

Area Forum News

Lower Valley

Greetland & Stainland, Elland, Hipperholme & Lightcliffe, Brighouse, Rastrick



Welcome to the latest edition of your Lower Valley Area Forum newsletter. This newsletter includes a summary report from the Area Forum Meeting that was held on 9th September at the Hipperholme & Lightcliffe High school.

Area Forums are 'open events' for those who live, work or have an interest in Hipperholme & Lightcliffe, Brighouse, Rastrick, Elland and Greetland & Stainland 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

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 Lower Valley Area Forum meeting

Will take place in Rastrick Ward on Tuesday 21st October 2008 at Castlefield Infant School Field Top Road Rastrick at 6.30 for a 7.00pm start till 8.30pm

Issues to be discussed at the next meeting

- Public Transport Issues
- Motorbike Nuisance
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

I look forward to welcoming you to the next Lower Valley Area Forum.

Cllr Joyce Cawthra

Chair of Lower Valley 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



Area Forum Update

The Lower Valley Area Forum meeting was held on Tuesday 9th September at the Hipperholme and Lightcliffe High 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

- Public Transport,
- Facilities for Young People
- Anti Social behaviour etc
- Updates on Police/PSCO patrols.

The chair of the Area Forum Cllr Joyce Cawthra, 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.

Calderdale CMBC Projects and Asset Manager provided an update on the Brighouse Swimming Pool and the Brighouse Civic Hall.

A Representative from the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive attended the Area Forum to provide an overview of Public Transport provision, and the role of WYPTE.

Issues discussed included the:-

- Brighouse Bus Station
- Norwood Green bus provision
- Bus services in the Rastrick Area
- Safety of Young People and the Elderly using public transport.

Calderdale Councils Young Peoples Services Manager and a representative from the Youth Offending Team attended the Forum to give an overview of the provision and service provided in an educational role, supporting and enabling Young People through youth centres and Schools, working alongside other partner agencies to address anti social behaviour etc.



The Police Neighbourhood Team attended the Forum to provide an update on the concerns expressed by residents on the lack of visibility of Police/PSCO and foot patrols in the area.

It was confirmed that the area was split into a response team and neighbourhood team servicing the area by car and foot patrols.

The Principal Planning Officer gave a presentation to the Forum relating to the process for the development of the Local Development Framework, including the Core Strategy and Site Specific Allocations.

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

A number of residents raised issues regarding parking, traffic congestion around Stoney Lane and Safer Routes to School. Members assured residents that the views of residents will be taken on board.

Your Area Forum Members

Hipperholme & Lightcliffe	Cllr Graham Hall	Cllr David Kirton	Cllr Collin Rastrick
Brighouse	Cllr Howard Blagbrough	Cllr Joyce Cawthra	Cllr Collin Stout
Elland	Cllr Patricia Allen	Cllr Diane Park	Cllr Bob Thompson
Greetland & Stainland	Cllr Peter Wardhaugh	Cllr Keith Watson	Cllr Conrad Winterburn
Rastrick	Cllr Ann McAllister	Cllr Paul Rogan	Cllr Craig Whittaker



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

You said	Our response
Council needs to publicise contact information more clearly.	<p>The Council publicises its information in the following way</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production of an A-Z of Council Services, distributed to all homes in Calderdale. • Calderdale Call, the civic magazine of Calderdale Council, is delivered to all homes every eight weeks. • The Council uses the BT Phone Book and Thompson directory to promote the General Enquiries number (0845 245 6000). • Producing some small, credit-card sized Contact Cards to help people keep in touch. • A poster campaign is underway showing a range of services. These posters will also include contact details • Work is underway to set up a Customer First in Brighouse.
Pennine Housing should inform local Councillors of any staff or office changes, so that they are able to update residents.	Pennine Housing has confirmed that Councillors will be informed of any future staff or office changes.
Land on Whitwell lane would make a perfect place for the elderly and young people to use as a community facility.	Land at Whitwell Green Lane is managed by Community Services, who are in the process of developing a Policy on Community Management of Council Buildings and Land. The Council would welcome discussions on sustainable/ viable proposal for the site from the community For Further information contact Sarah Manfredi Tel: 01422 393271
Parking Issues	Parking Review is currently taking place and these issues will also be fed into the reviews
The Mill at the top of Blackley (Brick works) is dangerous, what is happening with it	The former Blackley Brickworks site is owned by a Huddersfield-based developer, John Radcliffe and Sons Ltd who have appointed planning consultants to review the viability of a development on part of the site covered by the derelict buildings and the hard standings.
Urgent need to widen Thornton Road	Funds have been approved by Calderdale Council and work is in progress to develop the scheme and we expect the work to be completed by April 2009
Dog fouling in the parks is an issue,	<p>Members of the public can report issues around dog fouling to the Dog Warden Service so that they can undertake enforcement action on Tel 01422 392373. Or Street Care Tel 0845 245 7000</p> <p>Dog fouling can also be reported to Street /Park wardens</p>
Rastrick Care Home (Close Lea) in breach of planning	A Breach of Condition Notice is in the process of being served on the owners in relation to planning permission 06/01233. The breaches relate to the formation of a footpath through the site, unacceptable boundary treatment, inadequate suppression of smells and noise.



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

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: