

THE Bulletin

The newsletter for everyone who is working in partnership to create a place where people choose to live and work in Salford

Partners IN Salford



From the chair

Welcome to the first edition of The Bulletin, the newsletter for everyone involved in, or interested in, the work of Partners IN Salford.

Partners IN Salford is the local strategic partnership for Salford. It brings together key public, private and community organisations, meeting formally on a quarterly basis. It promotes partnership working at all levels- from city-wide strategies through to neighbourhood based joined up working (and also partnerships beyond the city boundary). The partnership is collectively committed to improving quality of life in the city and supporting neighbourhood renewal and is now regularly measuring its performance to ensure progress is being made.

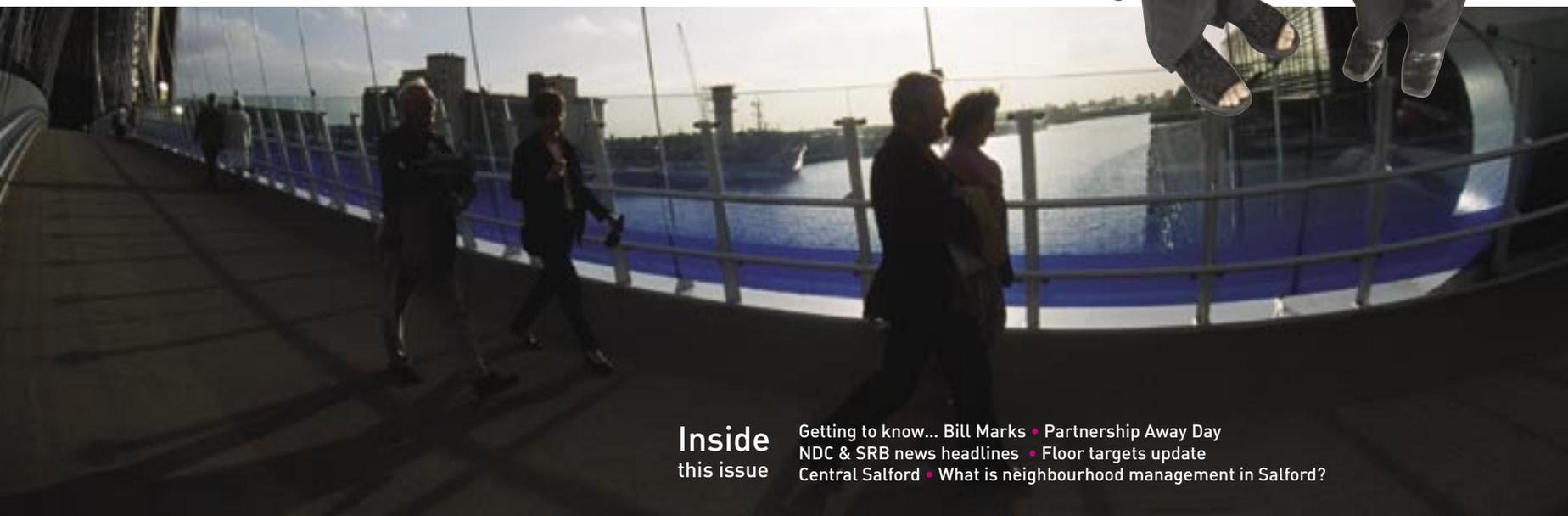
The partnership's vision is set down in the Community Plan (currently under review), which also provides the strategic framework for delivery and partnership working. Each of

the Community Plan themes is championed by a strategic delivery partnership. This newsletter updates on the work of these delivery partnerships as well as on the core business of Partners IN Salford- improving performance and supporting new areas of partnership working. Progress on initiatives in Seedley and Langworthy, Charlestown, Lower Kersal and Chapel Street is also reported.

The Bulletin is produced for you - use the details on the back page to pass on your comments and suggestions to the editor.

Enjoy the first issue,

Angie Robinson
Chair, Partners IN Salford



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Central Salford

In February, John Prescott gave the go-ahead for the formation of an Urban Regeneration Company (URC) for Central Salford. This means that Central Salford now has its own dedicated company which will supercharge the regeneration activity already taking place – and kick start a whole new wave of quality building, investment and prosperity. The URC is public/private sector partnership which includes the Northwest Regional Development Agency, Salford city council and English Partnerships.

