

## 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

### WILSON STREET AREA



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 Wednesday 30 July 2003, 45 local residents and business people came to the Working Men's Club on Albion Street to launch the Wilson Street area improvement initiative. Some took a walk around the area. Here are the results.

### Good things about the area

- Closeness to the town centre and transport links (buses and trains)
- The community and its commitment to the area
- The potential of the area



### Bad things about the area

- Empty spaces which could be better used
- Anti-social behaviour
- Neglected buildings and streets
- Lack of outdoor facilities for children
- Drugs on wasteland and unused sites
- Joy riders
- Dog muck, litter on grass and car parks
- Slow police response to trouble

### SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE AREA

- Some open spaces should be used for children's play areas, others for relaxation
- Public right of way to Saville Road
- Make the area between Woods Street and Cross Street a people-friendly public space
- Street cleaning
- Improved lighting
- Better surfacing on the back streets
- Traffic calming



### WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE PROJECTS?

- Activities to animate the area and increase community spirit (street parties, festivals, games, litter clean-ups)
- Enhance unused spaces with flowers and trees, imaginative lighting and benches
- Improvements to the frontages of houses and street environments
- New paving on Wilson Street
- Children's play areas in some of the unused spaces