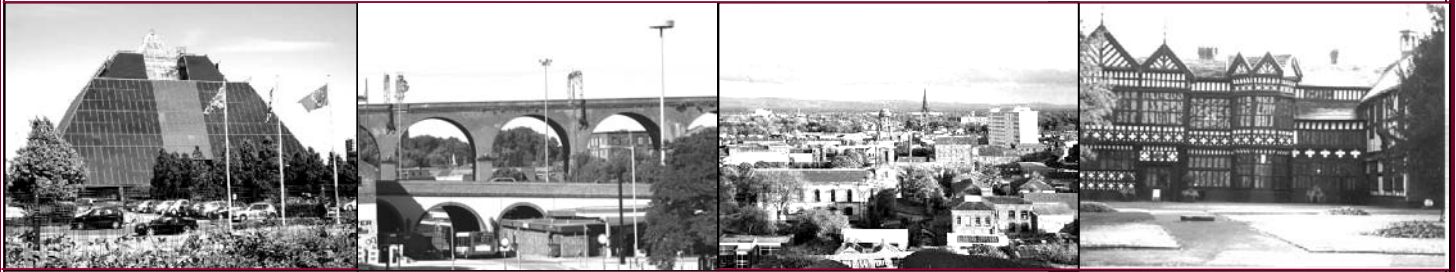


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Shaping Stockport – Focus on Health and Well-Being

Stockport Partnership Forums are convened twice per year to bring together representatives from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors in Stockport to discuss key issues for Stockport. The aim of the Forum event held on Wednesday 23 January was to focus on improving health and well-being in Stockport. The Forum was jointly organised by Stockport Council and Stockport's Primary Care Trust.

The welcome by Councillor Maggie Clay was followed by a short talk by Mike Greenwood, Chair of the PCT. Dr. Steve Watkins, Director of Public Health, then gave an overview of health and well-being in the borough. Attendees broke up into workshops to look at barriers to good health and possible solutions.

Key themes from the discussion tables

1. What is the message?

The problem:

There are a lot of mixed messages and conflicting messages about what is healthy and where to go for advice.

Ideas for solutions:

- The message needs to be easy to remember and achievable, eg: a clear message on portion sizes for food and alcohol, type of food to eat/avoid, concentrate on changing one thing at a time rather than changing everything at once, etc.
- Everyone should give out the same message. A lot of work is needed to enable everyone to work together in this way and to get the press on board as a partner.
- Simple guidelines for people to know when to get advice from the chemist, go to the GP, or A&E



2. How do we enable people to make the changes they need to make?

The problem:

- Health messages are often listened to by those most able to make changes – we need to think more creatively about how to get the message across to the people who feel they are unable to make changes
- Some groups of people are less likely to see and respond to conventional health messages – particular groups include men, the housebound, people with mental health problems, the homeless, travellers, etc)
- Exercise is seen as an additional thing to add onto the list of things to do – people don't have time to do something extra, even if it *is* good for them



Ideas for solutions:

- People respond better to positive messages than to feeling they're being told off
- Teach the message to people who can have a profound influence as a role model - a key family member, people within communities who could be community champions, role models from high profile sports clubs (such as Stockport County, Sale Sharks)
- Be creative in how to get the message across – use libraries, bookmakers, newsagents, workplaces and web based information to promote the message. Take the message out to places where people feel most comfortable, such as working men's clubs, bars and pubs, churches, mosques, etc, instead of making people come to a health or fitness facility where they may feel out of place. Offer 'MOT' health checks in community venues.
- Passion for life - encourage people to find something they love to do and they will do it regularly rather than see it as a chore. Be creative in capturing the interest of people, for example: linking car maintenance with body maintenance, 'drums not drugs' etc

3. Accessibility of healthy food, healthy choices, healthy activities

The Problem:

