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The members of the Project Management Group.

You have all been very generous with your time and have truly steered this project round some difficult courses! We're sorry if we've missed anybody off this list.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Barton Community Development Project is a resident led community development project. We have been established since February 2003 and are based in the Barton Neighbourhood Centre.

The project joined Barton Community Association as a sub section in June 2004. This has made both groups stronger and more able to deal with community issues.

We wanted to share with you some of the work that has been carried out during 2003 – 2004 and tell you what our plans are for the future. We hope that you will find this calendar useful and interesting.



#### Our main aims are

- \* To produce a community action plan by March 2005 which could shape Barton's future in a positive way to make Barton a better place for all residents.
- \* To include everyone and to help build the ability of people of Barton to address local issues.

#### We have been doing this by

- \* Employing and training local residents in research methods so they can use these skills to investigate what the needs are, and how they could be met.
- \* Looking at what has happened in Barton already finding out what the issues are.
- \* Listening and talking to a wide range of people in the community through different methods of research and community events.
- \* Identifying the agencies and partners that are involved in Barton and bringing them together to work in partnership.

### February 2006

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#### WHAT DO RESIDENTS AND AGENCIES THINK OF US SO FAR?

It has been very important for our project to get feed back from residents and agencies over the last two years.

Each year we have undertaken an independent evaluation exercise. This has been a very useful way of finding out how the project has impacted on the people living here. It also helps us learn from any mistakes made and how we can do things better in the future.

At the end of December 2003 we undertook our first independent evaluation. Here are some key points from this report:-

- 1. The six local residents who were employed and trained had enormously benefited from the project, gaining skills, experience and confidence.
- 2. The project had been well coordinated.
- 3. A strong resident led team had come together and were guiding the project.
- 4. There was a growing optimism about what could be achieved in Barton.
- 5. The success factors included the use of local people, support of local agencies, and the ownership of the project by volunteers from the wider community.

We also carried out a resident survey in October 2004. We interviewed 86 residents at random by knocking on doors. The majority of people had heard about our project and many of them knew what the project was about. People who received our 'A-Z Guide to Barton' thought it was very useful. Some people hadn't received it and would like to in the future.

Barton Community Development Project workers Vikki Gledhill, Melanie Phipps and Maureen Robertson, celebrate the award of Big Lottery funding in January 2005

#### **Evaluation 2004**

Another independent evaluation was undertaken at the end of 2004. Some key points from this report:-

- 1. The project has made important strides in partnership working, creating networks and links between different agencies working in Barton.
- 2. All the residents directly involved with the project had benefited from their experience.
- 3. 'Barton now feels as though it has a voice'
- 4. The project is helping to bring back the 'village feel' to the area.
- 5. The project has been actively distributing community information in the absence of a newsletter.
- 6. It was noted that the project does need to reach more people in the east of Barton.
- 7. Although it is too early for the project to have had a significant impact, it was felt that people are beginning to see changes in Barton, which is making them feel more positive about the area.

The evaluation concluded that this type of project was a model that could work in other areas. Keys elements to the success so far have been

- 1. The use of local residents as employees
- 2. The residents who lead the project management group
- 3. Involving key partners

If you would like to discuss any of the information included in this report or if you would like copies of the full evaluation reports for 2003 and 2004, then please contact our project office.



#### WHO'S INVOLVED?

Barton Community Development Project Community Action Plan Calendar

### Maureen Robertson Resident Community Action Planner

I have been working with the project now since May 2003 and have been accredited a qualification in community research

skills and communication. I never thought that I would have gained so much experience, and with the excellent training and support it just goes to show that it is never too late to learn. One of my achievements has been setting up youth and community meetings. Through research we found that the facilities for youth on the estate were poor and that something needed to be done to improve things. As a result there is now a junior youth club for 8 to 13

year olds every Tuesday and Friday. I also arranged a Christmas party for the youth who were so pleased that something was organised for them. I applied for funding from local businesses and other agencies and everyone was more than generous - it just goes to show that there is a community spirit alive in Barton. I feel proud to have been part of the project and I hope that it continues into the future.

#### Vikki Gledhill Project Co-ordinator

I have been in post since the beginning of the project in 2003. Initially I set up the office and started recruiting residents and worked alongside a trainer to deliver the community research training programme. My job involves working with people most of the time which I really enjoy.

