings ensuring involvement and development of both the Community Tent

Regular meetings took place (Management Committee meetings, Pre-BAP and BAP Assembly meetings, Resources and Implementation Committee meetings and Participation in BAP theme/sub groups).

On going partnership working took place over the year: i.e.: Participation in Lancashire groupings e.g. Lancashire Partnership, LACVS, Third Sector Lancashire,, VCFS Compact, Pennine Lancashire Group, LAA working groups, Children's Trust, Help Direct

Pennine Lancashire event "Regeneration & the Third Sector in Pennine Lancashire" –

Also to be noted:

- BCN continues to enhance the participation of the VCF Sectors in BAP's thematic and sub groups (on-going).
- BCN representatives on the Third Sector Lancashire attending meetings (Terry Hephrun & Judy Yacoub)
- BCN representatives on the Pennine Lancashire Transformation Board (Gordon Howley & Tony Harrison)
- BCN Representative at the NWDA Annual conference & AGM (15.10.09)
- BCN representatives have participated in BAP theme, sub groups and Executive (all details on BCN website – theme groups tag – www.burnleycommunity.net).
- BCN has formal representation on the Burnley Children's Trust via CVS Chief Officer and is supported by our Partnership Officer (Chair of the Executive Committee on behalf of Short Stay Schools - Isaac Centre), reports to our elected full Management Committee.

- 7 Resources and Implementation Committee meetings
- Ongoing participation in BAP and theme/sub groups
- 12 CDRP – Delivery groups
- 5 CDRP – Steering groups
- 7 Worklessness groups
- 3 Environmental groups
- 3 BAP HCOP groups attended out of 5 planned (2 were also cancelled)
- 1 BAP Housing (met only once...)
- 13 SCCG groups meetings
- 6 SPAA
- 4 Cultural groups meetings
- 2 Older Peoples Forums

(30 exhibitors from the VCF sector in the Community Festival tent sponsored by BCN)

- Partnership Officer is a Bondholder of The Branding Burnley Campaign
- Representative on Third Sector Lancashire Older Peoples PNG
- Active member of Safer Neighbourhoods Project Steering / Management Group.
- Member of ASB Working Group.
- Member of Revolution Pennine Delivery Group on IOM.

Engagement of BCN members into CVS training programme

BCN Forums: Although there was some delay in holding the first forum (25.05.10- Crime Safety Partnership Forum) it is to be noted that the delay was due to formal request to postpone the forums until such time as new Government be in place.

The Resources and Implementation Committee is now overseeing the development of these forthcoming BCN Forums and the following recommendations will be acted upon accordingly:

- Produce a calendar schedule of Forum's to come
- Facilitation in partnership with a representative of the topic forum
- Chairing of the topic forum to be exercised by a representative of the same thematic group
- Feedback form to be handed to all attendees after each Forum's meeting.
- Ensure Forum is called on "issue" basis.(i.e.:
 - How do we influence?
 - How do we make things happen
 - "How do we resolve issues when all "processes" in place have been exhausted?
 - Report on the effectiveness of the PACT meetings – How can we improve them (CSP theme)

Operational efficiency

To manage the grant, ensure that deadlines are met and report

181 Burnley representatives have participated in the CVS training programmes.

All available resources were invested in Burnley including the leverage of the Green Partnership Awards. .All deadlines for reports

to BCN MC	etc were met. BCN MC and the Resources & Implementation Sub committee were actively involved in the decision making process. Delivery plan 2009-2010 fully executed.
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