- People on low incomes often have to pay more for fuel due to providers' tariff, lack of insulation, etc so less income for food.
- Paying for social care is a barrier for people who have to pay the full cost and who are on a relatively low income.
- The combination of barriers makes it difficult to have a choice – unemployment, lack of skills, lack of education, low self esteem, low confidence, low income. Choosing low cost alternatives such as cycling and walking are restricted by the level of traffic and pollution as well as personal safety issues.
- Shops selling healthy foods are not within easy reach in terms of cost of the food and cost/availability of travel to get there. High fat, salty, convenience food is often the most easily accessible but not the healthiest choice.
- Leisure is seen as a luxury item, or has the wrong image - going to the gym is not cool
- Isolated people do not engage in activities and people suffering mental health problems and depression lack the confidence to take part in anything.



Ideas for Solutions:

- Important that people have full financial entitlement to benefits
- Promoting low cost activities, such as free entry to Sports Trust facilities for people with a Leisure Key, extending the Leisure Key service to include people on low incomes who are not currently on the system, increasing the number of activities available on the Leisure Key system and the 'on prescription' scheme – slimming clubs, swimming clubs, etc
- Improving access to shopping facilities from areas where there are no local shops selling healthy food – change the culture of where you shop and what you buy, look at how to create a mobile farmers' market that can go to specific localities
- Sport is not the only healthy activity - all kinds of leisure activities can improve wellbeing by reducing stress and isolation. There's a need to find activities that interest people as a first step to get involved in any activity (eg: art and craft classes) and a need to recognise the value of supporting people to get involved in something
- Partner with organisations that reach out to people living in isolation (churches / voluntary visitors etc) so they can give out the same message and also give information about local activities – people who lack self confidence need support to get involved in anything

4. Intervention at key points

The problem:

Early intervention can help prevent health problems later, but this is not consistent, as joined up working between agencies does not always happen

Ideas for solutions:

Aim to target people at key life-change points:

- Start young (pre-school through SureStart, toddler groups, etc)
- School children at all stages of school life (particularly healthy lunch choices, teaching basic healthy cooking skills to young people, school nurses working with GPs to support people likely to suffer from hereditary illnesses and tackle lifestyle issues early)
- Children in care becoming independent
- Young people starting college
- Pregnancy and parenthood
- When experiencing ill health and needing health services, advice to stop the problem becoming worse
- Moving to a new area, taking up a new tenancy (particularly if the person has previously been homeless)
- Moving to sheltered housing or supported housing



5. Whose responsibility is it to improve wellbeing?

As well as individual responsibility for our own health, and the obvious responsibility of healthcare professionals, there are others who can take some responsibility to improve health and wellbeing:



a) Communities themselves

The problem:

Lack of community spirit creates social isolation and lack of confidence to be able to make any changes, especially if a community is stigmatised

Ideas for solutions:

Developing 'community spirit' and a sense of belonging within communities will affect wellbeing. We need to engage with local communities a lot more, offering practical help and supporting them to identify local solutions for themselves, using a positive message about 'what would help here' rather than 'what are the problems here'. Using community development skills to help communities to develop and effect long-term change will mean that communities are empowered to use 'the system' more effectively, to challenge for better services and to speak out for themselves.

b) Workplaces

The problem:

Employers can inadvertently create an unhealthy work environment but don't necessarily see it as their responsibility to help their workforce be more healthy and have healthier lifestyles, eg: sedentary jobs providing little or no opportunity for exercise, a culture of working long hours creating the need for 'ready meals' and alcohol. Everything potentially has an impact on health and wellbeing but organisations often don't see a clear role for themselves in this. Front line staff in various organisations have contact with people but don't always see that 'public health' is part of their day-job.