The job is full on and very demanding — you try to take advantage of every opportunity on behalf of the community. I have learnt so much since I have been working in Barton and am constantly surprised at how strong the community is and how people pull together through good and difficult times. Through this experience, I feel that the only way to deliver effective community development work is to be part of that community and believe this is why this project works well.



#### Melanie Phipps Resident Community Action Planner

Twenty months ago, before starting this job, my main job was a mum and a seamstress. My life has changed so much, it's hard to see what I used to do. I feel so much more

confident and alive. I would recommend this type of training and community work to anybody. I have now gained an Open College Network level 2 qualification in Community Research. I am keen to undertake

more training and would like to pursue a career as a computer tutor within the community.

The people involved at the early stages of the project believed strongly that local residents need to be involved in the work and management of the project. This way of working has been one of the strong successes of the project so far. Our evaluation carried out at the end of December 2003 noted a comment from a resident 'I thought nothing would change in Barton but seeing people get involved suggests things may change It's a landmark'

## **Project Management Group**



The project management group is made up of local residents and some agencies.

The group meets once a month to discuss the progress of the project and to keep the project on course. Key decisions about the project are made.

This group feeds back to the Barton Community Association each month.

Ultimately, this group will help champion the community action plan and encourage the community to be involved and take it forward.

The project can pay carer's expenses to residents who wish to attend, but who might have caring responsibilities.

If you are interested in becoming a member then please contact the project team, contact details on the back of report.

Terry Weston
Chair of the
Project
Management
Group
I have been
with the project
right from the
start (Feb 02). I have always
maintained an

enthusiastic approach to the project. I am also passionate about resident involvement and community development. We can make Barton a better place to live.

#### WHAT IS A COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN?

A **Community Action Plan** is like a charter that shows what actions need to be undertaken in a community. These actions should be based on what the community needs and how they can be resourced and by whom.

As well as finding out the community's needs, we also had to find some solutions. This involved getting to know how other agencies can become involved and how to fund new services and activities.

#### What can it do?

A well thought out action plan which represents the needs of a community can act as a lever to get things done.

Your Community Action Plan has seven priority areas

- 1. Youth Issues
- 2. Increasing community safety
- 3. Addressing drug use
- 4. Community development Increasing information delivery
- 5. Increasing access to community facilities for all residents
- 6. Increase and improve the use of parks and recreational areas
- 7. Address unemployment by increasing training and employment opportunities

Each priority area will be discussed as themes throughout this calendar report





### January 2006

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#### **BARTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

formerly known as Barton Residents Research Project

Six local residents were employed and trained to undertake community research in Barton from May to December 2003. The resident led project wanted to find out about the needs of people living in Barton and how the community could address those needs.

From January 2004 (to present) the project employed two residents as Community Action Planners. They have been working with the co-ordinator in drawing together the findings of the research and forming a community action plan.

Throughout all of this work the project has updated the community through regular newsletters and community events.



Consultation event in the Neighbourhood Centre



Resident researchers with Andrew Smith MP in 2003

Since the project started our research and consultation has involved over 700 local people. We have sent out information to all households and have held community events. The community action plan is a reflection of the information we gathered.

We will now begin to explain to you about the issues that are important to the residents of Barton.

Over the following pages we'll tell you what issues came up and how the community action plan proposes to address them, by whom and by when.

A big thank you to our funders, The Housing Corporation, European Social Fund (co-financed by Learning and Skills Council), Oxford Citizens Housing Association and Barton Community Association.

### December 2005

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#### **COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

Many people who were interviewed suggested that there should be a meeting place for local people such as a community café.

Throughout the last five years there have been snack bars and café bars run by volunteers. These were popular but were reliant on volunteers helping and were not always open on a regular basis.

Our project has visited other community centres which run cafes and we would like to deliver one in Barton. We realised that we need funding to actually employ somebody to manage and develop a café, ideally recruiting and employing residents of Barton.

A café could provide local people, visitors and workers with a comfortable and vibrant place to meet and enjoy healthy food and drinks. It could run as a community business and take on outside catering.

S Cafe

It could also deliver many other activities such as exercise classes, cookery classes, food education etc.

Our project is investigating this area and we are working with the Primary Care Trust who can help us seek funding and manage a project in the near future. The study of the use of the building will help decide where the café can be sited. We have received £500 from Oxford Citizens Housing Association (Community Chest) to start this project.



