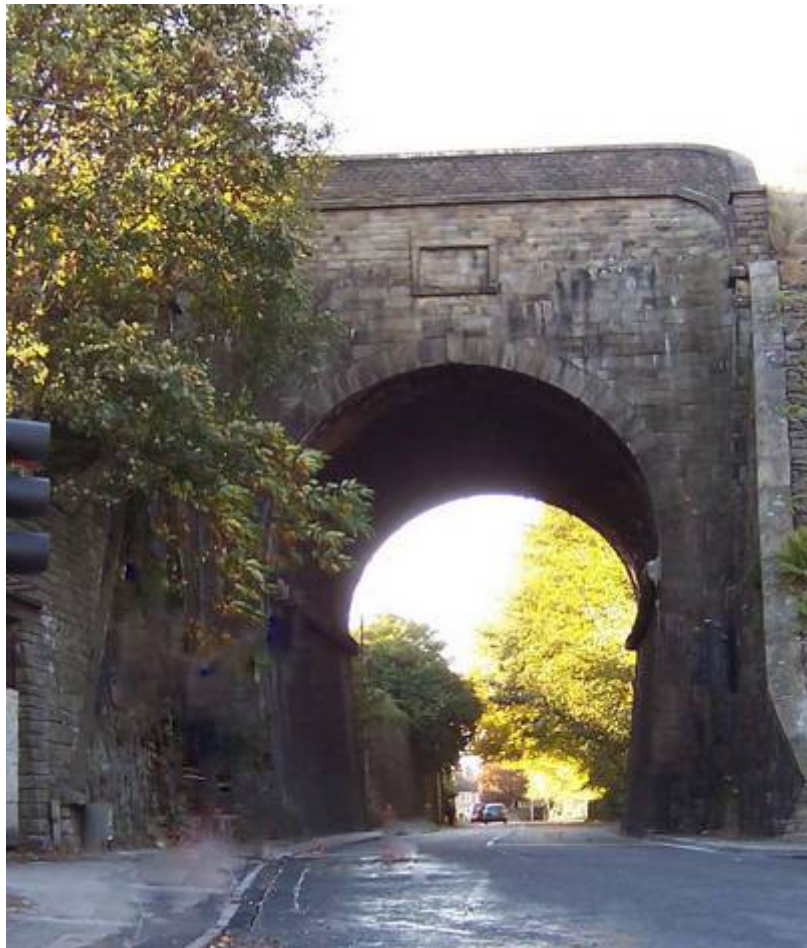
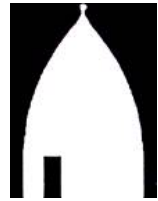
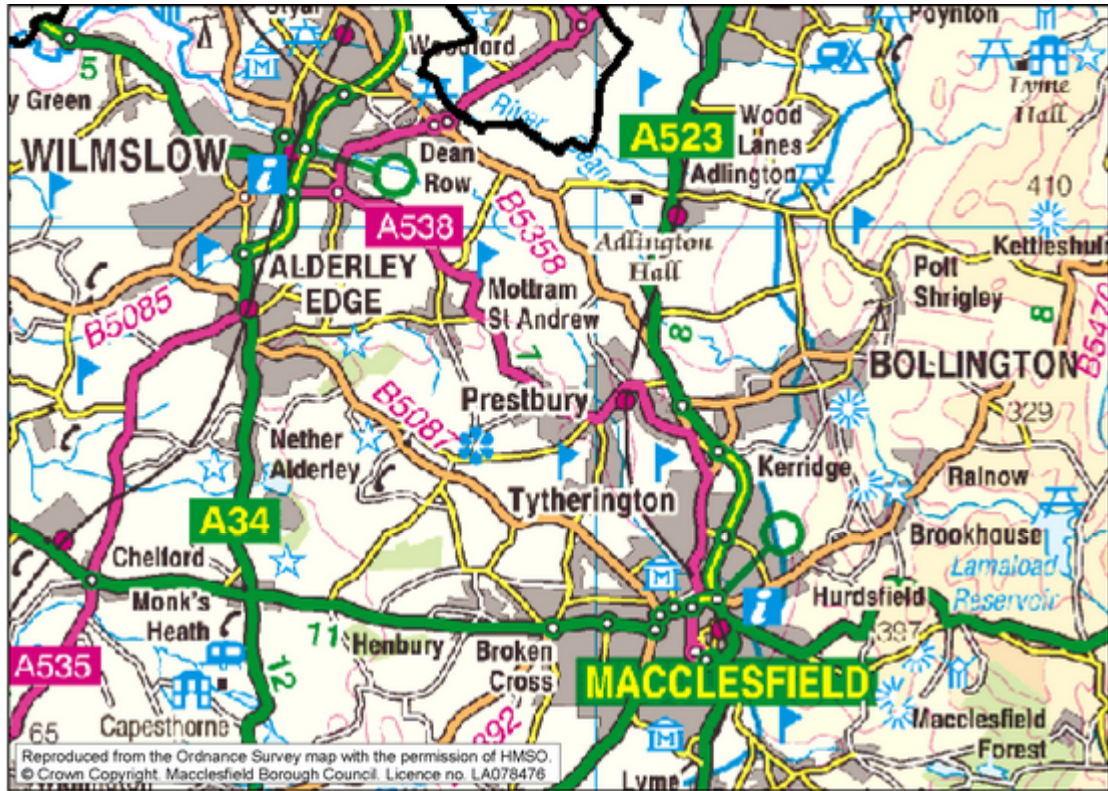