The vision for Central Salford over the next 20 years is to create a prime location where people and businesses will want to be. This is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to really get behind one big vision for the future of Salford – and the positive effects will be felt not just in Central Salford, but throughout the entire city.

The process has already begun, with a team of experts, in partnership with the local community and stakeholders, currently drawing up proposals for a 20-year Vision and Regeneration Framework. The first draft of this will be ready by June, and then the real task of making Central Salford a great place to be really gets underway.

Partnership working will be absolutely key to the development of Central Salford, and the views of the LSP will be represented on the Central Salford shadow board by our chair, Angie Robinson.

Find out more about Central Salford at www.centralsalford.com

Photo shows Felicity Goodey, CBE (the chair of the shadow board of Central Salford) and Cllr John Merry (leader of Salford City Council)

Floor targets 2005-06

This month, the Office for the Deputy Prime Minister introduced new, more robust National Floor Targets, as part of the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal. Partnerships are being asked to look more carefully at six key outcome areas of: health, education, crime, worklessness, housing and liveability.

The partnership will begin working towards these new targets and this will require collecting and monitoring new sets of data which will focus on the most disadvantaged

What are the national floor targets?

The floor targets show what the Government say should be the minimum level of performance for anywhere in the country. Our partnership is putting its efforts into closing the gap on performance in the six key areas, between Salford and the rest of the country and where gaps exist within the city itself.

areas and groups. For example the target to reduce health inequalities refers specifically to reducing the prevalence of smoking amongst routine and manual workers.

Partners IN Salford away day

Partners IN Salford's second annual away day was held at the Monton House Hotel on 6th April 2005. The away day serves as the catalyst for the partnership's annual review, a Government-required process that asks the partnership to self-assess our progress against two key components:

- Delivering our plans and strategies and
- Working as an effective partnership.

The seven themes of the Community Plan were used as the framework for the day's activities. Chairs of each Strategic Delivery Partnership, as champions of the themes, presented a review of their activities and this was followed by lively discussion on each theme.

The outcomes of the away day discussions enabled the delivery partnerships to reflect on their priorities, to examine any barriers to achievement and to identify opportunities for development. These reflections form the basis of our Improvement Plan for 2005-06 that indicates the actions that we will take to develop as a partnership. This Improvement Plan will be the subject of an annual meeting with Government Office for the North West during the summer. The Improvement Plan will be on the partnership website when approved.

Health improvement trainees in Salford

In January 2005, six Health Improvement Trainees began work in some of Salford's most disadvantaged communities. The trainees, who had little or no previous experience in health work, were recruited from the local community to undertake a 2-year training scheme working with a Health Improvement Team.

The six each work with a Health Improvement Officer who supports them to complete projects that contribute towards local health action plans. The trainees are given the flexibility to develop their knowledge and skills in areas of health improvement work appropriate to their interests – whether it is community work, youth work or other health improvement related activities. At the end of the two-year post, the six will all gain a wealth of experience and formal qualifications.

As well as improving the general health of Salford people where this improvement is most needed, this scheme will develop a skills base of local people to take up jobs in the health sector.

Profile

Name: **Janet Bolton**

Occupation: **Health Improvement Trainee**

Based: **Ordsall & Langworthy neighbourhood team**

Janet has been in post since January and has an array of ideas for improving health and wellbeing in Ordsall and Langworthy. Janet's career history is in social care – she worked as an occupational therapy assistant and then a speech and language therapy assistant at Hope Hospital and along the way obtained an 'access to social care' qualification. She then realised that the health improvement sector is where her true interests lie.

Janet is currently leading on an emotional wellbeing project to develop a directory of all local activities, classes and clubs that are concerned with building self-confidence, with a view to this directory being housed on the PCT's website.

As her role develops, Janet will be central to tackling health issues in Ordsall. She will be looking at the provision of physical activities for women in this ward and is proposing setting up exercise classes at the refurbished Ordsall community centre and the Community café, and organising health walks in the area.

What is neighbourhood management in Salford?

Salford has a long and distinguished history of effective partnership working. Neighbourhood Management is the living proof that the partnership approach is going from strength to strength in the city.

Salford is divided into eight neighbourhoods, each with its own identity and issues. Every neighbourhood has its own Community Committee made up of representatives of local community and voluntary organisations along with ward councillors. The committee provides a focus for the concerns of local people and produces an annual Community Action Plan that outlines priorities for the year ahead.