Ideas for solutions:

Working in partnership with employers to help them invest in the health of their staff. Examples could include looking at the length of working hours and flexible alternatives to create a better work/life balance, setting a good example by providing fruit at meetings instead of biscuits, creating a safe environment for employees to admit problems such as stress, creating opportunities for employees to use their lunch hour for a healthy break (walking, going to a gym, swimming – either individually or with groups of friends at work), organising work-based health screening sessions, promoting messages about healthy eating, excess alcohol (ie: it's not just binge drinking that's a risk to health). Employers could also incorporate 'health and wellbeing' message into the role of front line staff, encouraging them to refer people to different agencies for appropriate help and support.



c) Schools and colleges

Young people's experience, aspirations and expectations have a huge impact on their health and wellbeing and the choices they feel they can make. Schools and colleges are in a unique position to be able to influence and change the aspirations of young people by teaching them life skills, such as basic cooking techniques and by increasing their subject choices by promoting educational opportunities that go beyond traditional subjects eg: placing more emphasis on developing vocational skills for appropriate pupils.



Next steps

The results of the Forum will be used in several ways:

The Health Inequalities Strategy

The Forum meeting was an excellent opportunity to share information about the new Health Inequalities Strategy for Stockport and gather ideas for strengthening its implementation. These are some examples of how the ideas from the Forum will be used in the strategy:



- The emphasis on 'community spirit' mentioned by Forum participants is reflected in the Strategy. Public Health Locality Teams are undertaking a series of events in key areas of the borough using a method that focuses on positive experiences of health and health services. This will enable us to build on what is already working well.
- The local focus enables health staff to work effectively with other colleagues, for example in regeneration, children and young people's services and community and voluntary sector organisations, to identify shared agendas and develop and deliver joint action plans.
- The need to offer a wide variety of opportunities to engage in positive health runs through the comments of Forum participants. This is being addressed in different ways, for example, a social marketing initiative is helping us to work out the best ways to reach the various groups within Stockport's population with practical messages that are tailored to their circumstances.
- Finding new and attractive ways to share information about health and ways of staying healthy continues to be a challenge. Messages need to be consistent in content but different in style to influence the full range of people. One proposal is to work more closely with the local press. The Council and PCT will work with Manchester Evening News and Stockport Express on the new 'Be Healthy Be Happy' initiative to provide regular content covering health issues in a more accessible way.
- While diet and exercise remain vital to good health, the message from the Forum was that sport is not the only way to engage people. We are developing new ideas to create stronger links between health promotion and arts and culture activities within the borough, eg: by ensuring that health promotion staff are well informed about the creative opportunities available via the Council and others. Development of a 'wellbeing strategy' is also under consideration to ensure this wider perspective is maintained. The PCT is joining with other regional partners to undertake a survey of levels of wellbeing in Stockport.
- New services are being developed, such as Health Trainers, that will create new access routes for sharing information about staying healthy. Close attention is being given to development of weight management services to address growing concerns over obesity. Stockport health services are taking part in an ongoing wide-ranging review of general NHS services on a national basis, known as the Darzi Review, which may lead to more radical changes in service provision in due course.

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

The Council and the Primary Care Trust have been working in partnership to assess the needs people in Stockport have for health, care and wellbeing services. This is a result of the Department for Health's consultation 'A Commissioning Framework for Health and Social Care'. This argued that health and social care services need to provide access to high quality, responsive and flexible packages of care which focus as much on preventing ill-health and promoting well-being as on providing treatment and care for people who are already ill. A key aspect of the Framework was the requirement to carry out the JSNA.



The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is being developed in partnership to:

- Assess and understand the needs of individuals and also the needs of the communities in Stockport as a whole, by using current information to predict future health and well-being and adapting these predictions as new information becomes available
- Enable partners to identify common priorities and how best to work together to meet those needs, ensuring that future services are planned as effectively as possible
- Take account of what people want from their services and adapt approaches accordingly
- Inform the Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement

The problems and solutions identified by the Forum will be included as evidence to inform the JSNA and contribute to the planning of new approaches to the services provided to local people.