# ***BOLLINGTON TOWN PLAN***

**2008**



***GATEWAY TO THE  
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## **Bollington in relation to Macclesfield and surrounding locations**

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# Executive Summary

After a period of four years since the publication of the original Parish Plan, 'Your Bollington', a review has been undertaken to update the Plan, taking account of progress with implementation of recommendations made and changes that have occurred over the intervening period.

The review has been carried out by a Steering Group of 15 members, independent of the Town Council, although including two councillors to ensure liaison with current policies of the council. The terms of reference for the review were as follows:

- to become the vehicle for informing the Town Council and Cheshire East Council of the wishes and priorities of the local community.
- to provide a vehicle for coordination of activities in the Town, eg initiatives on Tourism, Economic Affairs, Festival, Canal, Parking, Arts, Bridgend, Community, and Discovery Centres, BIT and Civic Society activities, Conservation Areas, Recreation Ground, Leisure etc. and present them as a rolling plan for the Town on an annual basis.

The decision was taken that the new document should be known as the Bollington Town Plan – 2008 taking account of the fact that Bollington has a Town Council rather than a Parish Council. During the review, the opportunity was taken to consult the business and shopping community of the Town with a questionnaire. The opportunity was also taken to obtain an input from a number of the Community Groups in the Town, including the Bollington Carbon Revolution Group on environmental issues.

The Plan is structured in five main sections as follows:

## **Social and Community Matters**

## **Provision of Services**

## **Economic Matters**

## **Land and Environment**

## **Leisure Activities**

In addition there are three Appendices. The first of these is a business directory for the Town, including the names, addresses and telephone numbers of ~300 firms/businesses located in Bollington. The second Appendix reproduces the existing Supplementary Planning Guidance Document resulting from the recommendations of Your Bollington and adopted by the Planning Authority. The third Appendix gives a summary of strategy statements from the main Community Groups in the Town giving their current plans for the future.

There is a total of 21 recommendations in the Plan, including some carried forward/updated from Your Bollington and some completely new ones.

The Recommendations involve a number of different organizations and the Concluding Remarks identify the organizations against the particular recommendations affecting them. There is significant potential for contributions from Bollington Initiative Trust in future developments within the Town.

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# 1.0 Introduction

The original Bollington Parish Plan, named Your Bollington was published in December 2004. It was arrived at by a process of consultation in which all the residents of the Town had the opportunity to express their views on priorities for Bollington. The 2004 edition of the Bollington Parish Plan was divided into five main sections as follows:

1. Social and Community Matters
2. Provision of Services
3. Economic Affairs
4. Land and Environment
5. Leisure Activities

The Plan contained 26 main recommendations, divided into 52 detailed recommendations. The Plan was well received by the Town, Borough and County Councils and received an award from the Cheshire Community Council.

Some of the successes to which the Plan has contributed are as follows:

- The Historic Triangle Project – upgrade of the conservation area region of High Street, Water Street and Palmerston Street, including flags, setts and lighting columns, Christmas lights – total cost ~£250,000. Money from MBC, CCC, NWDA and SEMMMS.
- Improved layouts to Pool Bank and Civic Hall car parks.
- The Street Furniture Project – new litter bins, signage, tourist maps, notice boards – Total cost £29,000. Money from NWDA, MBC, CCC, Bollington TC.
- Supplementary Planning Guidance Statement, adopted by the Planning Authority.



