

## The Project

The Castleford Regeneration Project is a landmark initiative which will transform places that the people in Castleford want to see improved. Between July 03 and September 04 a series of places in the town will be changing for the better. The work will be funded by the public and private sectors.

The Project will be the subject of a television series produced by Talkback Productions and broadcast by Channel Four Television towards the end of 2004.



## Information about further events will be available shortly.

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# THE CASTLEFORD REGENERATION PROJECT NEWSLETTER

## CUTSYKE



In July 2003 five community events took place in different parts of Castleford: Cutsyke, the Riverfront, Carlton Street, Wilson Street and The Green, Ferry Fryston. Local residents and business people attended and started work on improving their local areas.

Participants identified things they liked, disliked and wanted to see improved. This newsletter reports some of the results. If you have other ideas or would like to help, please get in touch. The next step is for you to attend future events and develop practical projects that can be completed by September 04.

On 8 July 2003, 61 residents attended the Cutsyke Initiative Launch event at the Cutsyke Working Men's Club to discuss how to improve the area. Here is a summary of the results.

## Good things about Cutsyke

- Amenities are close by (shops, post office, library, bingo)
- Community solidarity & friendly people
- Good school



## Bad things about Cutsyke

- Lack of facilities and activities for children
- Drugs
- Disturbing motorbikes
- Dog fouling and lack of poo bins
- Excessive litter
- Lack of local bus service (public transport + school bus)
- Apathy
- Sense of alienation and disillusionment with the council
- Open space occupied by travelers
- Overall negative perception of Cutsyke (from within and from afar)

## What could be done

Here are projects that people felt were needed:

- New play area near Cutsyke Crescent
- An initiative to improve gardens – provision of support and advice
- Improvements to the park on Westfield Road side
- General neighbourhood co-ordination including increased police presence and reducing speeding bikes

## TOP COMMENTS AND IDEAS ABOUT DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF CUTSYKE

- Better bus stops / new shelters
- Stop the drug dealers
- More police surveillance – we pay for it!
- The state of the roads needs help – traffic calming



## PLAY AREAS

- An adventure playground with tree houses and games pitches and bmx facilities
- More lighting around the play area and playing field
- Make play areas safe from drug pushers

## GARDENS

- New garden fencing and walls
- Bins to get rid of garden rubbish
- Communal skips
- People should look after their own spaces
- Young people could help to dig gardens for the older people



## ALLOTMENTS

- New gates, fence and skips
- Weekly rubbish removal
- Keep them tidy
- Fix water taps

## QUOTES

- 'It costs less to improve a park than to create a new one'
- 'We need more lighting around the play area and playing field'
- 'If people looked after their own spaces, people might think differently about Cutsyke and Castleford'
- 'We could get some of the young folk to dig gardens for older people. It used to happen a long time ago'