





## HARROGATE DISTRICT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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Cllr. Keith Barnes, NYCC Harrogate Area Committee

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## MEETING DATES 2009-10

### Executive Meetings 2009

22<sup>nd</sup> January  
19<sup>th</sup> March  
11<sup>th</sup> June

2nd July- Annual Conference

23<sup>rd</sup> July  
24<sup>th</sup> September  
26<sup>th</sup> November

### 2010

25<sup>th</sup> February

Move to new structure from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010

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13<sup>th</sup> January  
10<sup>th</sup> March  
5<sup>th</sup> May

7<sup>th</sup> July  
8<sup>th</sup> September  
10<sup>th</sup> November

### 2010

26<sup>th</sup> January

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## HARROGATE DISTRICT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

### INTRODUCTION

Overall 2009/10 was about the Partnership beginning to take stock of where it has come from and where it needs to be. Various influences have begun to impact on how and what the Partnership is or would like to be doing. Since the last annual conference in July 2009, the Harrogate District Strategic Partnership (HDSP) has looked at how it goes about its business and undergone a review of its governance arrangements. Time was taken to work and engage with partners to develop a model that would be effective and more outcomes focused. There continues to be the commitment from partners year on year with continued support to the work of the Partnership.

The Partnership has continued to recognise and identify more areas of joined up working to the benefit of many, enabling collective responsibility, reducing duplication and learning how to problem solve together at a district, county and regional level. The neighbourhood management pilot due to be rolled out in the Autumn will be a base to build upon and is recognised in some localised form as the way forward in partnership working by the new Government.

The Partnership has many challenges ahead and we await announcements from the coalition Government as to its direction on partnership working, localism and working with communities and the inevitable funding cuts that we are all to face to our services but with the support of partners and stakeholders it will address these and become stronger.

Examples of the achievements and involvement over the last year are set out within this overview document.



**Councillor Dr M Gardner,**  
Chair - Harrogate & District Strategic Partnership



## **HDSP- ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2009-10**

The following provides a snapshot of the variety of work that the HDSP Executive and Officer Group has been presented with and addressed over the last year.

### **Presentations:**

- Harrogate Borough Council's (HBC) Climate Change Strategy
- North Yorkshire Geographic Programme
- Harrogate Borough Council Economic Strategy

### **Agenda Items:**

- HDSP review of governance
- Harrogate District Actively Involving Children and Young People
- Harrogate District Community Development Fund allocations
- Harrogate District Economic scorecard
- Harrogate District Place Survey
- Preventing Violent Extremism
- Neighbourhood management framework for the Harrogate District
- Leeds City Region
- North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership Executive/ Partnership key messages

### **Active Involvement in Consultation**

The Partnership has provided constructive comments considering the impact of the proposals on the district and has assisted to shape future service delivery both within the district, county and region by doing so.

Examples of consultation areas considered are:

- North Yorkshire Joint Strategic Needs assessment (JSNA)
- HBC Climate Change Strategy
- HBC Economic strategy
- HDSP Review of governance

### **Key pieces of work in 2009/10**

#### **HDSP Review of Governance:**

One major piece of work that has commenced within 2009 is a review of the Partnership's governance. The Partnership has been in existence for over 6 years and needed to take some time to look at whether it is fit for purpose and fulfilling its aims and objectives in the best way that it can. The Partnership moved to a new structure on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010, more details about the changes can be found in the next section.

#### **Neighbourhood Management:**

Partners have come together to deliver neighbourhood management within a specific ward where joint targeted action will be carried out over a fixed period of time. Details are currently being finalised with the aim of a pilot project within a Harrogate ward being carried out in the early autumn. The pilot project will be reviewed and evaluated and if successful will be rolled out across the District as an effective model and way of working together.

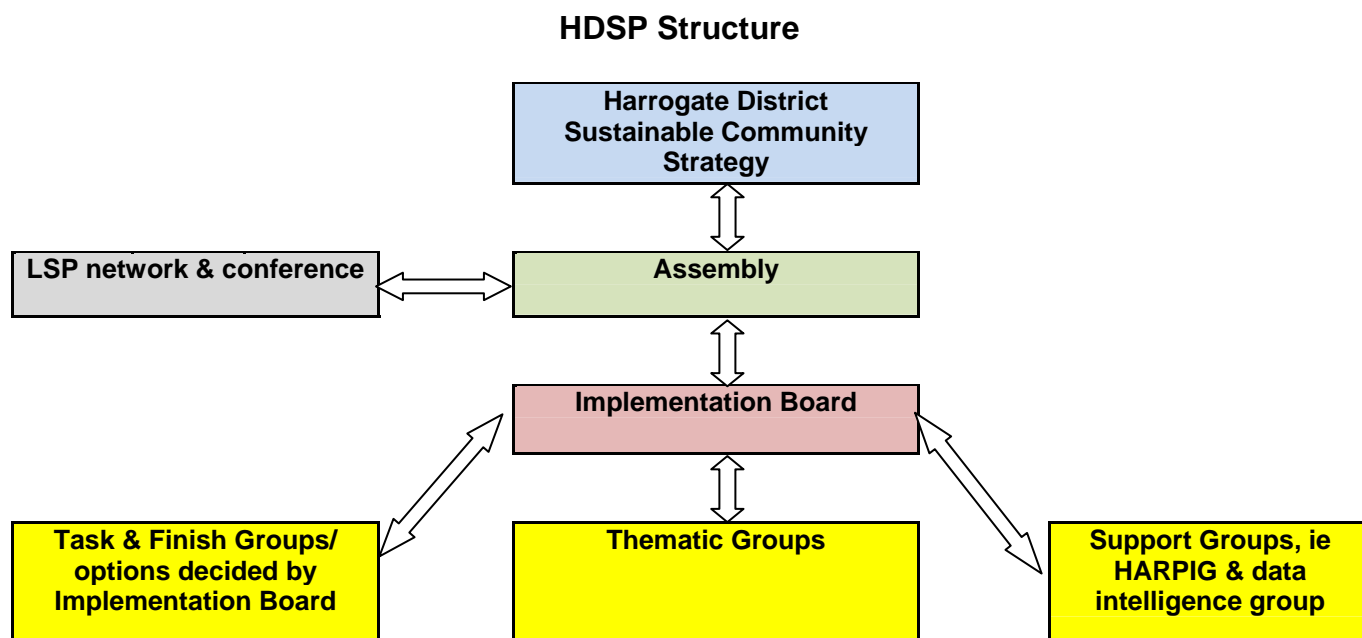
# HDSP REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE: THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS

## The process:

Over several months various workshops with the existing partnership members were conducted and further governance proposals developed. In November 2009 a 12-week period of open consultation commenced on the HDSP governance proposals, this ended on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010. A consultation document was developed which posed six key questions focusing on the membership, terms of reference, funding, partner commitments and priority work areas. The document was circulated widely for comment amongst existing HDSP partners, the wider partnership, Councillors, within the VCS through the Care in Action publication and to members of the public via the HDSP website. In total 22 responses were received back. All comments were considered and the arrangements further developed to reflect these.