New Tourist Map at Pool Bank



New Litter Bin with White Nancy Logo



New signs

New lighting columns – Palmerston Street – High Street

After a three year period of implementation, it has been decided that it is time to carry out a review of progress. It was agreed that the main sections should be retained as a convenient framework together with an additional section/appendix on strategic plans for specific groups in the Town. Again, residents of the Town were invited to take part and a small group formed to carry out the review. The review of the recommendations from the 2004 edition has decided that:

35 detailed recommendations have been either completed or made good progress. Of the 17 recommendations on which no progress has been made yet, 6 should be dropped, 8 should be retained and 3 should keep a watching brief. The recommendations that are retained are included in the appropriate sections below.

It has also been decided that the Parish Plan should be re-named the **Bollington Town Plan** with terms of reference as follows:

- to become the vehicle for informing the Town Council and Cheshire East Council of the wishes and priorities of the local community.
- to provide a vehicle for coordination of activities in the Town, eg initiatives on Tourism, Economic Affairs, Festival, Canal, Parking, Arts, Bridgend, Community, and Discovery Centres, BIT and Civic Society activities, Conservation Areas, Recreation Ground, Leisure etc. and present them as a rolling plan for the Town on an annual basis.

All aspects of the 2004 Plan have been reviewed but it was decided that particular efforts should be focused on strengthening the economic recommendations in the Plan, concerning supporting local shops, employment, residential/affordable housing aspects. It was confirmed that the community wished to retain and develop the specific character of Bollington, with a balance of employment, retail shopping, restaurants/pubs and residential life within the Town, including the rich quality of sporting and leisure clubs, societies, and cultural activities. It was also agreed that the Plan should include consideration of environmental issues, including the work of the Bollington Carbon Revolution Group of the Civic Society.

## 2.0 Social and Community Matters

### 2.1 Bollington Town Council

Bollington Town Council (BTC) reacted very positively to the publication of the 2004 Parish Plan which provided many useful objectives for future action, supported by the declared wishes of the whole community. New Committees were formed to address new issues. The Strategic Planning and Monitoring Committee considered and implemented actions such as the introduction of No Alcohol Zones and the appointment of a Police Community Support Officer and monitored the delivery of services to the town by Macclesfield Borough Council and Cheshire County Council. The Highway Enhancement Group worked with the local Highways Engineer on road issues and was instrumental in bringing about the major Conservation project in 2007 in Palmerston Street, High Street and Water Street. Closer working links were also built with other local groups such as the Parish Plan Implementation committee, the Civic Society and the Bollington Initiative Trust.

BTC also reduced the number of Councillors from 15 to 12 when insufficient volunteers came forward to fill the places. For the 2008 elections 12 people have come forward for the 12 places available and are therefore deemed to be elected. In addition to the representatives of the main political parties, one third of the councillors are Independents. Now that the Council is fully elected it will be able to progress its work to achieve Quality Parish Status. This national benchmark award means that a Council is recognised as efficient and well led and can be more fully involved in the delivery of local services should it so wish.

Bollington Town Council welcomed the advent of Local Government re-organisation on the grounds that the current system of tri-partite structure leads to public confusion and to internal inconsistencies. It said, "It is no longer satisfactory that a dynamic town of 7000 people should have so little control over the delivery of local services and should be powerless to prevent their withdrawal. Localism should be a reality and not just a political buzzword. Budgets need to be delegated down to local level to enable local decision-making and local choices to be made. This can only be done by removing one tier of local government."

The Council has always taken the view that the town would benefit from greater autonomy; from having a delegated budget that would enable the Council to respond quickly to immediate practical needs and, for example, carry out minor repairs itself. Co-operation with the principal authorities has not always been easy nor is response to inquiries or requests sufficiently swift. It is hoped that it will be easier to relate to one unitary authority than with the current two authorities.

The new Cheshire East Council (not in operation until May, 2009) claims to "*recognise the crucial role of Local Councils as local community champions' and identifies a leading role for them in area based working and the development of neighbourhood working arrangements. They must deliver a complete change in attitude compared to the previous regimes. We are also keen to explore opportunities for the devolution of service delivery where this is appropriate, desired and offers value for money.*" Bollington Town Council has replied warmly to this positive approach and is requesting to be involved as soon as possible in the development of any new working arrangements.