Community Cafe at consultation event

Target date December 2005

### **April 2005**

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#### **YOUTH ISSUES**

The strongest needs that were identified through the research were 'youth issues'. There was much concern about providing better facilities for young people. At the same time there were also concerns about how the lack of activities for young people contributed to general anti-social behaviour.

People who used the Underhill Circus shopping area at times felt intimidated by groups of young people hanging out.

The community action plan could address some of these issues.

#### Junior Youth Club

The Youth Services (Oxfordshire County Council) were providing regular youth sessions for young people 13+. Our research informed us that this wasn't enough. There were young people under this age group who also needed regular activities.



This need has now been addressed and a 'Junior Youth Club' for

8-13 year olds has been established as a community project in partnership with Youth Offending Team (County Council) and is funded by the Children's Fund.

#### This project started in September 2004.

A steering group made up of residents, our project and other agencies manage this project. To date it has been very successful.

We are hoping to build on this new youth club and the older youth club through partnership working so that more activities can be available.

#### **Dance Project**

Our team has secured funds from Awards for All. We are working with Oxford City Council to put on this dance and music project.

Runs from February to end of term

Funded by
Awards for All
in partnership with
BRRP and OCC



### Floodlights for the Sports Cage and other equipment

When we consulted 40 young people during summer 2003, they told us that they would like to see floodlights in the cage and more activities.

Our project has been working in partnership with Oxford City Council towards installation of timed and non intrusive floodlights system.



#### We hope this will be completed by end of March 2005

This will mean that sports activities and clubs can carry on during dark autumn and winter months.

All of these activities and youth provision could lead to a reduction in anti-social behaviour. We've come to understand that it is essential that young people in Barton take a part in addressing their needs. It does seem to make sense in encouraging responsibility and ownership amongst the young people.

#### Youth Shelter

After our volunteer Melanie Jewell carried out some consultation with young people about the youth shelter to encourage young people to use it. Oxford City Council has agreed to improve the wind breaks, surfacing and lighting to this area.

#### Support schemes for young people

The research also highlighted the need for youth mentoring schemes for young people in Barton. There are young people and young adults who may have difficult home lives or problems at school. A youth mentoring scheme could really help young people get the best start in life, overcome difficulties and take advantage of opportunities available.

The project is aiming to work with Thames Valley Police and the County Council to bring about such a scheme by 2007.

### November 2005

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#### **VOLUNTEERING**

#### including empowering local people

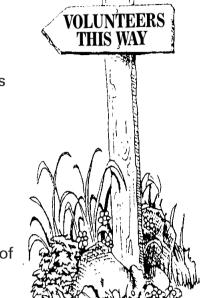
Our project has demonstrated that people in Barton are willing to get involved in their own community. Throughout our project people have said that there are certain jobs that they would like to volunteer for.

It is important that volunteers do get support and training. Even if you

are not earning money, volunteers still require safe work practices and work places.

We have visited other communities who have established volunteering schemes. We would like to set something up like this in Barton. There would be a scheme advertising what volunteer posts are available and what they involve. People could apply to the group or organisation that needs them.

This would help people get training and support whilst they were volunteering. It is another important way of increasing people's skills and can lead to better employment opportunities.



As part of our community action plan we would like to establish a scheme by June 2006.

An example of a new volunteer.

A new resident moved into Barton and was fairly isolated. We told her lots about Barton. She is interested in training and developing her skills but is quite low in confidence. We put her in touch with a group who needed some help. She has now started as a volunteer and is enjoying it.

#### TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

Local people are interested in training and employment opportunities. Sometimes it can be difficult for people to develop their skills when they have very busy lives. Often training can be very low on the list. We have learnt that local people have responded well to local training. Locally based training that comes with support and help with child care does appeal to people.

Our project is working with many different providers and we would like to get a variety of training courses community based.

We have ourselves organised some training in community work and will continue to do this. If you have needs that are not being met then please contact us.

We understand and have spoken to people who are struggling to make ends meet and often some parents are working several different jobs at relatively low pay.

We are looking to work with many providers including County Council and the Roundabout Centre to address some of these educational and training needs.

Would you like to see a Job and Skills Fair in Barton?

Throughout the project we aim to have an impact in this area, and by 2007 we are aiming to have created 30 training places for local people.

### May 2005

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#### **INCREASING COMMUNITY SAFETY**

When we started out we had many people tell us their concerns and worries over the fear of crime and the anti-social behaviour that happened in Barton.