## The Structure:

On the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 the HDSP moved to a new structure. The previous Executive, Officer Group and 15 thematic partnerships (which were not accountable to the HDSP) were replaced by a Partnership comprising of an Assembly, an Implementation Board, 5 Thematic Groups and the ability to convene task and finish groups as appropriate to allow the partnership to react quickly to events. The structure can be found diagrammatically below.



The roles and responsibilities of each tier can be found below and the terms of reference from [www.HDSP.co.uk](http://www.HDSP.co.uk).

## The structure consists of:

- **LSP Assembly:** Who will set the long-term vision and the overall strategic direction of the Partnership. The Assembly will provide leadership for the District, be an influencing body and be strategic decision makers. The Assembly will meet twice a year and host the annual conference. The Assembly will provide the links into the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership and the Leeds City Region.
- **LSP Implementation Board:** Who will be responsible and accountable to the Assembly for delivery. The implementation Board will review performance against priorities, targets, outcomes and milestones held within the Sustainable Community Strategy, Local Area Agreement and

any other agreed actions. They will co-ordinate the work of the thematic partnerships, have oversight of cross cutting issues and steer collective partnership capacity. The Board will meet bi-monthly.

- **LSP Network:** Who will be a virtual network of partners to whom key messages and updates on the work of the Partnership will be sent to on a regular basis in order to engage with the wider community.
- **Thematic groups:**

**Safer Communities (Chaired by Cllr Ellington):** This is represented in its current form of the Harrogate District Safer Communities Partnership (HDSCP) who will deliver against the Partnership Plan Priorities 2008-11: Safer Neighbourhoods, Safer Roads, Alcohol & Substance Misuse, Crime (violent crime, domestic abuse), Engaging with communities including reassurance and confidence

**Children and Young People (Chaired by Stuart Gregory, NY CYPS):** The Harrogate Children and Young People Area Liaison Group (ALG) administered by the North Yorkshire Children & Young Peoples Service, Integrated Services Team will be the main partnership within the Harrogate District to address and co-ordinate Children and Young People work areas. The Group's existing work remit and area coverage is to be developed further over the next few months to ensure that it can be all encompassing.

**Environment Group (Chaired by Nigel Heptinstall):** The existing Harrogate District Action For Environment Group membership has been extended into a wider Environment Thematic Group. The role of the group will be to deliver in partnership a programme of environmental aspects including climate change mitigation and adaptation, energy efficiency and biodiversity. Three task and finish groups are being scoped focusing on Bio diversity, climate change adaptation and CO<sup>2</sup> reduction.

**Stronger Communities (Chaired by Rachel Bowles, Harrogate Borough Council):** The group will focus on four priority areas of neighbourhood management, community cohesion through Prevent, healthier communities and participatory budgeting.

**Sustainable Communities (Chaired by Nigel Avison, Harrogate Borough Council):** The proposal is to develop an overarching Sustainable Communities Group within the Harrogate District to pull together representatives from existing groups to address cross cutting economic sustainability issues and priority areas (including economy, employment and skills, housing, sustainable development, tourism, culture, regeneration and transport).

- **Task and Finish Groups:** These will be established/ commissioned to deliver specific pieces of work, for example there are proposals for groups on the Local Development Framework. It is also proposed that a Harrogate District Data Intelligence Task Group be established. This would be a multi-agency group of practitioners with the dual roles of drawing together the 'evidence base' which informs the work of the LSP; and the development of a performance management framework for the work of the LSP in 2010/11.

A conference will be held annually and a virtual network will be established to assist in communications.

Membership of the Partnership will be public, private, voluntary and community sector organisations that are committed to strategic and collaborative working. The Partnership will have the ability to include a number of advisors as non-voting co-opted members. These advisors will be from regional or sub-regional organisations whose roles will be to assist and advise the Partnership on policy and strategy.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)

In February 2009 an additional allocation of £75,575 from the North Yorkshire County Council Harrogate District Community Development Fund was allocated to 8 schemes. In total 18 applications were received for projects to the value of £235,000. The approach taken was an open bidding process whereby projects were evaluated against the set priority criteria and evidenced this within their applications.

The HDSP Executive supported the bids that would deliver both the local Partnership priorities and the Local Area Agreement. These were then presented to the Harrogate Area Committee which has the final approval to allocate the funding. All 8 schemes were approved.

The projects supported were:

- **Accessible Performances at Harrogate Theatre** (Harrogate Theatre) £5,000, 1 year project.
- **Pateley Bridge Youth Centre** (Pateley Bridge Youth Centre) £11,750, 1 year project
- **Supporting Minority Ethnic Development work in Ripon and Rural Area** (Harrogate District Minority Ethnic Forum) £7,000, 1 year project
- **Ageing Well** (Age Concern North Yorkshire) £11,000, 1 year project
- **Maintaining and Developing Employment Skills Through Volunteering** (Ripon CVS) £11,652, 1 year project
- **Enhancing Employment Opportunities in Harrogate** (Carers Resource) £7,500, 1 year project
- **Youth Homelessness: Support to Parents and Carers** (ARCH Mediation) £10,857, 1 year project
- **Community Carbon Reduction** (Harrogate Borough Council) £10,700, 1 year project

The Community Development Fund pot of monies began to reduce to a standard £25,000 for each District within North Yorkshire from 2009/10. This is due to the revised focus on the affordable housing schemes across the county, which the community development fund is derived from the interest made on the schemes that have not been rolled out as planned.

The 2009/10 allocation of £25,000 Community Development Fund was made available in December 2009. Again an open application process was initiated with the only change being that the fund is now only available to the voluntary and community sector. 6 applications totally £55,337 were received of which 3 went forward to the Area Committee for approval. All applications were successful. Outcomes from these projects will be reported next year in the 2010/11 Overview report. The projects supported were:

- **Community Support for Harrogate's Rural Areas** (Relate) £5,400, 1 year project
- **Age Concern SHARE Group skills** (Age Concern North Yorkshire) £8,388, 1 year project
- **Mums In Need Of Support (MINOS) Knaresborough** £2,390, 1 year project

It has been confirmed that the **2010/11** allocation for the Harrogate District will be **£33,731** which is to be used to voluntary and community sector organisations to deliver against the priorities held in the Harrogate District Sustainable Community Strategy. The application forms and guidance will be held on the website [www.HDSP.co.uk](http://www.HDSP.co.uk) or by clicking the link [HDSP Community Development Fund](#) when the fund is open for applications. The fund will be publicised in a variety of locations including the CVS funding bulletin.



