



Issue 2

Glossop Vision

Regenerating Glossop

Background

The Glossop Vision Liveability pilot programme has been made possible due to a successful bid to operate one of 27 national pilots as part of the Government's drive to create cleaner, safer, greener communities.

The programme sees the Council working with the local community to improve parks and open space, streets and a wide range of public space. Our pilot has secured £2.35m from the Government to help fund these improvements.

Further information is available from www.cleanersafergreener.gov.uk

Nest and Howard Town Mill and Harehills. The opportunities for each site are then considered as part of the overall area, using the Glossop Brook as a linear route through the town, to link each of the sites.

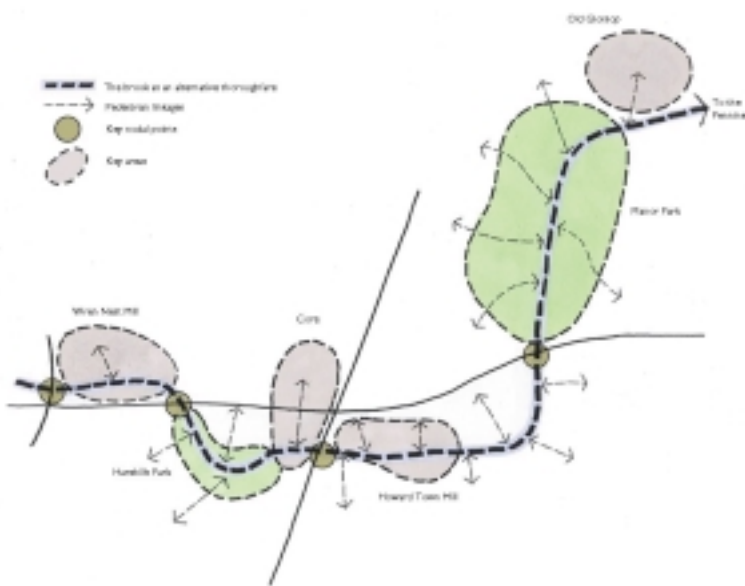
Stage one has considered all options, presented outline proposals and tested local agencies and community opinion in October. The results of the consultation are being incorporated into the final Master plan that will be published in April 2005. Of the initial draft proposals those relating to the High Street and core town centre area caught the imagination of most people. With improvements to the station forecourt and links to Norfolk Square seen as a high priority. Improvements to the High Street highlighted the desire for street trees and traditional stone paving. Proposals for green space improvements to Manor Park, Harehills and the Glossop Brook were well received.

Master Plan

The Master plan is drawing together all the options for public space improvements included in the bid to Government. The aim is to understand opportunities for each site, including Manor Park, the town centre bounded by Wren



As part of the consultations, people were asked to select images that reflected the style of urban design that should be adopted in the town. It is hoped that all the areas for improvement can adopt a sympathetic style, that reflects quality and gives Glossop an individual identity. The process was well received and key themes included the use of natural stone – reflecting the surrounding landscape, traditional lighting columns and consideration given to lighting key



buildings or features, a simple treatment of the river edge, with natural walls and traditional railings.

To see the initial proposals and a summary of consultation findings, copies are available on www.glossop.com. A public exhibition of the detailed proposals will be held in the Spring. Further details will follow shortly.



Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team (NEAT) Audits Completed

During July and August meetings were held across Glossop and residents participated in environmental audits of their neighbourhood. Consultation events for the Master plan and surveys also provided information for the audit work. Feedback highlighted issues in relation to litter, fly-tipping, graffiti, poor surfaces, blocked gullies and damaged street furniture. Residents were also able to suggest proposals for local community projects.

The results were reported to the Glossop Vision Board and as a result action plans have been drawn up to address the audit findings. The

Council has been asked by the Board to consider how it can work to enhance street cleansing cycles. The audits have also helped to identify key points of concern in relation to the environment and new public service standards have been agreed. These are reported on elsewhere in this newsletter.

Proposals for community projects were welcomed by the Board and consideration is being given as to how these can be implemented either through grants or direct work by agencies.

Copies of the full report or an extract of the audit for specific community areas can be obtained from Sarah Parkin on 01457 866820 or email sarahparkin@highpeak.gov.uk



Manor Park and Glossop Brook River Valley Management Plan

Another element of the Liveability pilot is to improve two key areas of green space linked by the river corridor. Management Plans are being developed for Manor Park and the Glossop Brook. Both plans have been developed with close consultation with local people and users of the space and will provide a focus for future development and management of the area over a five-year period.

The management plans consider use and access, infrastructure, events, sustainability and conser-

vation, play and sports facilities, signage and visitor management. Fundamentally, they will be a framework for public involvement and ownership of their local park through the development of Friends Groups. Friends of Manor Park is already established, with a committee of willing volunteers and a programme of events, furthermore the secretary of the group, Debbie is a Glossop Vision Board member, representing the voluntary sector. The management plans are due to be completed in April 2005.

