

# Area Forum News

## Halifax North & East

Warley, Illingworth & Mixenden, Ovenden, Northowram & Shelf



Welcome to the latest edition of your Halifax North & East Area Forum newsletter. This newsletter includes a summary report from the Area Forum Meeting that was held on 10th September at the Shelf J&I school.

Area Forums are 'open events' for those who live, work or have an interest in Warley, Illingworth & Mixenden, Ovenden and Northowram & Shelf Wards.

The Area Forum provides an opportunity for you to not only hear about and discuss issues that have been raised at previous meetings, but also provides an opportunity through the Open Forum session to raise other issues which are important to you in your area.

Please do contact the Area Forums team if you would like to raise a topic at future Area Forum meetings by contacting us on 01422 392411, fax: 01422 393183 or by email: [mohammed.manire@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:mohammed.manire@calderdale.gov.uk)

We would encourage you to come along and bring your friends, neighbours or colleagues to these meetings especially if they would like to know more about what is happening in their area.

## The Next Halifax North & East Area Forum meeting

Will take place in Illingworth & Mixenden Ward on Wednesday 22nd October 2008 at Illingworth & Mixenden Holy Nativity Church, Sunnybank Road Mixenden at 6.30 for a 7.00pm start till 8.30pm

### Issues to be discussed at the next meeting

- Facilities for Young People
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Redevelopment at the Jumbles Mixenden
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

I look forward to welcoming you to the next Halifax North & East Area Forum.

**Cllr David Ginley**

Chair of the Halifax North & East Area Forum

## Useful Numbers

### General Enquiries

(Council switchboard and all other general enquiries)

**0845 245 6000**

### Street Care Enquiries

(including road defects, faulty street lights, missed bins, graffiti and litter)

**0845 245 7000**

### Finance Enquiries

(including, council tax, benefits and payments)

**0845 245 8000**

### Anti Social Behaviour

(For advice and guidance on dealing with anti-social behaviour)

**01422 393125**

### Community Policing

(West Yorkshire Police)

**0845 6060606**

Information on Council services and minutes of all meetings including Area Forums are available on the Council's website:

[www.calderdale.gov.uk](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk)



# Area Forum Update

## The Halifax North and East Area Forum meeting was held on Wednesday 10th September at Shelf Junior & Infant School

The agenda of the meeting was developed from some of the issues which people raised at the Area Conference in July. These included issues around

- Facilities for Older People
- Quad Bike Nuisance
- Local Development Framework

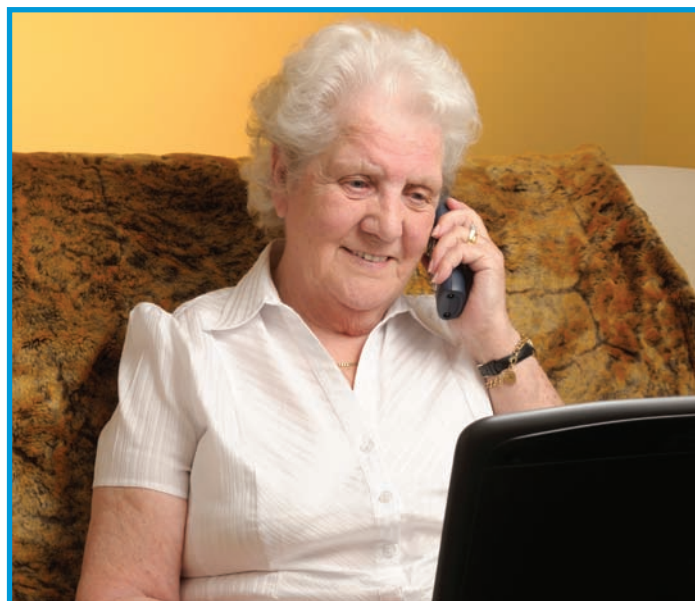
The chair of the Area Forum Cllr David Ginley, said that all the issues which had been raised at the Area Forum Conference had been collated and included in a Tasking Plan, work is now being undertaken on the Tasking plan with various Council Departments and other Partner Agencies, such as the Primary Care Trust, Pennine Housing, West Yorkshire Police etc, and feedback will be provided at the next meeting of this Forum.