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## HARROGATE AND DISTRICT MINORITY ETHNIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

A key aim of this innovative, HDSP sponsored project was to develop a multi-agency forum for Harrogate that enables organisations to develop a shared understanding of the issues relating to minority ethnic communities so that appropriate local solutions can be developed and delivered.

The Forum's key objectives are to provide an opportunity for dialogue between strategic organisations in order to ensure that agencies are working together to avoid duplication and to provide timely and appropriate services for minority ethnic groups and individuals by:

- Facilitating awareness raising on minority ethnic community issues;
- Identify gaps in services;
- Share good practice;
- Share opportunities for training;
- Share opportunities for joint action;
- Develop and monitor delivery of a Forum Action Plan;
- Facilitate two way communications between Harrogate Minority Ethnic Forum members and the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership Equality Forum and other sub regional groups;
- Explore how support for minority ethnic development work can be sustained in the Harrogate district including the mainstreaming of equality issues in the work of the Local Strategic Partnership and partner organisations.

### **Minority Ethnic Development Project (MEDP) – Progress Report May 2010.**

The Minority Ethnic Project Development Worker post was funded by the key partners of Harrogate District Strategic Partnership for the period December 2007 – May 2010. This report reflects the progress made to date in delivering this innovative partnership investment.

A Project Steering Group comprising CVS staff and the key partners of the Harrogate District Strategic Partnership ensure support for the Project Worker (18.5 hours per week) and now continue to meet regularly. From 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009, thanks to the support of the North Yorkshire Community Fund the workers hours will boost to 24.5 per week to work in Ripon and the rural areas. Below is a summary of the purpose of the project, its aims and the progress made to date:

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<b>Purpose :</b>		<b>Summary Progress Report : December 2007 - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010</b>
1)	Establishing a Minority Ethnic Forum;	Established has met quarterly, over 100 individuals from 25 organisations are forum members. Over 200 people from ME communities have benefited from the work of the project to date in terms of improved access to language classes, home fire safety checks, safety plug adaptors, health advice, child care improvement via focus groups, developed a Welcome Pack for all communities available via <a href="http://www.nysp.org.uk/">http://www.nysp.org.uk/</a> During 2009 support was also given to the Ripon BME Forum in ensuring that BME work in the rural areas progressed.
2)	Facilitating regular forum meetings;	Themes for meetings include: Employment issues; North Yorkshire's Review on Inward Migration (Health and Housing) and (Education/Training/Employment); Strategic Review of Migrant Worker Housing Needs, Advice services for all our communities (including CAB and the new NY Credit Union; Regular updates from Fire and Rescue, Police and Ripon BME Forum; Understanding Islam, the Regional Public Interpreters Project and local employers.
3)	Overseeing delivery of the Forum's Action Plan;	The Forum has completed a number of actions under the following headings: Cultural Awareness and Understanding; Safer Communities; Healthier Communities; and Stronger Communities.
4)	Seeking ongoing resources to carry out projects / tasks as identified by the Forum members	Sponsorship for projects has been secured from Thompsons the Solicitors, the TUC, NHS North Yorkshire and York, the Safer Communities Partnership, Harrogate District NHS Foundation Trust Hospital, North Yorkshire County Council, Harrogate Borough Council and Harrogate College.
5)	Linking into the NYSP Equality Forum and other sub-regional groups	Links have been made with the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership; the Yorkshire and Humber Migration Partnership; and the Regional BME Health Network.
6)	Developing a sustainability strategy for MEDP work in Harrogate	A successful application has been made (via the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership) to the government's Migrant Impacts Fund to help the ME Forum develop a more confident and integrated migrant worker community connecting new arrivals with early access to preventative interventions. Project outputs include: home fire safety checks, community health information events, alcohol awareness sessions, road safety events, recruitment of migrant volunteers and the establishment of migrant worker self help groups. This will provide funding for the project to continue to March 2011. During 2010 we shall evaluate the project to ascertain what partnership interventions and resources are required to help deliver the community cohesion elements of the adopted Sustainable Community Strategy in the Harrogate District.



Key partners from the Minority Ethnic Forum supported the Chinese New Year celebrations on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010

**For further information on the Harrogate and District Minority Ethnic Development Project or to join the forum please contact Helen Jillings at Harrogate CVS**  
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## HARROGATE DISTRICT ACTIVELY INVOLVING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PROJECT

### Actively Involving Children and Young People Partnership



This is a multi-agency partnership project, originally endorsed by the HDSP in 2007, to support all public and voluntary organisations in the district to improve the engagement of children and young people in the provision of public services. Every organisation that provides a service to children and young people has a duty to involve them in the planning and evaluation of the service. By doing this, organisations will find that services become more relevant and accessible to children and young people.

In year 1 (2008-2009) funding was provided by NYCC (Integrated Services) and Harrogate Borough Council; the fund was used to recruit a Youth Participation to support the development of this work. An end of year report was submitted to HDSP in June 2009.

Following the success of year 1, £20k was provided by 4 HDSP partners (Harrogate Borough Council, North Yorkshire County Council Integrated Services, North Yorkshire Police and Harrogate District Safer Communities Partnership), this money provided for a second year of the partnership (2009-2010). In year 2 the steering group made the decision not to repeat the focus of year one but to concentrate on building youth practitioner capacity through skills development, whilst providing on-going coordination and support to the established Children and Young People's network of youth practitioners. North Yorkshire Youth and Harrogate and Area CVS were commissioned to execute the details of the project plan objectives.

The Actively Involving Children and Young People Partnership Project during 2009-2010 achieved the following:

Harrogate and Area CVS raised the profile of the network, encouraging new membership and providing information and support; for example:

- The network of practitioners working to involve children and young people increased in number from 70 in July 2009 to 110 as at April 2010.
- A dedicated web page to support the project [www.harrogate.org/AICYP](http://www.harrogate.org/AICYP)
- Two network events were organised, in October 2009 and January 2010, jointly facilitated by North Yorkshire Youth (total attendance 56). The events provided an opportunity to share examples of local good practice (for example the development of youth councils and the Harrogate Library redevelopment).
- Regular e-newsletters issued to all network members.
- Network e-survey carried out March 2010 to assist with the planning for year 3.
- Promotion of the training and support sessions offered by North Yorkshire Youth.
- North Yorkshire Youth worked alongside Harrogate CVS supporting and providing information to the network; for example:
- Network events organised in partnership; these events provided training in the use of HyBRid self assessment tool (to gauge progress on engaging with children and young people).