It is recommended that the Town Council should review its own operations in the light of the Local Government Reorganisation. There is a need for more focus and linkage to the way in which the Cheshire East Council will operate and there is a need for longer term continuity. Almost certainly, the Cheshire East Council will operate on a Cabinet basis, with a Leader of the Council and portfolio holders responsible for different service areas. It is recognised that at present Bollington Town Council will not have the level of financial and managerial responsibility that would justify a Cabinet type structure, but there could be merit in electing/appointing a Leader in due course and appointing individual members to take a special interest in different service areas provided by Cheshire East Council. This does not need to involve political party groupings, indeed it is preferable that it made best use of the skills and availabilities of the individual councillors. The Town Mayor would continue to be Chairman and ceremonial head of the Council but the Leader and members with appointed special interests would be responsible for bringing forward policy and strategic proposals for the consideration of the whole Council.

***Recommendation 1. The Town Council should review its method of operation to ensure a close working liaison with the Cheshire East Unitary Council. It should consider appointing a Leader of the Council and individual members to take a special interest in different service areas. This should be reviewed as the modus operandi of Cheshire East Council develops.***

## **2.2 Community Groups and Public Buildings**

There is strong support in Bollington for the retention of the independent community spirit that is such a distinctive feature of the Town. Strong support is expressed for continued use of the Arts, Bridgend, Community, Discovery and Leisure Centres and the Library. There is a continuing need to ensure that the Town retains a suitable public performance space for theatre, light opera, choir, band and for the unique Festival for which Bollington is renowned at four year intervals. Any modifications to the Civic Centre to accommodate a move of the Town Council Office must take account of the need to retain a suitable public performance space in the Town, and such discussions should include consideration of possible developments with the Methodist Church and Arts Centre. There is a strong desire amongst the people of Bollington for the building framework of St John's church to be retained and for a suitable community use for this building to be found if at all possible. There is support for the initiative by Bollington Civic Society to explore possible avenues to achieve this.

More generally, support is expressed for Bollington Initiative Trust (BIT), the town's Development Trust which is finding ways of retaining public buildings for uses benefiting the community in general. Close working relationships between the Town Council and BIT will be increasingly important and BIT will be able to assist both the Council and voluntary groups in Bollington with both appropriate premises and business advice.

The strategic plans for a number of the Community Groups are given in Appendix 3.

## **2.3 Volunteers**

There are many organisations in Bollington that rely on volunteers to run them – indeed it is a feature of the Town that people with a wide variety of skills are willing to

make time available to help in the Community. This has been recognised for example by the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service to the Bridgend Centre and Green Flag Status to the Recreation Ground. The recent experience of the Bollington Carbon Revolution Group has shown that there are groups of volunteers willing to come forward for specific activities who might not come from the usual volunteer background of recently retired people. However, there is a shortage of volunteers in a number of organisations and it is considered useful to provide a list of organisations that currently have help from volunteers and would welcome additional help of the type indicated.

Bollington Community Centre – Food preparation and service for Luncheon Club and Open House Club, lunchtimes, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Coffee morning and evening event organisers. Management Committee members.

Bollington Civic Society which has sub groups running:

- (a) Bollington Carbon Revolution Group – Project Manager to coordinate funding bids for proposed projects, individuals to promote EcoTeam approach and carbon reduction technologies.
- (b) Discovery Centre – Provide welcome cover at the Centre, Wednesdays 1-30 to 4-00 pm, Saturdays, Sundays, 11-00 to 1-30 and 1-30 to 4-00 pm.
- (c) The Friends of St John's Church – seeking a long term viable future for the church and graveyard

Bollington Festival – Stewards, Ticket Office, Creative ideas, Committee members.

Bollington Clean Team – Litter and Graffiti clearance on streets throughout the Town.

Bollington Town Plan – The continued implementation of the present Town Plan will require volunteers both to provide representative views from residents and businesses and to seek funding for implementation of projects.

Bridgend Centre - Assistance in Charity Shop – sorting, ironing; Computing – helping teach basic skills; Gardening – potting up; Annual Hill Race in July - marshals

Kerridge Ridge and Ingersley Vale Project – Outdoor restoration tasks on stone walls, fences and heritage features.

Scouts/Brownies and associated groups – volunteers always welcome.

Youth Club – Supervision and running of youth club for teenagers, two evenings per week, 7-30 to 10-30. (Currently not operating).

It should be noted that some of these types of volunteer posts would be suitable for professional persons seconded from major local companies prepared to contribute to the welfare of the community. Several other 'Market Towns' in Cheshire have full time development officers paid for by grant funding with responsibility to promote improvement projects for their Town. They have been very successful in bringing in funding to enable these projects to be completed. Whilst it may be possible for some work of this kind to be undertaken by Town Council staff, with appropriate training, support for such a post by one of the major companies in the area could transform the way in which improvements could be brought about in Bollington.