It is up to the Neighbourhood Teams to ensure that those priorities are fulfilled. The teams are led by a Neighbourhood Manager who co-ordinates and improves local services in order to deliver the Community Action Plans. The typical neighbourhood team has a police sergeant, a health improvement officer, a representative from Housing, from Libraries and from Environment, along with a whole host of others who can influence service delivery to the communities.

Neighbourhood Management really is a better and more responsive way of delivering our services. There are many problems that are better tackled in this joined-up way. We can reduce crime better as a team; we can reduce health inequalities; we can tackle environmental crime such as litter and graffiti; we can engage better with groups such as young people and older people and we can work more effectively with members of the black and minority ethnic communities.



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Brian and Diana are happy to come and present to groups and organisations about neighbourhood management.

News from our Strategic Delivery Partnerships

Salford's Community Plan identifies seven inter-related themes that reflect the priorities expressed by local people and guide the city's development. Each theme is championed by a Strategic Delivery Partnership.

Healthy City Forum

White Paper emphasises partnerships

The Government White Paper "Choosing Health: Making Healthy Choices easier" sets out priority areas, underpinning principles and actions for public health in England.

The priority areas are:

- Reducing the numbers of people who smoke
- Reducing obesity and improving diet and nutrition
- Increasing exercise
- Encouraging and supporting sensible drinking
- Improving sexual health
- Improving mental health

In many respects, Salford is ahead of the game. The Health Inequalities Strategy, produced by the Healthy City Forum, largely complements the priority areas of the White Paper and emphasises partnership working. Recent developments include:

- The creation of two new posts to encourage smoke-free workplaces and public places
- The launch of the Tobacco Control Partnership, reporting to the Healthy City Forum
- The launch of the Food and Physical Activity Partnership, feeding directly into the Healthy City Forum, is planned for May 2005
- A number of the neighbourhood health improvement teams are recognising mental health as a priority for action
- A successful bid has been made for 'Arts on Prescription' and a number of graduate mental health gateway workers are coming into post.

Lifelong Learning Partnership

Adult Learners' Week
Adult Learners' Week will take place between 21st and 27th May and includes a range of events aimed at encouraging adults to become involved in learning and improving their skills, whilst having fun at the same time. On Tuesday 24th May there will be an awards presentation for the Salford Adult Learner of the Year.

Salford Deaf Community
There has been a series of meetings between Salford's colleges and members of the city's deaf community to explore how deaf people can be supported to access mainstream provision within the colleges. This will include awareness-raising courses for staff in the colleges and training interpreters. An action plan has been developed and the deaf community are undertaking a survey to identify the type of course provision that is required.

Skills for Life
Neighbourhood Renewal Fund money has been secured to implement Salford's Skills for Life (Sfl) strategy. The intention is to employ a development worker to work alongside the Basic Skills Co-ordinator to focus on Financial Literacy, engagement on Sfl programmes through the voluntary and community sector and basic skills development within the workforce.

Children's Services Planning Forum

It was announced at a recent meeting of the Forum that a new board is to be established in line with national and local commitments to improve outcomes for children and young people.

This board will oversee integrated children and young people's services in Salford and will define where legal and financial accountability lies.

New provisions within the Children Act 2004 specify which agencies are considered 'relevant agencies' (agencies that have a specific 'duty to co-operate') and which other agencies should also be included when developing services for children and young people. 'Relevant agencies' include:

- Local Authority
- Local Strategic Health Authority
- Primary Care Trust
- Police
- Youth Offending Team
- Connexions
- Learning and Skills Councils

Voluntary and community organisations, schools and GPs are classed as 'other agencies'.