- Conducting a training needs analysis using interactive activities and the report of findings and recommendations to the steering group.
- Four training events developed; two training sessions run for 16 members of the youth network.
- Two drop in sessions offered for HyBRid support.
- Youth Participation toolkit revamped and distributed.

As well as successfully bringing together a comprehensive youth network of practitioners from a variety of partnerships the network has also provided a best practice example of joint partnership working and cooperation to achieve common goals. The success of the project is demonstrated by the fact that the youth network has achieved status as a path-finding VIP (Voice Influence and Participation) network for North Yorkshire, and is an example for other councils to follow.

Funding for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year of project has been secured from Harrogate Borough Council and North Yorkshire County Council Children and Young People's Service (Integrated Services). A project plan is currently being developed by the steering group with a new focus on funding and mentoring specific projects to achieve best practice examples that will in turn be showcased for the network and partners.

For more information about the Actively Involving Children and Young People Partnership Project contact Fiona Friday at Harrogate Borough Council Email: [Fiona.Friday@Harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:Fiona.Friday@Harrogate.gov.uk) or Tel: 556068.



CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES  
IN HARROGATE DISTRICT

## HARROGATE DISTRICT SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

The Harrogate District Community Safety Partnership provides regular updates to the HDSP on activity and performance. The Partnership has a statutory duty to produce a three year partnership Plan. This Plan was refreshed in May 2010 and is in its final year. The partnership also produces an annual report which illustrates in more detail information about the many projects that it has supported during the year.

The following priorities are in place for the year ahead:

### **Safer Neighbourhoods**

The Partnership will work together to deliver safer neighbourhoods by tackling antisocial behaviour through the promotion of positive values and by challenging behaviour, providing reassurance and confidence, dealing with the fear of crime and by engaging with local communities.

The Partnership will continue to reduce incidents of antisocial behaviour by diversion, early intervention and effective enforcement. It will establish minimum standards for dealing with antisocial behaviour and continue to use problem solving methods to support victims and deal with offenders.

### **Crime**

The Partnership aims to reduce violence across the Harrogate district, to increase the reporting of domestic abuse and reduce repeat incidents of domestic abuse, encouraging reporting to the police, voluntary and community groups so we can give help and support to victims. Violent crime and domestic abuse are specific priorities that were identified as part of the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment to be addressed.

The Partnership has a new duty to formulate and implement a strategy to reduce reoffending of adults and young people. This will be a key work area for the year ahead.

### **Safer Roads**

Although levels of road traffic collisions are low, the Partnership through the local Road Safety Group are working to reduce this figure even more. This preventative work includes raising awareness about how to be safe on our roads and the targeting of young and new drivers.

### **Alcohol & Substance Misuse**

The partnership has developed a local alcohol action plan. This plan was developed by bringing partners together to identify the impact of alcohol and the specific areas of concern within the district. The themes of the alcohol action plan include:

Increase Awareness

Access & Enforcement

Parental Responsibility

Offender support

Tackling alcohol and substance misuse remains a cross cutting issue that has an impact on many work streams of the Partnership.

For more information and copies of the Partnership Plan and Annual Report please go to

[www.saferharrogate.org.uk](http://www.saferharrogate.org.uk)

## COUNTYWIDE STRATEGIC LINKS

### NORTH YORKSHIRE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (NYSP) [www.nysp.org.uk](http://www.nysp.org.uk)

The North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP) brings together the principal public sector agencies responsible for promoting the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of communities in the County, together with partners from the voluntary and community and business sectors and each of the district level local strategic partnerships.

The role of the NYSP is to provide leadership and to drive forward action in relation to identified issues where cross-cutting working would deliver benefits of co-ordination, resource management or avoidance of duplication. Our intention is to plan work jointly and to promote partnership work to deliver added value to the communities we serve.

### NYSP STRUCTURAL CHANGES- 2010

Following a consultation with NYSP Partnership members at the end of 2009, the NYSP Partnership has now been removed from the NYSP structure. This change followed a review of the outcomes achieved by the Partnership over the previous eighteen months and whether there would be more effective mechanisms for steering and reviewing the policy framework for the NYSP at this level. The Partnership had comprised a diverse range of organisations and partnerships, such as English Heritage, the Health and Safety Executive and the district-level Local Strategic Partnerships. To make sure that these bodies could continue to be engaged on the NYSP where appropriate and to strengthen other parts of the NYSP following this change, a number of measures have been taken to include the following:

- Alternate meetings of Local Government North Yorkshire and York will be extended to include the Chairs of the Primary Care Trust, Fire and Rescue Authority and Police Authority to discuss NYSP business and any other cross-cutting issues. The NYSP Executive will also have a role in shaping these discussions.
- Direct consultation was undertaken with representatives from those organisations which are not linked in to other areas on the NYSP to find out if and how they would like to be engaged in future. As a result, a new meeting structure will not be created but targeted communications will be made with these organisations to consult and engage when required.
- Links with local strategic partnerships will be strengthened through a variety of ways, including dual representation by district council Chief Executives at the NYSP Executive level for both their authority and their LSP.
- Information-sharing between the NYSP Executive and Thematic Partnerships will be enhanced through standing items at meetings.

NYSP newsletters will also become more frequent and will be produced in May, August, November and February each year. This arrangement will be reviewed after two issues.

The **Wider Partnership** - open to all organisations from the public, private, community, and voluntary sectors interested in the wellbeing of North Yorkshire's communities. Meeting in conference style at least once a year as a forum for inputting ideas and expertise on key partnership issues.

The **Executive** - ensures that the priorities of the Partnership are taken forward. It comprises the CEOs of the eight local authorities and two national park authorities; senior representatives of North Yorkshire Police, the Chamber of Commerce, the PCT, Fire & Rescue Service; the North Yorkshire Forum for Voluntary Organisations; and the chairs of the six NYSP Thematic Partnerships.

- The Chief Executive of Harrogate Borough Council, Wallace Sampson sits on this group as the HDSP representative.

The six **Thematic Partnerships** - to continue to provide strategic partnership arrangements for issues within their remit, with responsibility for creating detailed plans and ensuring their delivery:

- Adults' Strategic Partnership
- Healthier Communities Strategic Partnership
- Children & Young People's Strategic Partnership
- York & North Yorkshire Development Board (economy and enterprise)
- York & North Yorkshire Safer Communities Forum
- York & North Yorkshire Rural Partnership – Stronger Communities.

For further information including membership and Terms of Reference see [www.nysp.org.uk](http://www.nysp.org.uk).

## **THE NORTH YORKSHIRE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY & THE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT**

The Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) sets out the NYSP's long-term, sustainable vision and strategic direction for securing the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of North Yorkshire's communities. To achieve this, it currently has ten key priorities including themes such as affordable housing and health and wellbeing. Each of these has specific linked targets which are deliverable through the Local Area Agreement (LAA).

Both the SCS and LAA have been undergoing a period of review and refresh to ensure that they continue to reflect the needs of our communities.

The first phase of the refresh process consisted of a consultation (January to March 2010) with stakeholders, to find out whether the current ten priorities of the SCS are still critical to the county's communities. Responses received from NYSP partners and members of the public showed that the priorities are still important to us in the medium term, although some issues have become even more critical over the last few years, such as climate change and financial inclusion.

The NYSP Executive discussed the work to date on the **refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and Local Area Agreement (LAA)** at their meeting on 24 June 2010. A key question was whether it is useful or realistic to continue developing the SCS and LAA at this time, given that the Government is considering the future of the LAA and there are to be significant cuts in public sector expenditure. There was general acceptance that NYSP partners should have an agreement in place which defines the key issues for North Yorkshire and how partners will work together to improve outcomes for local people, but that this agreement could be undertaken in a more streamlined way than was required by the current approach to the SCS and LAA.

It was decided that work on compiling draft LAA indicators and on drafting the new SCS will be suspended for the time being, as will the proposed public consultation from July to October 2010. It was agreed that Thematic Partnerships should focus on just two or three critical issues which they need to tackle. The Chairs of Thematic Partnership will meet on 9 September 2010 and discuss the SCS and how this could develop in a way which looks ahead to dealing with

the many challenges to be faced. Further information will be made available to NYSP partners as these discussions develop in the coming months.

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## **LOCAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (LIS)**

Work is continuing on the development of a data observatory facility for the NYSP and the City of York Without Walls Partnership. We are in the middle of the procurement process for a Local Information System (LIS) which will provide a single source to access information on the local area in relation to a number of varying data sets (e.g. crime, education, economic, health, and well-being). The advertisement was placed in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) on 29 March 2010. A supplier should be appointed by July 2010, with the aim of the supplier starting the contract around September 2010. It is envisaged that the LIS will be in place and operational by February 2011.

In the meantime NYCC are continuing to develop the neighbourhood profiles ([http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/neighbourhood\\_profiles](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/neighbourhood_profiles)). The profiles are a collection of national statistics which paint a picture of life within North Yorkshire. These have been expanded and now contain information for the City of York as well as North Yorkshire. The profiles contain ward level data for all seven districts and the City of York. Additionally we have added a district profile containing the same information as the ward level profile plus additional data that is only available at district level. The data sets included have expanded and now include data on crime and anti-social behaviour information from North Yorkshire Police, information on benefit claimants and the rural/urban definition for each ward. The neighbourhood profiles are currently achieving around 600 unique visitors per month.

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### **HDSP Involvement:**

The HDSP has a standing agenda item for the NYSP business at every Implementation Board meeting and feeds into many pieces of work that are under development. The HDSP contributes to many countywide projects and towards the outcomes against the North Yorkshire Sustainable Community Strategy and the NYSP against our Harrogate District Sustainable Community Strategy.

**\* Wallace Sampson, Chief Executive of Harrogate Borough Council represents the Harrogate District Strategic Partnership on the Executive.**

**UPDATE:** We currently await guidance from the Government coalition as to policy decisions made on the National Indicator set, Local Area Agreements and strategic partnerships. These policy decisions will have a considerable effect on this area of work for the future.

## NORTH YORKSHIRE WELCOME PACK

The North Yorkshire Welcome Pack is a web-based service information guide for those who are new to the area, both for UK residents and new arrivals into the country. It has also proved useful for a range of services in helping people understand what services are provided and how they can access them, particularly new parents.

The pack has been developed and sponsored by the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP) Equalities Task Group. The welcome pack has been available online since 8<sup>th</sup> October 2008 and visits to the website have been monitored on a quarterly basis. Content is currently being reviewed to make sure it is accurate and that new information can be added in.

The rationale for the pack is:

- To develop a high quality welcome pack accessible to all living or coming to live in North Yorkshire which supports their integration into the community and to become active citizens
- To meet government guidance on welcome information
- To effectively deploy resources to meet identified and evidenced needs
- To support partner agencies to reach all communities in an efficient and effective way
- To provide high quality information which is kept up-to-date and relevant to emerging needs based on local and national intelligence
- To minimise duplication across the partnership, to build on good practice from across the UK
- To enable signposting to the most effective and appropriate service
- To enable to the NYSP to respond quickly to the changing needs of transient communities

The guide is split into two sections, national and District information. It contains details of national and local services for example, leisure and training opportunities, how to register for work, a doctor, a bank, details on transport as well as more general information on advice services and community groups. As our Ghurkha community is increasing, in late 2009 we produced a Nepalese version of the welcome pack – the first in the UK. This complements the existing full versions in English, Polish, Czech, Latvian and Lithuanian, with general information available in another 15 languages.

Further research has been undertaken to make sure that the web-based approach continues to meet the needs of local government staff and the public and all indications are that this is the best format.

Partners are encouraged to promote the pack to front-line staff to ensure that all members of the public who would benefit from the guide have access to it. Promotional materials are available; posters, postcards etc. If you have any ideas as to how this could be marketed further or any material required to do so please let me know so that I can feed this back to the group. Where possible partners are asked to ensure links are made to the site from their home websites.

The Welcome Pack can be found at:

[www.nysp.org.uk/welcomepack](http://www.nysp.org.uk/welcomepack)




**Welcome**

**Are you new to North Yorkshire?**  
Information on accommodation, health care, schools, working, transport and much more is available at the website below.

**Polski** **Czy dopiero przybyłeś do Północnego Yourkshire?** **Polish**  
Informacje o zakwaterowaniu, opiece zdrowotnej, szkołach, pracy, transporcie i inne dostępne są na poniższej stronie internetowej.

**Latviešu** **Vai esat nesen ieradies Ziemeļjorkšīrā?** **Latvian**  
Informācija par mājokļiem, veselības aprūpi, skolām, nodarbinātību, transportu un vēl daudz ko citu ir atrodama šajā tīmekļa vietnē.