A number of people were invited to provide an overview of the facilities for Older People, these included :-

Chris Kidd of the Health and Social Care Directorate, reported on the services and schemes available for older people in the Calderdale area. This included services to enable people to live in their own homes for longer, commissioned day services and rapid response schemes.

Lis Boulton of the POPPs Initiative provided information on the six projects run by the POPPs Team which included Handy Persons Services, The Homes from Hospital Service and a supporting carer's scheme.

Christine Henry of Age Concern Calderdale provided an outline of the work of the charity in Calderdale and outlined the mission of the charity which was to improve



the quality of life for older people in the area, and to give them independence and respect.

Neighbourhood Police Team officers PC McNamara and PC Charleston reported that they recognised that quad bikes were an issue in Northowram and confirmed that some of the bikes had now been seized and warnings had been issued to other offenders.

Phil Ratcliffe, the Planning Policy Manager, gave a presentation to the Area Forum relating to the process for the development of the Local Development Framework, including the Core Strategy and Sites Specific allocations.

The final part of the meeting was an Open Forum, this was an opportunity for residents to raise concerns that had not been covered on the agenda or resolved by officers prior to the meeting.

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## Your Area Forum Members

<b>Ilingworth &amp; Mixenden</b>	Cllr Tom Bates	Cllr Barry Collins	Cllr Geoffrey Wallace
<b>Warley</b>	Cllr David Ginley	Cllr Jennifer Pearson	Cllr Robert Pearson
<b>Ovenden</b>	Cllr Danielle Coombes	Cllr Helen Rivron	Cllr Bryan Smith
<b>Northowram &amp; Shelf</b>	Cllr Stephen Baines MBE	Cllr Graham Reason	Cllr Roger Taylor



Since the summer you have raised a lot of issues, some of which are listed here along with our response.

You said	Our response
Repair Street Lighting	<p>Faulty street lights need to be reported to Street Care Tel: 0845 245 7000.</p> <p>Our aim is to repair a fault within 5 working days</p> <p>When reporting a fault it would be very helpful if the location or the identification number which is located on the side of the lighting column is provided to ensure that the correct lamps are quickly identified and fixed</p>
Parking Issues	<p>There is a borough wide parking review and the findings will be available in summer 2009</p>
Dog fouling in the parks.	<p>Members of the public can report issues around dog fouling to the Dog Warden Service so that they can undertake enforcement Tel 01422 392373.</p> <p>Dog fouling can also be reported to Street/Park wardens</p>
Encroachment by residents - extending their gardens to include public space (near Nettle Hill)	<p>An enforcement officer has undertaken a site visit at Nettle Hill to investigate any encroachment. The enforcement Officer has found no evidence of any encroachment taking place.</p>
Concern over rumours of relocation of Shelf GP surgery	<p>The Area Forum Team, discussed the issue with Shelf GP surgery via the Primary Care Trust and can confirm that there are no plans to relocate the surgery</p>
School Allocations - All J & I Schools in the Shelf area are full	<p>While the Council recognises that the primary schools in Northowram and Shelf are both popular and often over-subscribed, the Authority is required to set down the rules laid down by national government.</p> <p>The resources required to expand schools (build additional classrooms or new schools) comes from funding from the Department for Schools, Children and Families (DCSF) and this grant funding will only be approved if it can be demonstrated that there are insufficient school places within a two mile radius of any over subscribed schools. While it is recognised that primary schools in Northowram and Shelf are over-subscribed and there is pressure on school places in the area, there are schools.</p>



# Can't get to an Area Forum?

You can still keep up to date with what's happening. Just contact us with your details and we'll send you the latest Area Forum information, meeting dates, agendas and updates, by post or email.

## How to contact us

You can contact your Area Coordinator Mohammed Manire

By telephone on 01422 392411

By fax on 01422 393183

By email at [mohammed.manire@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:mohammed.manire@calderdale.gov.uk)

Or fill in the form below and send it to Community Services, Northgate House, Northgate, Halifax HX1 1UN

## Area Forums

Yes, I would like to receive more information about the Area Forums

*Please complete in block capitals*

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

Which area are you interested in? *(You can tick more than one)*

Upper Valley

Lower Valley

Halifax North and East

Halifax Central

Do you need help with transport to get to an Area Forum event?

All venues will be accessible for wheelchair users and will have an induction loop.  
BSL interpreters will be present at Area Forum events.

If you have any other access needs, please let us know: