



Clitheroe the Future

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FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR PROJECTS

Progress to secure funding and develop projects from our Action Plan is well underway. Several smaller projects are being considered for the Lancashire Rural Development Plan Small Projects Fund and others will follow. For more information see individual project update overleaf.

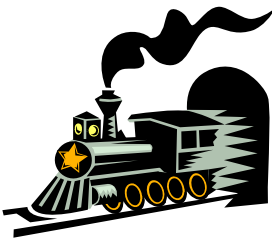
A meeting has taken place with English Heritage and RVBC to look at a Conservation Plan for the Castle and Grounds. This will influence quite a few of the environmental and townscape projects.

The Primrose Lodge Project has come under scrutiny by a team from CTF, RVBC and LCC and funding has been identified to support this scheme.

We have been working together with Roefield Leisure to develop the facilities further and discussions have taken place with NWDA and Sport England to find the most appropriate support funding.

The Arts and Culture Centre study has been put out for tender. These are expected to be returned w/e 1st November with consultants looking to be appointed by December. The target for study completion is the end of March.

A first Business Group Forum Meeting was held on the 17th October. This group will look at how to influence the Economic Policy of the area and can assist in identifying new business orientated projects. All persons interested in participating in this can contact Andrew or Richard.



CLITHEROE NEEDS YOU

Dear CTF member,



Imagine that you are climbing up a steep hill, with a long, slow, slippery path to the top. At the summit you come across a high stone wall. They have told you that there is gold behind that wall. Lots of gold, they say one minute. Then the next, they say it isn't much. But you want whatever gold there is, anyway. The government actually pays people to bang their heads against

this wall, although most do it for free. Knocking down the wall was supposed to be easy, but you can't find a way in.

CtF members don't actually have to imagine this, because it is what we have been doing for the last eighteen months. Our efforts have got us to the top of the hill. We're now just looking for the best way to remove the last obstacles to that pot of gold.

We are entering a new phase, the most exciting one, where the projects that have been chosen for Clitheroe are refined, planned in detail, and implemented. This is the new task facing the four working groups of Clitheroe the Future: economic; social and community; environment; and transport and accessibility.

If you are an existing member, we need your continued involvement, more now than in the preparatory stages of the Market Towns Initiative. If you are not yet a member, your participation will be most welcome.

This is the first newsletter we have prepared. We hope you find it interesting and informative. If you would like to be involved, please contact Andrew on 427886.

Jeremy Grout Smith—Chairman



WEBSITE SCORES A HIT

www.clitheroethefuture.co.uk continues to prove popular not only with local people but also with people from overseas who have found our site and like what they see. Recent messages have come from the USA, Denmark and the Lebanon. This not only serves to inform people about the partnership but also acts as an advertisement for the town. At a recent Action for Market Towns Conference, Clitheroe the Future were specifically complimented by the NWDA representative for their low-cost but effective ap-



proach to web communication.

The site appears on the first page for most major search engines on the web thanks to the 11000 hits a month recorded in October.

We all owe a special vote of thanks to Stan Parkinson for the work he has put into this and we can keep the community up to date by constantly updating the site.

If you have special photos of Clitheroe which you think would help to brighten the site please let us have them.

PROJECT STATUS SUMMARY

Project	Status	Notes
Business Group Forum	Live	This group had its inaugural meeting on the 17 th October and will continue on a quarterly basis. The first meeting reviewed the aims and objectives of the group and will plan a launch / awareness raising event before the next meeting.
Market Viability Study.	Pending	MBS have agreed to include Clitheroe within their study of regional markets. Forecast start – December/January
Arts and Culture Centre.	Live	Trinity Community Partnership and RVBC are leading in the development of this project. Funding is in place for the production of the feasibility study and invitations to tender for the production of the study are to be returned in November.
Extension of facilities (Roefield) CA	Live	Extension of facilities at Roefield Leisure Centre. CtF and Roefield taking the lead in developing this project. Several meetings taken place on scope of project between CtF and Roefield. NWDA and aware of project. Currently identifying most appropriate funding stream.
Visitor Assistance Scheme.	Live	Project developed with local partners and submitted for funding end of October.
Community Town Notice Board	Live	Project developed with local partners and submitted for funding end of October.
Pedestrian Audit and Improvement Scheme	Under Dev,	Project in early stages of development with RVBC and LCC
Enhancing the Built Environment.	Under Dev.	Developing project with RVBC and opened up proactive discussion on scope of project with English Heritage. HERS identified as main funding source linking with Historic Towns project (LCC)
Safe Cycle Routes	Under Dev.	Working with Clitheroe Cycling Touring Club, LCC., Expression of Interest Form submitted to East Lancashire Partnership SRB 6 Regional Park
School Drop off Zones	Under Dev.	Pilot Project. Project in early stages of development with RVBC and Lancashire County Council.
Town Centre Decoration.	Under Dev.	Project in early stages of development with RVBC and Lancashire County Council
Edge of Town Forest, Footpaths and Bridleway.	Under Dev.	Project in early stages of development with RVBC and Lancashire County Council.
Town Boundary and Gateway Signage.	Live	Project being progressed with Clitheroe Town Council ,RVBC and LCC re visiting former scheme developed by community and local schools in 1998. Next stage will include re-launching project with local community via newspaper and website.
Town Heritage and Nature Trail	Under Dev	Project idea currently being progressed with RVBC, Landowners and LCC. Potential funding identified through REMADE, DUN (Derelict Underused Neglected LAND) and HERS
Castle and Grounds	Live	RVBC have secured funding for study of Castle Keep and buildings. CtF are currently in liaison with RVBC and English Heritage to extend the scope of this study to assess and link the historical assets of the town with the castle.

The following projects have still to be started :- Conference Centre and Hotel., Local Shop Venture Fund, Rural Transport Study, Roefield Leisure Centre / Clitheroe Hospital Link, Lowergate Shopping Development, Young Persons Co-coordinator.

NEW CONSTITUTION

At last we have decided on our future constitution and we have adopted a partnership model. This is vital not only for how the partnership will work in but also to provide the necessary framework to enable us to access the funding we require to progress projects. Arriving at this has not been an easy process but now the steering group have identified how we should proceed we can get our teeth into the real work which will start to make all the hard work and effort put into the health check process worthwhile.

It is anticipated that the partnership will seek charitable status but this can take some time to effect. This in itself should not create a barrier to progress.

The framework of the partnership will be broadly in line with the current framework with an executive committee responsible for ensuring that projects are in line with the overall objectives and looking after the administration of the partnership.

The steering group would become a wider representative group with individuals and groups encouraged to sign up to the partnership. They would meet on a 3 monthly basis to review progress and to input their ideas on new projects.

The working groups would be organised broadly as for the health-check—there function being to look at and assist in individual projects. They would provide back-up and support to Andrew and Richard who would be involved day to day with each project.

Clitheroe the Future Partnership is supported by the Countryside Agency, Ribble Valley Borough Council, Clitheroe Town Council and Trinity Community Partnership