**Lietuvių** **Ar neseniai atvykote į Šiaurės Jorkšyrą?** **Lithuanian**  
Informaciją apie apgyvendinimą, sveikatos priežiūrą, mokyklas, darbą, transportą ir daug kitos rasite žemiau nurodytame tinklapyje.

**Čeština** **Jste v Severním Yorkshiru nový?** **Czech**  
Informace o ubytování, zdravotní péči, školách, práci, dopravě a mnohem víc jsou k dispozici na dole uvedené webové stránce.

**[www.nysp.org.uk/welcomepack](http://www.nysp.org.uk/welcomepack)**

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**HDSP Involvement:**

The Harrogate District Minority Ethnic Forum has been a key player in the development of the welcome pack through promotion, identifying local and national contacts, awareness raising and identifying where promotional material is best cited. The pack has been promoted extensively throughout the District by many partner organisations and to date has resulted in an excellent hit rate on the site.

## THE COMPACT

### What is the Compact?

Nationally the Government in 1998 launched the Compact after wide consultation across Government and the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS). It sets out a shared vision and framework of principles to govern their relationship, with promises from both sides. These are the national Compact Key Principles:

- A healthy voluntary and community sector is part of a democratic society
- Working in partnership with the voluntary and community sector can result in better policy and services and better outcomes for the community
- Partnership requires strong relationships (e.g. integrity and openness)
- Government can play a role as funder of the voluntary and community sector
- The independence of the voluntary and community sector should be respected

In essence it is an agreement between the Voluntary and Community Sector and the statutory sector. It is about shared values, joint commitments and individual undertakings. The compact way of working provides recognition of the value of both sectors and supports partnership-working arrangements.

### Who does the Compact apply to?

The Compact applies to Central Government Departments, Non-departmental public bodies and government agencies, Government Offices for the Regions in England, the Voluntary and Community Sector and the wider third sector. It is adopted by local government through the development of local Compacts.

## THE NATIONAL COMPACT

The National Compact turned 10 years old in 2009/10. It has been refreshed so that it fits better with the current partnership working and commissioning environments. The refreshed compact was launched during national Compact week the first week in November 2009.

The principles which underpin the Compact way of working haven't changed, but the new Compact is more concise and has built the codes of practice into the main text, making it an easier document to use. You can find the new Compact at [www.thecompact.org.uk](http://www.thecompact.org.uk).

## THE NORTH YORKSHIRE COMPACT

The North Yorkshire Compact still stands. To ensure that it links to the wider collaboration between the voluntary and community and statutory sectors, the North Yorkshire Thriving Third Sector Steering Group will take on responsibility for overseeing implementation of the Compact principles. This Group reports to the Stronger Communities Thematic Partnership.

Both Harrogate Borough Council and the Harrogate District Strategic Partnership signed up to the North Yorkshire Compact and Codes of Practice in November 2006. The full document can be accessed via [www.harrogate.org.uk/voluntary](http://www.harrogate.org.uk/voluntary) or [www.nysp.org.uk](http://www.nysp.org.uk). The North Yorkshire Strategic

Partnership (NYSP) has ultimate responsibility for the evaluation, development and promotion of the North Yorkshire Compact and all key members of the NYSP are signed up to the Compact. A framework is in place to promote and monitor the Compact at a county level via a Steering Group and Working Group, which reports to the NYSP, and there is representation from the Harrogate District on both these groups.

## THE COMPACT IN THE HARROGATE DISTRICT

When the HDSP Executive adopted the North Yorkshire Compact in November 2006 it agreed the following roles and responsibilities:

Harrogate District Strategic Partnership	Owens the Compact and actively promotes and uses it in partnership working
Harrogate Borough Council	Lead role in promoting Compact good practice, training, communications etc. (HBC Community Engagement Working Group takes a lead role on this)
Voluntary and Community Sector Forum Working Group	Monitors Compact implementation plan and reports to the HDSP annually
Harrogate and District Public Involvement Group	Promotes good practice amongst public and voluntary and community sector organisations in the District in relation to public involvement and consultation, monitors standards

### **Progress within 2009/10**

Within 2009/10 the partners within the Harrogate District Strategic Partnership (HDSP) have been very pro-active in implementing the principals of the North Yorkshire Compact. The key achievements are set out below:

- National Compact Week: Securing the Future consultation event hosted by the CVS' within the District and supported by Harrogate Borough Council to consider a response to the North Yorkshire County Council's proposed commissioning approach.
- 3 VCS forum meetings (hosted and lead by Harrogate Borough Council), this forum is the only forum within the District of its kind where the Local Authority and Members can engage with the VCS as a collective.
- December 2009- the second round of Harrogate Borough Council Community Chest grants were awarded to applicants from the VCS allocated under the Compact code of funding.
- 12-week consultation period adhered to for a number of consultations and now included as a requirement in Harrogate Borough Council Community Engagement Guidance.
- Improved representation of VCS at HDSP Annual Conference July 2009 (22 in 2006, 35 in 2007, 37 in 2008, 47 in July).
- February 2010- North Yorkshire Community Development Fund (Harrogate District allowance) allocated under the Compact code of funding in relation to full cost recovery by the Harrogate District Strategic Partnership.

## A COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR NORTH YORKSHIRE



The framework and associated action plan was agreed by the Executive in April 2009. It contains a set of shared definitions, principles and standards for engaging with communities.

**Community engagement** is defined as involving people in decisions that affect them. This includes informing, consulting, involving, collaborating and empowering.

**Neighbourhood management** is defined as local agencies working together with local people to improve services at neighbourhood level in response to community needs. This can include a wide range of models and needs to be flexible to adapt to local circumstances.

The principles include participating in joint engagement structures such as area forums, setting up mechanisms to share information, data and good practice, and joining up current work in relation to surveys and citizens' panels.

The standards for working with communities include being clear about the purpose of the engagement, ensuring enough time is given, being inclusive, making sure results and action taken are fed back, and improving communication.

Following the adoption of the framework, efforts have been continuing to improve how we work together in our involvement of local people in decision-making.

During 2009-10 opportunity has been taken to raise the profile of this work, including workshops, which were held as part of the NYSP Conference in October 2009. Demand for places was such that two workshops were held on this topic instead of the planned one.