#### Community Policing

People also told as that they felt there was an inadequate response from the police and were not satisfied with the level of policing in the area. "Police rarely come round – never walk down the alleys – they drive in quickly then out".

John Carter's survey carried out in 2003 also summarised that people felt the lack of police presence and many requested more police either on foot or bikes.

People also told us that they were not satisfied with the level of policing in the area.



During the research phase we also carried out interviews with senior officers of Thames Valley Police. We told them how the community seemed to feel about crime and lack of police presence. We asked them for community beat officers in Barton, officers who would tackle and prevent crime but also build relationships within the community.

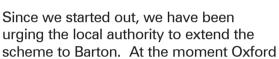
Thames Valley Police did seem genuinely concerned about resident's views and in June 2004 the police created a dedicated beat team for the Barton, Sandhills and Headington area. The beat officers who mainly travel on bikes do seem to have made a difference. Some anti-social behaviour incidents have been tackled and nipped in the bud. Residents have started to feel more comfortable in raising concerns with the police and trust is being rebuilt.

The police have also made some community links with residents and young people. They attend community meetings to discuss general issues whereby they can take concerns on board.

Our project and the community worked hard to get beat officers and we want to keep them. Policing strategies are always changing but we feel strongly that Barton wants to keep its 'Bobbies' now, and in the future.

#### Street Wardens

Did you know that Rose Hill and Blackbird Leys have Street Wardens? Street Wardens are part of a successful pilot project funded through the government, to tackle community safety issues as well as promoting community well being and supporting vulnerable people.





City Council is reviewing the scheme and may consider Barton for the scheme in the near future. Street Wardens jobs are quite broad and can include tackling problems from anti social behaviour, dumped rubbish, vandalism, and graffiti to helping young or old people within the community. They do not have powers of arrest. Watch this space!

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#### **MAKE BETTER USE OF PARKS AND GREEN AREAS**

Barton is lucky in the sense that it is situated on the edge of the city and has very picturesque views. There's nothing quite like the spring blossom on the trees down Burchester Avenue. We even have cherry trees, a European bus driver once spotted these and parked up his bus so he could collect some blossom!

We also have quite a few green spaces. Some of the people we interviewed thought better use could be made of these areas. Children and parents particularly agreed with this. Some of the park areas need redevelopment and people were not satisfied with the upkeep and landscaping of the areas.

Due to the fact that there has been private development in Barton, there may be money available through the planning process to invest back into the area. Some of this money might be put into improving parks areas. We will be keeping up to date on behalf of the community in terms of how this money might be spent and will work with Oxford City Council on how to approach the community.



#### Regeneration of Underhill Circus area

Our research also highlighted the area of Underhill Circus outside the shops being in need of redevelopment. In December 2004 we carried out some community mapping to find out how people would like this area to be redeveloped.

The main concerns were over the slippery surfacing, the general poor appearance and the problems that car parking caused in terms of safety.



Ali Molaei, Sue Holden and Vikki Gledhill at Underhill Circus. Photo Jon Lewis. Oxford Mail Thursday 28 January 2005

We are now working in partnership with Oxford City Council to improve the area. This could involve creating

Safer parking areas
Redesigning green area and landscaping
New surfacing
A memorial garden to be designed by young people
Seating
Wider pedestrian area

We are making sure that local people, residents and businesses are involved in this project and hope to revitalise the area into a more attractive space.

We are hoping that work will start in spring 2005

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#### **ADDRESSING DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE**

One issue that is very difficult to deal with in communities is drug use. Research highlighted that people had concerns about this issue and wanted more schemes in place to address the many problems connected with it.

This is not just about people taking drugs but how the wider problem of

substance misuse can tragically affect families.

Parents were concerned that children at some point will be exposed to drugs and wanted more education provided. Young people were also concerned and aware of the problem within their neighbourhood.

Our project decided it needed to know more about the issues within the community and how it could address them in the future.

#### January 2004

A Community Drugs Project worker came into post funded by Building Safer Communities

Partnership working with Oxford's NHS Public Health team and managed by a steering group including local residents. The worker's aims are to find out what sort of schemes are needed in Barton to address problems caused by drugs. This worker will have identified a clear action plan by April 2005.

Projects already delivered include courses for parents, workshops and a healthy living event. Got ideas?

Contact the project development worker on 433052

No family should feel that there isn't anywhere they can turn for help and advice. Every young person should be able to get fully clued up about the risks of drugs and be able to make healthy choices.

