

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 sector.

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

THE RIVERFRONT



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 businesses 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 help develop practical projects that can be completed by September 04.

On Tuesday 29 July 2003, 46 residents and business people attended the Riverfront initiative launch event at The Garden House pub. Some took a walk along the north side of the river as far as the canal. Here are the results.

What is wrong with the riverfront?

- Most Castleford citizens are unaware of the potential attractiveness of the river
- Much of the south side of the river is inaccessible
- There is no life on the river and its heritage value is unrealized
- The existing bridge is dangerous for pedestrians because of narrow pavements and heavy lorries.
- The existing river walkways are unsuitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs
- The boom is too far upstream preventing boats reaching the area closest to the town centre
- Management responsibility for the riverfront needs to be more clearly defined



WHAT COULD BE DONE TO IMPROVE THE RIVERFRONT? SOME IDEAS

- Build a new footbridge across the river on the line of the old Roman ford
- Clear some of the foliage and install permanent walkways on both sides of the river – suitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and cycling - with benches, lighting and interpretation boards
- Create moorings for boats down to the weir
- Open cafes and bars on the river
- Floodlight the weir, the mill and other riverside buildings
 - Provide features such as floating bars, sculpture, a fountain or a restored water wheel
 - Landscaping along the river sympathetic to wildlife with fishing holes
 - Regular clearing of debris
 - Move the boom as close as possible to the weir
 - Organise events, for instance a riverboat festival
 - Make the existing bridge safer by enforcing weight restriction and adding bollards.