One of the workshops  
on the Framework at  
the NYSP Conference  
– October 2009

### Other achievements include:

- **Funding for and ongoing procurement of a local information system** – to include information to measure performance, identify priorities for improvement, set targets and inform local citizens about their areas and the performance of their local services.
- **Further development of joint engagement structures, such as area forums** – building on current structures and groups
- **Community of Practice** – Set up on the IDeA website [www.communities.idea.gov.uk](http://www.communities.idea.gov.uk) to share information and advice. Membership is growing steadily.
- **Joint engagement database** – a joint mechanism for sharing engagement information has been developed on NYSP website [www.nysp.org.uk/ed](http://www.nysp.org.uk/ed)
- **Shared question bank for citizens panels**
- **Shared question bank for community safety surveys**

- **Joint training on common issues**

**Planned further work:**

- **Workshop to share best practice**
- **Joint protocol for problem solving**

More information is available at [www.nysp.org.uk/engagement](http://www.nysp.org.uk/engagement)

**How the HDSP is meeting the principles of the framework:**

- The Harrogate District Strategic Partnership is currently developing a joint partnership pilot project for neighbourhood management in the Harrogate District. Following a report to the Harrogate District Strategic Partnership it was decided that the pilot project would take place in the autumn of 2010. This will be an evidence based delivery model for a specific needs-based neighbourhood. A neighbourhood management task and finish group has met a number of times to develop the pilot.
- Youth grants will shortly become available to engage with young people within the community from the Actively Involving Children and Young People Partnership project.
- Through the Harrogate District Public Involvement Group (the engagement group of the HDSP) partners have received training as to how to use the web based community engagement Communities Of Practice database. This lists all ongoing and past community engagement by the NYSP partners within North Yorkshire so to share best practice and avoid duplication (see above for the web address).

# COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT (CAA)



## What is the Comprehensive Area Assessment?

Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) was the new performance assessment framework resulting from the 2006 White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities'. It took effect from 1 April 2009. CAA replaced Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA). It was developed jointly by the Audit Commission, Commission for Social Care Inspectorate, Healthcare Commission, HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, HM Inspectorate of Prisons, HM Inspectorate of Probation and Ofsted.

CAA was to look at how well local services work together to improve the quality of life for local people. It aimed to make straightforward independent information available to people about their local services, helping them make informed choices and influence decisions. For the first time, local public services were to be held collectively to account for their impact on better outcomes. This meant that CAA looked across councils, health bodies, police forces, fire and rescue services and others responsible for local public services, which are expected to work in partnership to tackle the challenges facing their communities.

## The North Yorkshire Comprehensive Area Assessment

The Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) awarded North Yorkshire a green flag for its achievements in helping older and vulnerable people keep their independence. Green flags highlight where others can learn from outstanding achievements or improvements or an innovation that has very promising prospects of success.

The assessment also highlighted that:

- most people in North Yorkshire enjoy a good quality of life
- the area is recognised internationally for the quality of its landscape and residents are served well by their public services.
- councils and the health service work highly effectively to support the growing older population, helping them to live independently for longer.
- outcomes for the majority of children and young people are good.
- four out of five of people in North Yorkshire believe the area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together. This is a high figure nationally and the best performance in Yorkshire and Humberside.
- North Yorkshire is an overwhelmingly safe place to live, visit and work. Crime is low overall and fell by 3.2 per cent in 2008/09. Put another way there were 1500 fewer victims of crime. Partnership working to tackle crime and disorder is working well in district council areas.
- North Yorkshire is a relatively healthy County and life expectancy is high.

Evidence used to inform CAA included the area self evaluation carried out by the NYSP, local performance management information, the National Indicator Set and the results of the Place Survey (NIS). More details on how partners in North Yorkshire working together to deliver the ten priorities in the Sustainable Community Strategy can be seen in the area assessment on the oneplace website ([oneplace.direct.gov.uk](http://oneplace.direct.gov.uk))

**\* CAA was abolished by the coalition government with immediate effect from 20 May 2010.**

### HDSP Involvement:

The HDSP was involved with the countywide self-assessment process. Although the assessment has been carried out at a North Yorkshire level best practice examples were provided as supporting evidence. Various Harrogate District Partnership Projects were fed in as examples, many of which were delivered or supported by the HDSP.



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## **FUTURE WORK 2010-11**

In 2010-11 the Partnership has several key pieces of work to deliver alongside the day to day issues and developments that arise throughout the year, these being:

- Review the Partnerships priorities held within the Sustainable Community Strategy and delivery mechanism against these. Revise the Strategy to reflect the development and changes.
- Establish the HDSP Assembly and develop further the wider partnership
- Thematic groups to deliver and report against their priority areas
- Continue to manage the Harrogate District Strategic Partnership website and make it a more effective method of communication to the wider partnership
- Pilot, review and report on the community engagement/ neighbourhood management framework.
- Allocate the additional Community Development Fund monies that have become available to the Partnership in 2010/11
- Feed into and assist in the delivery at the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership and Leeds City Region level.

## North Yorkshire Community Development Fund Project Evaluations- Awarded March 2009

Project Name	HDSP Priority & NY Sustainable Community Strategy Priority (NYSP)	Progress: Please provide brief information on the key outcomes which the CDF grant has helped to produce to date (please refer back to section 4 of your original application). Quotes and pictures can also be included.
Accessible Performances at Harrogate Theatre (Harrogate Theatre) £5000	HDSP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved access to facilities and services</li> <li>• Support for independent living</li> </ul>	The grant has enabled us to provide access performances on a regular basis – we have held 4 captioned, 4 audio described and 4 British Sign Language Performances and well over 100 people have attended the shows who could not have if we had not offered the assisted element. Also the vast majority are so grateful for the performances as they had stopped going to live entertainment.
Pateley Bridge Youth Centre (Pateley Bridge Youth Centre) £11,750	HDSP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce drug, alcohol mis-use and smoking</li> <li>• Increased physical activity across the community</li> <li>• Improved access to facilities and services</li> <li>• Improved/accessible transport</li> </ul>	<p>Pateley bridge youth club is now open Tuesday evenings 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm and accessible to any young person 11 to 19 years. Young people are actively discouraged from smoking and are able to access information and drugs alcohol and a variety of other issues.</p> <p>The service is fully accessible. A computer has been purchased which will supplement the facilities of the 4 YOUth Mobile planned to be used in Nidderdale this year to complement the Youth Club, also 4 Outdoor pursuits activity days have been booked which will provide exercise and challenge for young people. A Suite of 3 PC's provide access to the internet for any user group of the Methodist church and may be made available to general use in the future .</p> <p>Art and craft activities for young people are taking place in the No6 Gallery, allowing young people to be creative and make use of local facilities. Further activities have been booked for the Winter with the Leisure centre.</p> <p>Trips using 4Youth 8 seater vehicle or minibus to Ice skating in Bradford, and climbing in Harrogate have been booked, and a regular once a month cinema trip to Harrogate is planned.</p>
Supporting Minority Ethnic Development Work in Ripon and Rural Areas (Harrogate District Minority Ethnic Forum) £7,000	HDSP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce drug, alcohol mis-use and smoking</li> <li>• Increased physical activity across the community</li> <li>• Improved access to facilities and services</li> <li>• Access to training and skills</li> </ul>	See page ****