The Health and Well-Being Partnership

The report from the Forum will be sent to the Partnership who will be able to consider how the information can be used to shape future services. This is a new partnership that will develop Stockport's ambitions for health and well-being. The Partnership is made up representatives of the Council, the Primary Care Trust, the Foundation Trust, Pennine Care Mental Health Trust and the community and voluntary sector. It is accountable to the Stockport Partnership for the delivery of the health and well-being elements of the Local Area Agreement.

STOCKPORT PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETINGS



Since the last newsletter in January 2008, the Stockport Partnership Board has met twice. Here is a summary of the main items discussed:

Stockport Visioning Workshops

The Stockport Partnership had completed work on the initial stages for developing of a 10 year Vision and set of Strategic Outcomes for Stockport. These will form the framework of the new Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement.

Two workshops held in January and February brought together representatives from the Stockport Partnership Board, the Executive Leadership of Stockport Council and its Corporate Leadership Team, as well as other key people across the Borough.

The first workshop helped to develop an understanding of where Stockport is now, including its strengths and weaknesses. Participants then started to assess what the key drivers for change are likely to be and what threats and opportunities these pose for Stockport in the future. These included issues around globalisation, market economies, climate change and inequalities in health. Following on from this, the participants started to identify the issues that should form part of a Vision statement as well as the key priorities. Many people felt that addressing climate change in a way that benefits the economy, environment and society should be the key priority and challenge for the future.

Paul Kirkham, Local Manager for GM Chamber (Tameside and Stockport) and member of the Board, made the following comments on the workshops: "Climate change is probably the biggest policy challenge we face over the lifetime of the new community strategy. There are significant benefits to be gained from addressing this challenge in a positive manner, which are not just environmental. The energy efficiency and renewable energy sector represent significant economic growth opportunities in the future, creating jobs and investment, whilst making businesses more competitive where they cut costs in energy usage. There are also important benefits to society, not least through reducing the health risks associated with fuel poverty by improving the energy efficiency of homes."

Further work will be done on this over the coming months in readiness for a wider discussion at the next Forum meeting in July.

STOCKPORT PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETINGS (continued)

The Public Services Commissioning Board

This new board has now met twice and is made up of senior representatives from Stockport Council, Stockport PCT, Greater Manchester Police, the Learning and Skills Council and Job Centre Plus. This board is accountable to Stockport Partnership Board and has been set up to improve the efficiency of public expenditure in the borough. It will oversee the effective delivery of our Local Area Agreement (LAA) and the spending of the Performance Reward Grant linked to the targets in the LAA.

Developments within the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board

As part of the consultation process the draft proposals for Stockport Children's Trust were brought to the Board in February. These proposals are designed to bring together the planning and delivery of all publicly funded services for children, young people and families living in Stockport. This new approach will be carried out locally through a community cluster model.

Local Area Agreement Update

1. Current LAA to April 2009

The current LAA has a Performance Reward Grant linked to projects which achieve targets set at the start of the LAA in 2006. Stockport is on track to achieve a large proportion of the Performance Reward Grant - £6.9M of a potential £7.7M. The Board approved a proposal from the Public Services Commissioning Board that a proportion of the Performance Reward Grant from the LAA payable in April 2009 will be used to provide a 'Partnership Office' to support the Stockport Partnership and related partnerships for 5 years. The thematic partnerships will be asked to consider priorities for the use of the rest of the grant, with the view that this funding could be used to kick start projects which cannot be achieved within existing resources.

2. New LAA from 2009 to 2011

The new LAA will not have a large Performance Reward Grant linked to its targets in the way that the current LAA has done, but instead will attract a more modest 'Area Based Grant'. The Board discussed the initial submission for the new LAA from April 2009 which outlines the key challenges facing the borough, and which gained the approval of Government Office North West in December 2007. The key challenges were detailed in the Stockport Partnership Newsletter in January 2008 and can be summed up as:

- Building a more competitive economy in Stockport
- Creating a socially inclusive community in Stockport
- Improving the quality of Stockport's environment

Consultation and discussions with the thematic partnerships have now simplified the number of 'key indicators' which will be used to measure progress under the new Local Area Agreement.