#### **Useful Numbers**

**Bury Knowle Health Centre - Specialist Community Addiction Service: 761651** 

Oxford City CDA free drugs counselling available in

**Barton: 723500** 

Narcotics Anonymous support groups: 020 7251 4007

Face2Face for young person 13-19 to see drugs

counsellor: 01993 892424

National Drugs Helpline info: 0800 77 66 00 PADA drugs helpline for parents: 0845 702 3867

Drinkline: 0800 9178282

Al-Anon Family Groups & Alateen: 0207 403 0888

(10 am - 10 pm)

Quitline counselling for stopping smoking: 0800 00 22 00

(9 am - 9 pm)

National Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247

(24 hrs a day)

Parentline Plus: 0808 800 2222

Cruse Bereavement Care: 245398 (helpline open Mon-Fri

10 am -12pm - at other times leave message)

Relate – relationship counselling: 242960

Childline: 0800 1111

Samaritans: 0845 790 90 90

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#### **INCREASING ACCESS TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

There were many responses from local people about the neighbourhood centre. What a good resource it was to the community but perhaps it was not being used to its full potential. The centre is owned by Oxford City Council who have a local housing office in the building. There is also a doctor's surgery running from the centre. The building has a main hall, large sports hall, youth club area, office space and meeting room spaces.

It is important that a community building encourages access and includes as many people as possible. Barton is lucky to be a community with people from different backgrounds. The community centre needs to try and include the needs of all the community. If you have any ideas or would like to start a group and need support then please contact us.

**Barton Community Association** manages a large area of the building. There have been many activities running from there such as lunch clubs, bingo, art clubs etc. **Barton Community Association** lets some office space and also lets out areas for community functions and events. It is important to look at what else the centre can provide that can be of benefit to the community.

We have taken on board what people have said and the community action plan addresses some of these issues.

Our project has carried out visits to other community centres to see what other communities are providing.

**Barton Community Association** is about to undertake a study of how the building can cater for the communities needs as well as making enough income to run the centre. This study will look at what the

needs of users are and how these can be incorporated into the building. A report will be produced showing what options are available and at what cost. *Barton Community Association* in partnership with Oxford City Council will be able to consider what improvements can be made.

Residents will be made more aware of this and a community event will display any future options.

Please tell us what you think about the building.

Did you know you can hire out part of the building for private functions?

Contact *Barton Community Association* on 761987.



Eugenia Stevenson a key volunteer at the Neighbourhood Centre



**Barton Neighbourhood Centre** 

### **July 2005**

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#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORK & IMPROVING COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Barton needs to continue with the community development work that has taken place over the last few years and to carry on implementing this community action plan. We also want to get involved in new community development issues such as the swimming pool and the pavilion area. Improving access to child care and play schemes is also an important area.

How is this going to be done? By whom?

# O E O

#### We can now tell you our exciting news!

We have secured £134,136 from The Big Lottery Fund.

The three year grant will fund a part time resident led community development team to implement the community action plan devised by the people of Barton.

Our other partners who are supporting us are Barton Community Association and Oxford Citizens Housing Association. Oxford City Council is also an important partner and are now becoming involved in funding some of the projects we have identified.









Supported by

#### Community Newsletter

We asked local people how they liked to be kept informed and which way seemed to work best. The majority of people said through newsletters, fliers and by word of mouth.

*Hands on News* was a popular community newsletter. Unfortunately production finished at the end of the Single Regeneration Budget scheme in March 2004.

So that residents can be fully aware of what is going on within their community, a community newsletter is needed. If it is going to be successful we need to make it more effective so that it can eventually support itself financially. At the moment people can miss out on what's going on because events are not always fully advertised house to house.

Our action plan is working towards this goal and we have set up a business plan and are trying to get funding to start up. We are in the process of organising training for people who are interested in newsletter production. If you are interested in this training contact Xanthe on 01865 433052

#### Target date for newsletter project October 2005

#### The A-Z Guide to Barton

In December 2003 we produced and delivered a guide to what is going on in Barton and neighbouring areas. This book has been very popular and has helped residents as well as new people moving into the area. The handbook was produced by local residents and distributed to people living in Barton.

We hope to update this and reprint by end of 2005. Currently we are looking at ways to make it sustainable by working in partnership with other agencies. This book was also used by Oxford City Council and other landlords in sign up packs to new tenants. We are hoping to establish some funding from these organisations to support its production in the future.

### August 2005

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