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved access to employment</li> </ul> NYSP: Community Cohesion	
Ageing Well (Age Concern North Yorkshire) £11,000	HDSP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased physical activity across the community</li> <li>Improved access to facilities and services</li> <li>Support for independent living</li> </ul> NYSP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Older People</li> <li>Health and Wellbeing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular exercise sessions at Dene Park Community Centre, Montpellier Court, Cold Bath Road, Harrogate; Belmont Home, Starbeck; Allhallowgate Church (and now at the Fire Station), Ripon.</li> <li>Weekly Walk Out Well walks in Harrogate, Ripon and Knaresborough</li> <li>New Tai Chi and Yoga classes set up in Harrogate and Ripon</li> <li>Range of taster exercise classes offered- twice in Harrogate (6 weeks each) and one block in Ripon. Also currently offering 6 weeks of different dance experiences.</li> <li>New circle dancing classes offered at Belmont Village and Apely Grange</li> </ul> In excess of 100+ older people now participating in exercise opportunities every week, several having attended the taster sessions have progressed onto exercise classes on offer in the local communities and leisure services. Outcomes noted from feedback are, health (both physical and mental), stimulation, improved confidence and motivation levels and enjoyment.  Feedback comments include: <i>"I really enjoyed the Line Dancing. Thank you for all the work you do and all the good people at age concern who do so much to help us feel fitter and healthier"</i> <i>"Excellent and most enjoyable"</i> <i>"A most enjoyable and entertaining morning (Belly Dancing). Certainly most of my body parts were well exercised"</i>
Maintaining and Developing Employment Skills through Volunteering (Ripon Council for Voluntary Service Volunteer Centre) £11,652	HDSP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved access to facilities and services</li> <li>Access to training and skills</li> <li>Improved access to employment</li> </ul> NYSP:	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LAA Stronger Communities</li> <li>• LA56 - Volunteering by people who are unemployed</li> <li>• LA63 - Participation in regular volunteering</li> </ul>	
<p>Enhancing Employment Opportunities in Harrogate (Carers' Resource) £7,500</p>	<p>HDSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to training and skills</li> <li>• Support for parents/ carers</li> </ul> <p>NYSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economy and Enterprise</li> </ul>	<p>The project supported thirty unemployed people in the Harrogate District to improve their employment prospects. The beneficiaries came from diverse backgrounds and ranged in age from nineteen to fifty-nine. Of the thirty clients, six were E.U nationals, two were ex-offenders, two had experienced mental health difficulties, one had a learning disability and seven were caring for a family member with an illness or disability. The remainder had recently been made redundant or were facing longer term unemployment because of out-dated skills, low level or no qualifications and the recession.</p> <p>The last 12 months has been a tough year for the Harrogate economy with a sharp increase in level of unemployment from April 2009 to March 2010. Many of the beneficiaries had not previously experienced unemployment and were unfamiliar with job search techniques and the most effective way of presenting their skills and experience on a C.V or application form.</p> <p>The project offered beneficiaries a menu of activities to support their situation. All beneficiaries had at least one face to face IAG interview which was summarised into a personal action plan. Twenty beneficiaries required a C.V. and nineteen needed help with job search and filling out application forms.</p> <p>By supporting beneficiaries through this process several people re-gained confidence and motivation and with the addition of sessions on interview techniques and mock interviews, their path to gaining employment was achieved.</p> <p>Some beneficiaries needed their skills updating to match current employer demands and so were referred to education and training providers. This included computer courses at the Carers' Resource, skills for life training at Harrogate College, accountancy training and</p>

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		<p>beauty therapy.</p> <p>A full summary of activities and outcomes are attached to this monitoring report.</p>
<p>Youth Homelessness: Support to Parents and Carers (ARCH Mediation, Harrogate Borough Council) £10,857</p>	<p>HDSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved access to facilities and services</li> <li>• Support for independent living</li> <li>• Support for parents/ carers</li> </ul> <p>NYSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable Housing</li> <li>• Children and Young People</li> <li>• Health and Wellbeing</li> </ul>	<p>Directory produced of Parent Support agencies and contacts</p> <p>Increased support for parents faced with troublesome teenagers has proved to be useful in rebuilding relationships with their offspring both at the parental home and in other accommodation. Has avoided young people from becoming homeless.</p> <p>11 no of parents have received ongoing support</p> <p>Project has been extended to Oct 10 due to slower than expected take-up.</p>
<p>Community Carbon Reduction (Harrogate Borough Council) £10,700</p>	<p>HDSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved access to facilities and services</li> <li>• Improved/accessible transport</li> <li>• Access to training and skills</li> <li>• Improved access to employment</li> <li>• Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions</li> </ul> <p>NYSP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to Services</li> <li>• Community Cohesion</li> <li>• Economy and Enterprise</li> <li>• Environment</li> </ul>	<p><b>1) To visit 25 community groups and to visit six schools</b></p> <p><b>Achieved</b></p> <p>To date, twenty schools and twenty community groups have been involved in a variety of ways.</p> <p>Engagement has taken place via visits/talks/demonstration, participation at events, provision of group or one-to-one training, provision of resources, and involvement of Low Carbon Guides. One particular example is Harrogate Grammar School, which has combined the project with its own internal energy saving initiatives, and provided 2,000 Low Carbon Passports to all students and staff.</p> <p><b>2) To train at least 18 volunteers, with at least three in schools</b></p> <p><b>Achieved</b></p> <p>Twenty volunteers have now been trained by the Project Officers.</p>

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		<p><b>3) To hold at least one business event with the business environment forum</b></p> <p><b>On target</b></p> <p>Event to be held in Harrogate on 13<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p><b>4) To provide carbon reduction tools for carbon reduction volunteers</b></p> <p><b>Achieved</b></p> <p>Tools provided to Low Carbon Guides include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Production of illustrated Low Carbon Passport. Given to every participant in the project</li> <li>• Provision of Low Carbon Guides Handbook, as part of training pack</li> <li>• All Low Carbon Guides receive a resources box and can order free energy saving equipment for participants such as water saving devices, energy saving light bulbs, hot water tank jackets, draught proofing strips, radiator foils and energy monitors</li> </ul>

**Bafters Awards:**



**The Enviro zone – Energy Bike**



**Low Carbon Teams resources pack**