Stockport Partnership Handbook: a guide to the constitution

The handbook brings the Partnership's governance arrangements together in one document, in which purpose, structure, constitution, terms of reference and policies are all set out. The Board approved the final draft at its March meeting.



What's Respect about?

The Respect drive is a cross-Government strategy to tackle bad behaviour and nurture good - and so help create the modern culture of respect. It is about central government, local agencies, local communities and ultimately every citizen working together to build a society in which we can respect one another – where anti-social behaviour is rare and tackled effectively, and communities can live in peace together. For most of us this is automatic and ingrained in the habits of our everyday lives, but when respect for self, others and the community breaks down, anti-social behaviour takes hold.

The Respect agenda recognises the importance of early intervention in families, homes and schools to prevent children and young people who are showing signs of problems from getting any worse. As well as enforcement and action, there is active promotion of initiatives to support positive behaviour. The housing associations which operate in Stockport – together with Stockport Homes – are committed to making a difference to the lives of their residents and their neighbourhoods by actively supporting the Respect agenda.

STOCKPORT RANGERS: Reassurance and Respect

The Stockport Rangers service provides a valuable service to residents in Adswold, Bridgehall, Larkhill, Brinnington, Lancashire Hill and Heaton Norris. As part of the action plan in response to the Respect agenda, the Rangers service now operates under the terms of 'service level agreements' with housing providers including Stockport Homes, Johnnie Johnson, Manchester and District and Northern Counties. They also work in partnership with other local agencies, including the neighbourhood policing team, community safety teams and the youth offending team.



The primary role of the Rangers service is to provide high visibility patrols to help reassure residents, community reps and local businesses with an overall aim to reduce crime and reduce the fear of crime. The Rangers also carry out a wide range of valuable services in the communities they serve:

- Surveillance patrols to help gather evidence in legal proceedings
- Making referrals to the Youth Offending Prevention Team which ensures young people at risk of offending are dealt with at the earliest opportunity.
- Reporting environmental issues such as fly tipping, graffiti, damaged street furniture, damage to highways and also any noise pollution. The Rangers are also authorised to issue fixed penalty notices for litter, dog fouling and graffiti.
- Supporting local community groups and schools through fun days – to promote the service and offer professional advice on community safety.

The Rangers' role is highly appreciated by local residents and partnership agencies. They help to instil a valuable sense of community pride and spirit into areas that may have been perceived in the past as having problems. It has also broken down many of the barriers and stigmas which these areas may have had, making the areas more attractive to existing residents, potential home owners and businesses.

Manchester and District are Lords of the Dance

Two mums, who are M&D tenants in Bridgehall, are starting up a local morris dance group for their children. Morris dancing is an old English tradition and is a great way for boys and girls to keep fit, let off steam and have fun.

STOCKPORT HOMES CELEBRATES GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Stockport Homes was delighted to introduce its first customer awards in 2007. The first of the awards were presented in November 2007. A series of customer awards were introduced ranging from individuals' contribution to their community to support given to others. Included within the awards were a series which were introduced to recognise contributions to dealing with anti social behaviour.

- Taking a stand against anti social behaviour.
 - The winner of this award received 3 nominations for standing up to an abusive neighbour despite being threatened and abused themselves for over 2 years. One of the nominations said "neighbours can now enjoy a peaceful life and live without fear."
- Contribution to tackling anti social behaviour
 - The winner received 5 nominations for not being afraid to 'put her head above the parapet' in reporting ASB to the authorities, speaking directly to the children and adults involved in causing the problems, and going to court when necessary. The winner also chairs the local TRA which is very active in "making the estate a nice place to live."
- Parent(s) of the year
 - This winner was nominated for being "a great lady who has overcome quite a lot in her life, a remarkable individual who brings lots of ideas and positives to residents' meetings." No longer quiet and shy, she has 'blossomed into a confident lady'.
- Young person of the year
 - The winner of this category was 15 years old. He and his family have been subjected to a tirade of ASB and harassment. He bravely continued to come forward to give evidence to secure a conviction against the perpetrator, despite feeling afraid and intimidated.

