ACT Neighbourhood Plan

Community Projects

# Project Delivery Role

It will be the role of a successor organisation to the ACT Forum to oversee the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan in a range of ways:

* By monitoring and commenting on planning applications to the Local Planning Authority;
* By leading on the delivery of Community Projects outlined in this plan;
* By seeking funding in collaboration with partners including Wigan Council to deliver the projects;
* To review progress and report to the community.

# Project Delivery Framework

The ACT Plan’s Community Projects integrate with policy goals to support the delivery of the Plan’s vision and objectives.

# Community Projects

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| Title of Project | Project Objectives | Lead Partner &  Other Potential Partners |
| Abram Ward Circular Walks | * Put up signs and provide downloadable maps * Make green space visible * Encourage people to walk and cycle * Ensure paths are safe and accessible, etc. * Possible cycle path/cycling related work * Ongoing work to ensure Public Rights of Way are enhanced/opened up | * Lancashire Wildlife Trust * ACT Forum * Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles * Wigan Council * Carbon Landscape programme * Nomad Rangers * Community Residents Groups |
| Abram Ward Circular Walks Phase 2: Art and Eco Trails | * Based on the Victoria Fields in Bickershaw visons of an Eco Art Trail * Replicate across the 5 villages of the Abram Ward   + Abram   + Bamfurlong   + Bickershaw   + Platt Bridge   + Spring View | * Lancashire Wildlife Trust * ACT Forum * Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles * Wigan Council * Carbon Landscape programme * Nomad Rangers * Community Residents Groups |
| Platt Bridge Community Green | * Redesign, development and future management of the Platt Bridge Community Green * Create a safe space for quarterly community markets, regular promotion events and community engagement | * WLCC (Lead) * Platt Bridge Community Forum * ACT Forum * Wigan Council |
| General Events Programme | * Quarterly markets * Fundraising events * Arts * Seasonal events * Community consultation to make sure we’re raising the money we need and providing what the community wants | * WLCC (Lead) * ACT Forum * Platt Bridge Community Forum * Abram Tenants and Residents Association * Bickershaw Tenants and Residents Association * Bamfurlong Neighbourhood Group |
| Community Business Hubs | * Links to WLCC Business Plan/Made In Wigan * Protecting the community hubs that exist   + Abram Community Centre   + Bickershaw Village Club   + Platt Bridge Community Zone   + St John’s Street recreation ground * Making best use of the community hubs for the benefit of the community * Acquiring assets | * The 4 Hubs |
| Green Gyms | * Link with Accessible Playgrounds * Provide free access to gym equipment * Improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in the community | * ACT Forum (Lead) |
| 617 Youth Group | * To provide activities in the ward for young people with a view to reducing Anti-Social Behaviour | * 617 Board (Lead) * Wigan Youth Zone * Wigan Council * WLCC |
| Accessible Playgrounds | * Link with Green Gyms * Provide equipment for people with accessibility issues to ensure they are active and engaged with other people of similar age | * ACT Forum (Lead) * Embrace * Wigan Council |
| Community Orchards | * Protecting local green space * Using it to grow apples to feed a potential cider community business * Replicate across the 5 villages of the Abram Ward   + Abram   + Bamfurlong   + Bickershaw   + Platt Bridge   + Spring View | * Lancashire Wildlife Trust * ACT Forum * Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles * Wigan Council * Carbon Landscape programme * Nomad Rangers * Community Residents Groups |
| Greenheart Centre | * A central hub for outdoor activity within the Abram Ward that stitches together many of the activities in the Community Action Plan | * Lancashire Wildlife Trust * ACT Forum * Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles * Wigan Council * Carbon Landscape programme * Nomad Rangers * Community Residents Groups |
| Community Garden | * Develop a community garden to provide locally grown stock to Tastebuds café * Encourage residents to grow food at home for the cafe * Reduce social isolation * Roll out to local schools for education | * WLCC * Tastebuds café * Community Residents Groups |
| Derelict Buildings | * Ensure that derelict buildings are utilised as assets to work for the Abram Ward * Put back into service any potential housing or businesses that can be used for the community | * WLCC * ACT Forum * Wigan Council |
| Bickershaw Arts and Culture | * Develop and deliver an Arts and Culture project within the Bickershaw Community Village Club * Encourage residents of all ages from youth upwards to be able to have access to the Arts * Run annual festivals and concerts at Bickershaw | * WLCC * PPP Arts * Bickershaw Community Village Club * ACT Forum |
| Community Housing | * Develop a community strategy to negotiate with developers to secure community housing * Provide a base for community businesses to run out of and provide services to the community | * WLCC * MissPlaces * Developers * ACT Forum |