***Recommendation 2. The Town Council should obtain information on the way in which other Cheshire Market Towns have funded development officer posts and explore the possibility of a member of staff being trained to undertake such a role for promoting improvement projects in the Town. They should explore the possibility of obtaining support from one of the major local firms in the area of providing a secondee to support such work. They should also promote the general need for volunteers for various organisations in the Town.***

## 3.0 Provision of Services

### 3.1 Policing, Crime, Vandalism and Anti Social Behaviour

At the time of the consultation exercise leading to the 2004 Plan, 73% of respondents felt that insufficient was being done to combat crime and 83% felt that insufficient was being done about vandalism. Most of the problems at that time fell under the heading of anti social behaviour by groups of youths in their mid to late teens/early twenties. This resulted in more frequent visits by the Community Action Team who also visited homes of suspected offenders following the peaks in anti social behaviour. The influence of the Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) and Community Youth Teams (CYTs) was excellent and resulted in a reduction in anti social youth problems. To maintain an increased police presence, the Town Council decided, after some consultation of the community, to contribute to the costs of a Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to assist with policing in Bollington and this is an important improvement that should continue to be supported. It should be noted that the financial support from Government funds may be phased out within the next few years and the Town Council will have to review the funding it provides for this service. However, although there are periodic Community Action Team meetings at which priorities for the next period are discussed, there needs to be a mechanism whereby the priorities for the PCSO's duties are decided and monitored by the Town Council. It is understood that there are regular meetings between the Town Council personnel group and the PCSO to discuss priorities but the guidance and reporting need to be strengthened. There has been an increase in the number of incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the Town in the first half of 2008 and this needs to be addressed by a strong police presence and by prosecution of the perpetrators.

Graffiti is one of the examples of anti social behaviour that can create a poor impression of the Town to both residents and visitors. The action of the Town Council in employing a specialist contractor to remove graffiti with a periodic 'clean up' is welcomed but the Council needs to have a policy for dealing with this on a more regular basis. There needs to be a mechanism for the specialist contractor to be brought in to remove the results of any concentrated graffiti attacks and to remove graffiti from historic or sensitive structures as a matter of urgency. For occasional sporadic cases, it may be sufficient for a small group of volunteers to be trained to deal with the problem.

***Recommendation 3 – The Town Council should have in place a mechanism for deciding priorities for the duties of the PCSO supported by Council funding, taking account of views expressed at the periodic Community Action Team meetings. The Town Council needs to review the funding it provides to support the PCSO in advance of the expected phasing out of central Government funding support.***

***Recommendation 4 – The Town Council should confirm and strengthen its strategy for dealing with graffiti with a specialist contractor appointed to deal with any major incidences or with historic/sensitive structure and a small volunteer group to deal with occasional cases.***

One area where no significant progress has been made on a recommendation in the 2004 Plan is with respect to increasing the number of Home Watch schemes in the

Town. The police have indicated that they are happy to support such schemes but they do not have the resources to take the initiative in setting up new schemes. This is then something on which the local community should try to take the initiative and then obtain ongoing support from the police. However, pressure should be applied to the police to ensure that their support is maintained.

***Recommendation 5 – (modified from 2004 Plan) – The Town Council should promote a review of the effectiveness of the present coverage by Home Watch schemes in the Town, and seek to encourage new and existing schemes to share experiences to ensure that they remain effective.***

## **3.2 Transport**

Enquiries following the publication of the 2004 Plan did not reveal any significant demand for a new local bus service around Bollington, other than perhaps for the Schools. For persons over the age of 60, the bus service is now free out of peak hours and the buses do follow a variety of routes through Bollington. Whilst the current bus service is considered generally satisfactory, there is a need for constant vigilance over any proposals to reduce its coverage.

With increasing fuel costs and concerns about effects of road transport on carbon emissions there is a strong case to encourage people to change their driving habits through advice from the Ecoteams programme and to adopt alternatives such as public transport, car sharing /car pools, cycling or walking where possible. Provision of a link between Bollington and Prestbury railway station could be beneficial in encouraging people to use the rail network.