Nominations were accepted from officers of Stockport Homes and from customers, through the various customer forums and the response was great!



No Sleep for CONTOUR'S ASB Reporting Service

Residents of Contour Housing can now report all incidents of anti social behaviour out of normal working hours on a 24 hour reporting line. Residents can speak to specially trained staff who will deal with their call. Immediate action will be taken in emergency situations or the caller will be contacted by a member of their housing team within 24 working hours to discuss their problem and take any appropriate action.

Feedback so far has been extremely positive and take up has increased steadily. The number for Contour residents to report any issues is 0845 602 1120

JOHNNIE JOHNSON'S GROUND-BREAKING AGREEMENT

Housing Services Manager Tony Hennon is pictured above signing a ground breaking agreement with Sam Price, Manager of Stockport Women's Aid. "Johnnie" Johnson Housing are providing a furnished house which

will be managed jointly between The Women's Aid team and the Housing Trust. The property will provide temporary accommodation to women who are victims of Domestic Violence.

The success of the scheme is being closely monitored by other Housing providers who are considering entering into a similar agreement. This will allow Stockport Women's Aid to provide additional safe and secure homes as well as support. Johnnie Johnson are also making use of the expertise available through SMBC Domestic Abuse Co-coordinator Tina Royles to develop a new Domestic Violence Policy and procedure guide for staff. Where other measures prove unsuccessful, and enforcement is required, JJHT has entered into an agreement with Stockport Homes ASB Team to work together on cases that need to progress to the legal stage.



NEWS FROM STOCKPORT'S ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

Spread the Word; Become an Ambassador for Stockport

Stockport Council has launched Ambassador and Business Packs to highlight the attractions and benefits of visiting and doing business in Stockport. Stockport Council is now looking for people who are interested in becoming an Ambassador for Stockport.

Stockport Economic Alliance already plays a leading role in promoting Stockport as an attractive business location and the Ambassador and Business Packs will aim to attract further visitors and investment by illustrating what Stockport can offer.

Stockport Council is keen to find people in Stockport who can help encourage people throughout the world to pay the area a visit for both business and leisure. It is anticipated that the Ambassador Packs will be dropped off at Tourist Information Centres, Town Halls, libraries, leisure and sports venues, and other public buildings throughout the world. Inserts are available in French, German, Spanish and Chinese.

The Business Packs are designed to promote the benefits of Stockport as a business location and can be used to inform business visitors about the area. The use of loose inserts enables packs to be tailored to requirements and as per the tourism packs, some inserts are also available in other languages.

Information packs will be available from local libraries, or the Tourist Information Centre, Market Place, Stockport, from early April. They can also be ordered by emailing tourist.information@stockport.gov.uk or calling the Council's Regeneration, Economic Development and Tourism Service on 0161 474 3004.

To order Business Packs please call 0161 474 3737 or email econdev@stockport.gov.uk



Incubator Deal a Boost to Stockport's Economy

Stockport's new not-for-profit Community Interest Company, Stockport Business Incubator, has been formed to further develop business incubation space at Broadstone Mill in Reddish for the incubation of new businesses. The additional workspace will help to attract further high-calibre firms to the Borough as well as facilitating the growth of indigenous companies; both of which are key objectives of Stockport Economic Alliance and the Stockport Economic Development Strategy.



In partnership with the University of Manchester Incubator Company (UMIC) and Broadstone House, the council is investing in the new company to provide 12,000 sq ft of state of the art workspace and incubation facilities designed to nurture and grow new and small businesses. The projects represents an exciting blend of Council, University and private enterprise for the businesses community in Reddish. The area is growing in stature with an already vibrant enterprise environment in Houldsworth and Broadstone Mills. Over 100 jobs and 22 new workspaces and incubation facilities will be created by this initiative

The project will transform a redundant mill premises into business space and is a key part of the council's plans to regenerate the borough, retain talented local companies and attract new business to the area.