Tidy Glossop Programme

The Tidy Glossop Programme is a wide-ranging programme to encourage higher environmental standards in the community. As part of the pilot we will be adopting a new litter enforcement policy, with the introduction of fixed penalty fines. In a bid to improve the environment the Council are piloting a 24-hour reporting line for services associated with the street scene, such as litter, fly tipping, graffiti and damaged pavements. The service aims to make Council services more accessible and allow people to report problems when they see them, without waiting until the next working day.

The 24 hour Green Line is 0845 129 4868. You can also use the new High Peak Borough Council mobile text service to report issues. If you notice an area that is need of attention send a text to 07800 00 22 62. Please be as descriptive as possible in your message. Your message will go directly to

the customer services team who will arrange for appropriate action to be taken. A text message will be sent to your mobile phone to let you know what this action will be.



In addition to this service, the Borough and County Council are working to set service standards for ten key services. Work has been undertaken to review maintenance and inspection standards and to consider how current street cleansing schedules might be enhanced. The following table shows the 10 service standards and the proposed improvements against which progress would be monitored.

Service Standards

Fly Tipping Removal All reported fly tipping cleared within 24 hours of notification and a weekly review of fly tipping hot spots.

Street Cleanliness To achieve the cleanliness targets published in the High Peak Borough Council Best Value Review and Plan

Graffiti Removal Obscene graffiti will be removed from public buildings within 24 hours of notification; Normal graffiti will be removed within 7 days of notification. Where graffiti is on a private building High Peak Borough Council will liaise with the landlord to achieve removal within the above timescales.

Gully Emptying Immediate attention will be paid in an emergency situation i.e. the flooding or in imminent danger of flooding to residential property due to a blocked gully. Where the situation is critical i.e. A blocked gully outside a residential property is subject to flooding and rain is forecast. The gully will be cleared within 24 hours. All other blocked gullies will be inspected within 7 days of notification.

Dog Fouling Reports of Dog Fouling incidents will be dealt with within 24 hours. The Dog Warden will visit areas with repeated reports, adjacent properties will be

leafleted and areas will be signed where required.

Highway Maintenance Emergency action will be taken with 24 hours of notification where public safety is at risk.

Street Lighting Areas will be surveyed every 14 days and repairs will be carried out within a 14-day period. Where public safety is at risk repairs will be carried out within 2 hours of notification.

Overhanging Vegetation on Footpaths and Highways In the case of a public safety issue areas will be inspected within 7 days. Action may involve a letter to the owners of the property with instructions for removal or notice being served on private owners.

Damage to Street Furniture If public safety is at risk the damage will be repaired or furniture reinstated within 2 hours. If there is no safety issue, repair or reinstatement will be carried out as soon as possible.

Fly Posting Offensive material will be removed from public buildings or areas within 24 hours. Non-offensive material will be removed within 7 days. Where fly posting occurs on a private building or land High Peak Borough Council will liaise with the landlord to achieve removal within the above timescales.

Groundwork is now talking to local business, encouraging them to sign up to the Tidy Business Standard award scheme. Advice and support on waste management is offered to ensure businesses meet their social responsibility and

stay within the law in terms of trade waste. As part of the work, we will be implementing a national code of conduct for fast food outlets to minimise waste and litter.

Britain in Bloom

Glossop received a Silver Medal Award in the Britain in Bloom competition which is sponsored by the Royal Horticultural Society. This is considered to be an outstanding achievement as it is only the second time the town has entered. It finished fourth in the 'large town' category, beating several previous winners such as Long Eaton, Spalding and Dronfield.

Judging took place in July when two visiting judges were taken around the town for two and a half hours. The route included the town centre, two parks, a school, Padfield, Old Glossop, Derbyshire Level, Whitfield, the allotments and a visit to the winner of the Best Beer Garden competition.

The judges were particularly impressed with;

- ❖ the amount of high quality floral displays on many commercial premises;
- ❖ the creation of a wildlife & vegetable garden at St Mary's Primary School;
- ❖ the standard of Howard Park;
- ❖ how the allotments are well-used and carefully maintained;
- ❖ the cleanliness of the route.

They also awarded a special Judges Award for the progress that had been made by the Committee and the commendable Bloom entry.

Increased numbers entered the locally run residential and commercial competitions and this year saw the introduction of a school sunflower competition with 10 primary schools taking part.

It is hoped that the town will achieve a similar, or even better result in 2005.

Conservation led Regeneration

It is widely acknowledged that Glossop has a range of high quality buildings in the town centre, much of which gives the town its unique feel. The Council has been successfully operating a Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme (HERS) in the town centre, with a number of stunning results. The images below reflect on some of the new shop fronts that have emerged, restoring the quality of the High Street.



Building on the success of the HERS, the Council are delighted to have secured £1.3m Town Heritage Initiative from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The five-year programme will provide specific support to a key number of heritage restoration projects in the town. It is also hoped that some funding will support public realm improvements as part of the Liveability Masterplan.

Glossop Vision Board

The Vision Liveability Programme is managed by Glossop Vision Board, made up of representatives nominated from the Glossop Town Partnership, Voluntary Sector, County and Borough Council and the Mersey Basin Campaign. If you would like to discuss the Glossop Vision Programme with a member of the Glossop Vision Board please contact a representative on the numbers below:

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