Other news

- Two new directorates (Children's Services and Community and Health and Social Care) are being established at the city council. This is to better align the council's structure with the communities that it serves.
- The Children's Services Planning Forum will produce a Commissioning Plan within the next few months outlining procedures for securing early intervention services
- A Participation Unit will be established to coordinate young people's inclusion at strategic and local level. For more details, contact Liz Cameron, Principal Manager (Listening to Young People) Liz.Cameron@salford.gov.uk

Social Inclusion Executive

Social Inclusion Co-ordinator

The Social Inclusion Executive welcomes Chris Howl to Salford as the Social Inclusion Strategic Delivery Partnership lead officer. Chris joined Salford City Council in March and he will be providing coordination and support for a range of social inclusion issues. Contact Chris at chris.howl@salford.gov.uk

Affordable warmth

Alleviating fuel poverty has become a national imperative. Reducing fuel poverty in Salford will help to tackle social exclusion, improve health and allow older members of society to remain in their homes. An affordable warmth strategy & action plan for Salford has been developed by a number of partners and we are committed to working together to eradicate fuel poverty by 2010. For more information about the strategy, contact Les Laws on 0161 793 4256 or leslie.laws@salford.gov.uk

Financial inclusion

A working group meets quarterly to progress Financial Inclusion in Salford. Chaired by Karl Dayson, researcher in financial inclusion at Salford University, the group has identified key issues that affect the poorest people and will attempt to break the cycles of poverty associated with debt, unaffordable credit, savings and financial awareness.

Living Environment Forum

Housing strategy conference

The Housing Strategy conference, held at the Lowry Arts centre in February, was a resounding success. The event was attended by key stakeholders and celebrated the achievements Salford has made since the launch of the Salford Housing Partnership.

To receive a copy of the conference report, which includes details of the presentations and the workshop outcomes, please e-mail Michaela.haines@salford.gov.uk.

Diversity Living Strategy

'Making the future happen in Salford: Our strategy for housing in Salford 2004 - 2006' is one of a small number of housing strategies in the North West to have been recognised by Government Office North West and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister as 'Fit for Purpose'. Housing Services are building on this by developing specific aspects of the strategy. The University of Salford and EMS Consultancy have been commissioned to work on an exciting project to:

- Provide an equalities and diversity framework within which Housing Services can operate to the best advantage of all our residents;
- Help to develop two-way channels of communication so that minority residents, groups and fora know that they are listened to;
- Identify the organisational and cultural changes we need to make so that our housing services achieve excellence in addressing race and faith equality issues;
- Identify the steps that need to be taken to attract new communities to the city and to increase demand for new and existing homes.
- Develop a 'Diversity Living Strategy' that focuses on the housing and related support needs of Salford's minority residents.

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Environmental crime co ordinator

A new post has been created in the city council's Environment Directorate to address environmental crime such as abandoned vehicles, fly-tipping, graffiti, littering, dog fouling and fly-posting. Environmental crime has gained such prominence that it is now included in the city's Crime & Disorder Reduction Strategy.

The co-ordinator will work closely with Greater Manchester Police, the Environment Agency, Network Rail and other local authority directorates to develop joint responses to these problems and create a better quality environment for the people of Salford.

Road safety in Salford

Children from disadvantaged backgrounds are five times more likely to be killed or seriously injured on our roads than their peers. To tackle this, the Department for Transport launched the National Road Safety Initiative (nrsl). Salford is one of fifteen local authorities to have received nrsl funding to deliver innovative solutions to the high number of road casualties in the city.

Projects include a range of physical measures such as new play areas, crossing improvements and traffic calming schemes, alongside partnership working with schools, communities and organisations such as the Primary Care Trust and Sure Start.

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Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership

Continuing Salford's positive action in tackling anti-social behaviour, the city has launched a hotline enabling people to confidentially report issues.

As one of the fifty designated Together Action Areas, Salford city council, Greater Manchester Police and other agencies have reaffirmed their commitment to putting the local community first. They will work with local people to take swift action against problems such as intimidation, nuisance neighbours, vandalism, graffiti and rubbish dumping, whilst supporting victims and witnesses.

A dedicated hotline for reporting anti-social behaviour in the city can be reached on **0845 605 2222**. Help us to spread the word that Salford is taking positive action to stamp out this unacceptable behaviour.



Economic Development Forum

Funding has recently been secured for four projects to assist in the city's economic development..

Delivering the Salford Employment Plan
Funding will provide co-ordinated activities through a dedicated Employability Team. Key activities will be supporting the roll-out of Jobcentre Plus and work to engage those Salford residents most distanced from the labour market.

Routes to employment
Funding will be used to pump-prime a city-wide employability service which will target Salford's most disadvantaged residents and contribute towards increasing economic activity and reducing unemployment in the city.

Business security grants
A recent survey of Salford businesses concluded that business crime is a very real issue for businesses looking to relocate to the city. Funding from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund will be used to provide businesses with grants to help them improve or implement security measures on their premises.

Support for small businesses
There are at least 2000 small businesses in Salford, many of which have the potential to expand - but need specialist assistance to do so. Funding will enable Salford Hundred Venture (an enterprise agency providing support to small businesses) to work with local firms to improve workforce skills and management awareness of business-critical indicators.



Salford Community Network

Salford Community Network is the Community Empowerment Network for the city of Salford. Its aim is to empower neighbourhood communities to be involved at strategic level with decision-making in the city.

The network consists of a range of forums, some representing communities of identity, and some reflecting the themes laid out in Salford's Community Plan. Affiliate members of the network are voluntary, community and faith sector groups and social enterprises who work with communities in Salford.

These forums all elect members on to a management group, which gives strategic direction to the activities carried out by network staff. The network holds quarterly general meetings, allowing members to come together to discuss issues affecting their communities and to identify ways forward and future strategies.

The network has an office base at Salford CVS in Eccles. There are three full time members of staff based there. There are also eight community organisers based in the Community Committee areas, who work at neighbourhood level.

If you are involved in a community group in Salford and are interested in your voice being heard, then get in touch with Salford Community Network on 0161 707 0507 or on community.network@salfordcvs.co.uk.

January's LSP board meeting

A thought-provoking presentation was given by the team behind the winning bid to lead the Central Salford regeneration. The Board also approved the allocation of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund for 2005-06, endorsed the LSP communications strategy and discussed the second Crime & Disorder Reduction strategy.

For more details, read the board minutes summary at www.partnersinsalford.org/board_meetings

Salford & Trafford Jobcentre Plus districts merge with Manchester

The merger of the Manchester and Salford & Trafford Jobcentre Plus districts from April 2005 is the first in a series of organisational changes that form part of a broader modernisation programme. The merger of the two districts is designed to put in place a management structure that has two objectives. Firstly to reduce management and support costs to a level more comparable with other, similar organisations. This ensures that Jobcentre Plus can employ the maximum number of staff possible on customer service duties. Secondly, to create a structure that can easily be adapted as further changes, aimed at improving customer service, are introduced over the next three years.

More on these changes can be found at www.partnersinsalford.org/jobcentre

Getting to know....

Bill Marks,
District Manager,
Jobcentre Plus Manchester,
Salford & Trafford.



Bill Marks represents Jobcentre Plus on the Partners IN Salford board. He has over 25 years of operational experience in benefit delivery work since joining the Department of Social Security in 1972. He was appointed District Manager for Bolton and Bury in 2002 following the merger of the Benefits Agency with the Employment Service. Bill took up his present post in Salford in August 2004 to oversee the merger with Manchester.

As of this month (April), Bill takes charge of the new Manchester, Salford & Trafford district and will be responsible for 1400 staff across 20 sites and a budget of over £30 million.

Bill lives in Burnley with his wife, Sandra, and 15 year-old son Andrew. He also has a daughter, Helen, who is presently studying politics at Selwyn College, Cambridge. He enjoys travel, especially in the USA, music of all types, and is a season ticket holder at Burnley FC.

- 1) How did you come to be involved in Partners IN Salford?**
My predecessor, Lindsey Harman, was a member of Partners IN Salford and I was keen to ensure that Jobcentre Plus continued to be involved. The work of the partnership is very supportive of my organisation's objectives in tackling poverty and deprivation
- 2) What issues are you particularly interested in championing via your involvement in the LSP?**
The economy of the city and job creation in particular, which, along with improving skills is key to the prosperity of Salford's citizens
- 3) If you had the power to change one thing in our city, what would it be?**
To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to realise their potential
- 4) What does your role at Jobcentre Plus entail?**
As District Manager, I provide the leadership needed for my district to deliver its objectives.

Primarily these involve helping people into training and jobs. With unemployment at its lowest for many years this involves an increasing emphasis on providing assistance to lone parents and customers with disabilities as well as our 'traditional' job-seeker customers. Where people are unable to work I have to ensure that benefits are paid accurately and on time. Beyond that I am responsible for delivering all of the changes in our organisation and customer service initiatives – all within my budget.

- 5) Tell us about your day. What have you done so far?**
A typical day would involve meetings about performance against our targets and identifying areas for improvement; an update meeting to check progress towards our merger with Manchester; a partnership meeting – today its with the Learning and Skills Council to discuss closer working on the training/skills agenda; a visit to Altrincham to check progress with building work and the obligatory clearance of e-mails!

