

Wibsey urban village update

As your local councillors, we work in three ways; first, helping individual constituents with problems relating to the council; secondly representing your interests in every area of the council through the council's committees and processes.

Last but not least we work with community groups – to help them bring projects to fruition, and/or lobby to resolve local concerns. This is the part of our work we want to update on today. For a long time, one part of the ward, the village area has lacked a collective voice. When the council introduced the 'Urban Village Programme' back in 2004 we lobbied heavily to get this status for Wibsey and in late 2005, Wibsey Urban Village was launched. Across Bradford, groups in different areas had a budget of £75,000 to spend on local projects. Most of them have been wound up once the money was spent, but here in Wibsey we felt that there was an opportunity to do something more lasting.

Many of you will have received a questionnaire earlier in the year – we would like to take the opportunity to thank those who responded. A report of the findings is now being drawn up and will go out for further consultation. There will be presentations at the Neighbourhood Forum and an opportunity to come and talk to councillors and others involved on a drop in basis – see below for the dates and venues.

You will not be surprised about the findings, the main issues that emerged are things we have all been aware of for a long time. But, what we hope is that by drawing these together in one place, supported by the majority of local residents we can get a genuine plan of action that links different problems and concerns together so each is not tackled in isolation.

Top Concerns from the survey

- ✗ Parking and traffic congestion
- ✗ Too many hairdressers, takeaways and pubs
- ✗ Rubbish & litter from local businesses
- ✗ Fly tipping
- ✗ street lighting
- ✗ Un adopted roads
- ✗ Vandalism and car crime

What people want

- ✓ Community Centre
- ✓ Butchers
- ✓ Greengrocers
- ✓ Café
- ✓ Police contact point.
- ✓ Farmer's market
- ✓ Better parking
- ✓ More information about services & facilities
- ✓ Recreational provision for young people
- ✓ Street scene improvements such as benches

You can add your comments through www.wibsey.net or pick up a comment form at the Library. If you did not receive a questionnaire, you can collect one at the library, or download from www.wibsey.net and come to one of the drop in events dates and venues:

Thursday 29th November	Wibsey Primary School	5.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Friday 30 th November	Wibsey Methodist Church	1.30 pm – 5.30pm
Saturday 1 st December	Salvation Army, Holroyd Hill	2.00 pm – 6.00pm

We have already started to tackle some of the problems. As we reported last month, we have been in talks with the police and local publicans to introduce a ban on street drinking. We have now launched a petition and already have over 150 signatures. If you have not already done so, you can sign the petition at Wibsey Library.

Surgeries

Sedbergh Centre		Gospel Hall, Manchester Road		Wibsey Methodist Church	
3 rd November	10.30 - 11.30	15 th November	6.00 -7.00 pm	1 st December	10.30-11.30
13 th December	6.00 -7.00 pm	19 th January	10.30-11.30	7 th February	6.00 -7.00 pm
24 th February	10.30 - 11.30	13 th March	6.00 -7.00 pm	29 th March	10.30-11.30