For more information on the new facilities please contact Tony Walker, UMIC Hi-Tech Incubator Manager on 0161 918 6791 or tony.walker@umic.co.uk

Boosting Entrepreneurialism in Stockport

Budding entrepreneurs can now reap the benefits of a unique partnership between Stockport Council and Business Support Solutions. The Business Start-up Programme provided by Business Support Solutions, provides direct advice, information and resources for businesses and is now available across all of Stockport due to the increased support provided to the project by the Council.

Although in 2006 Stockport had a start up rate (37.9 per 10,000 adults) higher than that seen in Greater Manchester (35.6) and the North West (32.4), further support and encouragement of entrepreneurship is a key objective for Stockport Economic Alliance. It is hoped that the new partnership can further boost the levels of enterprise in the borough.

Dedicated business advisors can provide awareness sessions, help on creating business plans, one-to-one guidance and advice, themed workshops and legal and financial advice.

Assistance has also been made available for existing business to overcome the challenges they face in the early stages so that they can take their business forward to develop and grow.

If you are aware of any budding entrepreneurs then ask them to contact the Enterprise Services Team on tel: +44 (0)61 976 4243, or e-mail: startup@business-support-solutions.co.uk for further information.

Your parks need you Don't be shy – your opinion matters



The Council's Parks & Recreation Service are conducting a large-scale consultation to enable them to plan events and activities and to create business plans and audience development strategies for the next few years. The team is looking for support and suggestions from teenagers, families, older people, dog walkers, sports teams – in fact everyone that uses their local parks. They would like everybody in the Borough to take the time to participate, especially those who use the parks often but may not feel that they have a voice - such as young people, the homeless, BME residents and refugees and asylum seekers.

A questionnaire is included in the March edition of *The Review*. It is also possible to complete the survey on-line now at the 'Have Your Say' page of www.stockport.gov.uk The consultation will continue until 18th May 2008; a summary will be available in late May and the full report by June 08.

Heroes for Stockport

We all hear about the celebrities who are honoured in the New Year's Honours List but in fact most honours are actually awarded to ordinary people who do great things. Over 80 per cent of the honours awarded in this year's list were to people who have undertaken charitable or voluntary service, either as part of their job or independently.

The Chair of Stockport Partnership Board has appealed for Stockport people to nominate deserving local people to be considered for recognition in this way. Organisations across a wide range of interests can play a part in submitting ideas of those who should receive royal recognition for working so hard on behalf of others. Charities, volunteers for local and health authorities, sports groups and members of local faith or business communities could all play a part for Stockport by nominating a local unsung hero. Anyone can submit a nomination. You don't have to be an official from an organisation.

To find out how to do it, go to: www.honours.gov.uk or contact the Ceremonial Secretariat at the Cabinet Office, 35 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BQ ; Tel: 020 7276 2777; e-mail: ceremonial@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk

If you need any help with this, contact us at the Policy Unit, Town Hall, Stockport SK1 3XE or phone Bev or Liz on 0161 474 3127 or email: bev.sellen@stockport.gov.uk or elizabeth.young@stockport.gov.uk

People who make us Proud

Stockport now has its very own "honours" system!

In a recent ceremony in the Town Hall, Stockport honoured those people who were nominated for recognition in the first ever Citizen Awards scheme.

The "Stockport Community Pride" programme launched the awards to reward individuals and groups who go the extra mile to make our borough a better place. People from all over Stockport were able to make nominations by posting forms in special boxes in libraries and other centres or by completing an online application form.

The judges devoted lots of time to choosing the award winners who then attended a meal and presentation ceremony in the ballroom. There were thirteen awards which included "Good Neighbour", "Citizen of the Year" and "Best Street".



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