New board members

In recent months, Partners IN Salford has welcomed three new members to the Board:

Chief Superintendent David Baines, Greater Manchester Police
Before becoming Salford Divisional Commander, David spent three years as Divisional Commander in Oldham, overseeing a restructure of the division and playing a vital role in bringing communities back together in the aftermath of the riots of 2001.

Reverend Dr Neil Hudson Rev. Hudson has lived in Salford for the past 17 years, during that time he has been associated with the Salford Elim Pentecostal Church. At present he splits his working time between co-leading the church and working at a theological college in Cheshire that is validated by the University of Manchester. Rev Hudson is the chair of the Salford Faith Network, a relatively new group that seeks to enable members of different faith groups to learn from each other and, where possible, work together for the good of the city.

Jane Bracewell, Learning & Skills Council Greater Manchester
Jane is the Director of Standards & Stockport, Trafford and Salford. This means she leads on all matters relating to raising the standards of learning and skills provision in the Northwest, as well as being the senior representative of the LSC in Salford, Stockport & Trafford. Jane was formerly the Director of Strategy and Quality for LSC GM and post-graduation, began her career as a teacher.

www.partnersinsalford.org - a website to add to your 'favourites' list!

Partners IN Salford's website has now been re-vamped to contain more information and resources, including:

- Bite sized two-page summaries of Board meetings
- A comprehensive LSP jargon buster
- A separate information page for each Strategic Delivery Partnership
- A 'dates for your diary' section

Let us know what you think of the changes – contact **Karen McCrackle** with your comments.

Community Plan scenario planning

In preparation for the review of the Community Plan, the partnership underwent a 'scenario planning' process. Part of this involved discussing and rating fifty key drivers that will have an impact on the future of Salford. You can use this ready-made pack of factors to assist you or your partnership with your own strategic planning. To download the 'fifty drivers' powerpoint presentation, go to www.partnersinsalford.org/documents

For more about the scenario planning, contact **Paul McKenna** on 0161 793 3421 or paul.mckenna@salford.gov.uk



The Good Practice IN Community Involvement Project

This is the flagship project for Partners IN Salford. The project is entering its last year of three, funded through SRB 5 and ERDF. The aim of the project is to "increase the capacity and commitment for improved community involvement in decision making across the Partners IN Salford framework".

Fully supported by all the partners, the project provides support to develop effective and meaningful methods of involving citizens in decision-making across the city. This has required the sharing of expertise and resources and the release of staff to develop their skills and understanding. It has also promoted joint partnership working at all levels.



work with partner agencies and organisations; piloting methods of good practice through Age Concern Salford focusing on older people; and the development of Consultation Quality Standards and Gold Community Involvement Standards.

We are a small team of six workers based within the LSP team at the Salford Opportunities Centre. Activities include the design and delivery of training and learning for partner agency staff in community consultation, involvement, facilitation, survey work and engaging older people; providing outreach

The project has an active website (www.partnersinsalford.org/communityinvolvement) that provides lots of information on all aspects of community involvement both within Salford and elsewhere. This will soon be enhanced by the inclusion of a library facility holding references to existing local, national and forthcoming community involvement activities.

For further information on any aspect of our activities you can contact us on 0161 736 2398. Our team is:

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Gail Aspinall (Administrative Support)
Gerry Stone (Community Governance)
Wendy Goodwin (Training and Resources)
Rachel Slack (Older People Campaigns and Consultation)



