

Colne Market Town Initiative Health Check

Pendle Borough Council

Brief

BE Group was commissioned by Colne Town Centre Forum and Pendle Borough Council to undertake a Market Town Healthcheck and develop an Action Plan for Colne and its hinterland.

Colne is one of the major settlements in Pendle. The decline of the textiles industry has had far reaching impacts on the local community. Failure to address the decline has left a legacy of poor health, housing and low incomes.



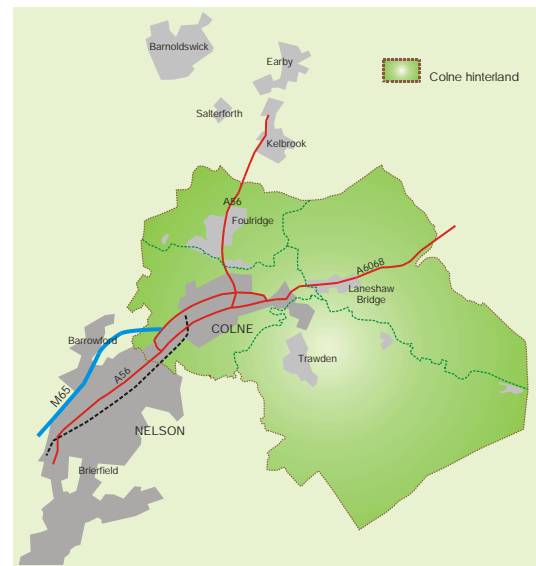
Activities

Extensive consultations with:

- Parish councils
- Community groups and local association
- Businesses and retailers
- Local schools
- Public event at Colne Market Hall
- Pendle Borough Council, Lancashire County Council, Pendle Partnership and Town Centre Forum.

Researched a range of statistical and physical audit data, used to formulate actions and support funding bids.

In order to take forward projects, BE Group developed the Colne Market Town Partnership and seven sub-groups reflecting the main issues of Transport and Access; Business; Health and Social Care; Town Centre; Rural; Youth; Social, Community and Environment.



Outcome

BE Group devised an Action Plan to regenerate the town based upon the vision:

“To further develop Colne as an attractive and thriving area that promotes its heritage and provides a good quality of life with improved access to facilities and services for residents and visitors alike.”

A total of 44 projects were developed, these included: promoting the re-development of the 1960s shopping area, developing a town centre strategy, investigating potential to re-develop Shackleton Hall, creating a more attractive gateway into the town, investigating potential for Ambulance Hall to be used as a community resource, developing a programme of festivals and events for the area and improving information available on health and social services.



“Colne Connected”, the partnership, was launched in mid 2005 and in April 2006 it published its first Annual Report detailing the progress of the sub groups and the projects originally identified and linked to the six key objectives.