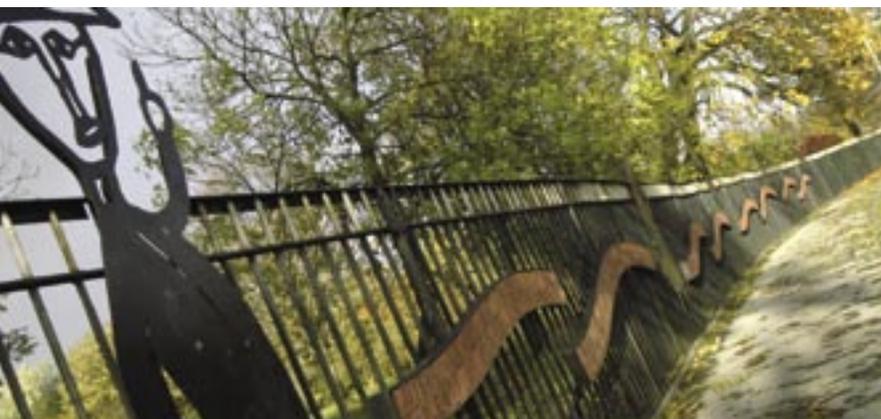
Seedley & Langworthy sets the standards

The Seedley and Langworthy Partnership has reached the finals in three categories of the Municipal Journal Local Government Achievement Awards. The categories are Street Scene Achievement of the year, Housing Achievement of the year and Regeneration Achievement of the year. This is a real partnership effort and is great news for the area and the city. The winners will be announced at a gala awards evening hosted by BBC World Affairs Editor John Simpson, at the London Hilton Hotel, Park Lane in June.

The Seedley and Langworthy community have been getting active and there are now 17 active residents' associations in the area preparing to defend their In Bloom titles. Two local mothers Rachel Morrison and

Cat Birney have set up a film group, REEL Salford, to pass on the experience they gained from the films 'Gas and Air' and 'Madhouse'. REEL Salford along with Seedley and Langworthy In Bloom and Seedley and Langworthy Community Radio were awarded RENEW (Regeneration Excellence in England's North West) Exemplar status for best practice in regeneration.

Around 600 homes have now benefited from block improvements and the Homeswap scheme has helped nearly 100 owner-occupiers in the area to move into new homes taking their mortgages with them. Traders have moved into the newly renovated shops on Langworthy Road breathing new life into the village centre and making space for a new church and community space in the empty shops opposite. Further along the road Chimney Pot Park is the subject of a design competition funded by the Big Lottery fund.



NDC news headlines



Progress continues to be made apace in the Charlestown and Lower Kersal New Deal for Communities area and 2005 will be the year that residents really start to see things happen. Four developers have now been short-listed to be the NDC's official developer partner – the successful organisation will be instrumental in building 2,500 new homes in the area.

Work began earlier this year on excavating the £4.7 million Salford Sports Village site off Littleton Road in Kersal. The Village, which is part funded by the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, will include new purpose-built headquarters for Manchester FA and a wealth of new facilities for local people. Continuing the sporting theme, over 500 runners converged on the Sports Village site on Good Friday to participate in the Salford 10k road race, supported by the NDC.

NDC Charlestown & Lower Kersal is the first area in the North West to introduce a pioneering property-marking scheme. Each household in the area will be given a marking kit, containing a chemical DNA marker that is traceable back to the owner. Households will receive a visit from a police officer who will demonstrate how to use the simple kits to mark valuables.

Chapel Street update

The Exchange Greengate

The Exchange Greengate is the historic core of Salford and represents the main bridging point between Manchester and Salford. Overlooked by Manchester Cathedral and a minute's stroll from Victoria Station, the area has nevertheless been abandoned to decades of neglect because of the physical barriers of the River Irwell and the viaducts of the former Exchange Station.

Greengate comprises 13 hectares of brownfield land, currently a dead space that has not experienced the renaissance that other areas of the city have...until now.

A new and highly ambitious Strategic Development Framework has been launched for the area, involving a partnership between Salford city council, and the owners of the land Network Rail and ASK Property Developments. The Framework articulates a vision for the area that will deliver long term qualitative change in the built environment creating living, working, social and leisure opportunities for a new and divergent population.

Historical artefacts discovered under Salford's streets

Recent archaeological excavation in the area of Salford's old market place, where Gravel Lane meets Greengate has uncovered artefacts from Salford's medieval past and industrial heritage. The once-thriving market area contained a courthouse, cross, stocks and a pump and would have been the administrative centre of medieval Salford. The archaeological work also uncovered the foundations of housing from the 1800s, which would have been workers' housing or small-scale industrial premises.

For more information about the Chapel Street Regeneration Area, take a look at www.chapelstreet.org.uk

Contact details

This is YOUR newsletter – the more feedback and contributions you provide, the better it can be.

The editorial deadline for the next issue is 10th June and it will be issued during the week of 8th July. Contact the editor with contributions and feedback: Karen McCrackle, LSP Communications Officer, Karen.mccrackle@salford.gov.uk.

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