***Recommendation 6 – Local people are encouraged to take advice from the Ecoteams programme and for transport aspects to use public transport or other alternative to cars, to use lower polluting cars, to explore car sharing and to adopt walking or cycling alternatives where possible.***

## **3.3 Refuse collection, street cleansing and re-cycling**

Since the publication of the 2004 Plan, Macclesfield Borough Council has changed the main refuse collection system to use of 'wheelie bins'. There are a significant number of properties in Bollington where use of wheelie bins is impracticable and approximately 25% of the residents of Bollington have remained on weekly sack collection. Although there have been occasional problems with wheelie bins, the general position is that the change has gone relatively smoothly and the collection of domestic and garden rubbish in alternate weeks seems to have settled down. However, there is concern about two weekly collections of domestic waste food refuse because of public health risks in hot weather conditions and there is pressure for a return to weekly collections.

There have been significant improvements in recycling arrangements since the 2004 version of the Plan, with the introduction of house to house collections of cardboard/paper and glass/tins in alternate weeks. However, it is considered that this service still does not match up to best practice and further improvements should be pressed for. There should be provision for more waste streams (including plastics and Tetra Paks) and in addition the responsible authority should provide data on the amount of recycling by community (i.e. including specific data for

Bollington). Guidance on reduction of waste volume should be promoted through Ecoteams and the website and there should be a campaign to support re-usable shopping bags and reduce/eliminate use of plastic bags.

There are problems with unreliable collection of recycled materials in some areas. The recycling centres in Bollington, at the end of Albert Road and at Pool Bank car park are much appreciated by the local community and should be retained and improved. There could also be opportunities for reducing waste to landfill sites by promoting home composting or introducing a communal composting centre.

***Recommendation 7 – There is pressure for a return to weekly collections of domestic refuse. The household recycling collection scheme currently operated by Macclesfield Borough Council should be extended to include more waste streams, particularly for plastics and Tetra Paks. Waste reduction and home composting should be promoted and encouraged. The responsible authority should publish data on the amount of recycling by different town/parish communities in its area. The recycling centres in Bollington are highly valued by the community and should be retained and extended.***

### **3.4 Road and pavement repairs**

During the past few years, Bollington has been subject to major disruption due to a succession of roadworks in different parts of the Town. In most cases these have been carried out by Utility Companies repairing or upgrading the infrastructure. The works have included a new sewer running through Bollington and upgrades to electrical and gas mains in the Wellington Road and Bollington Cross areas. The coordination of the works by the Utilities has been poor and often the quality of reinstatement has left much to be desired. Repairs have also been carried out by the County Council Highways Department to a part of Henshall Road that had failed and as part of the Historic Triangle Scheme, long overdue repairs have been carried out in High Street and Water Street. These works were generally well executed and the repairs to Henshall Road were completed quickly. However, the cumulative effects of continuing road works can be devastating to local shops and businesses.

Although the liaison between the Town Council and the County Council Highways Department provided by the Highways Enhancement Group has improved communication to some extent, the Highways Department is very slow to respond to any problems other than immediate safety related issues such as repair of deep potholes. Damaged signs, posts and walls are left unrepaired for months. Drainage gulleys are only cleared once per year and no effort is made to identify problem drains that need more frequent attention. One drain close to a bend on Wellington Road has caused dangerous flooding of the road after heavy rain for well over a year with traffic forced onto the opposite side of the road. Furthermore the Highways Department continue to undertake actions without consulting or informing the local community. The painting of yellow lines has been wrong in some Conservation Areas resulting in the spoliation of the area we are trying to conserve. Surveys are carried out without explaining the reasons. The whole culture needs to be changed.

***Recommendation 8 – The Authority responsible for Highway matters should instruct its Highways Department to engage with local communities in a meaningful way to minimise disruption from essential road repairs and to agree timely and correctly specified improvements within available budgets.***

## 4.0 Economic Affairs

### 4.1 Tourism

The Bollington Destination Development Forum was established in November 2007, with the following objectives:

1. To develop Bollington as a visitor destination by establishing an attraction and focal point for visitors, and promoting its strengths - proximity to the Peak District and walking opportunities, heritage, attractive built environment, canal, etc..
2. To spread and maximise benefits of festivals and events in Bollington.
3. To attract new retailers into Bollington and support those that are here.
4. To devise a marketing strategy for Bollington which will promote Bollington as a shortbreak/day visit destination
5. To access funding for destination development and marketing.
6. To attract more businesses into the Forum
7. To provide a forum for networking and partnership projects between members of the group
8. To place these ideas within a structured framework/plan in order to develop Bollington as a destination sensitively, sustainably and successfully

The forum is made up of private sector accommodation, retail and hospitality businesses in and around Bollington, representatives of the Town Council and the Civic Society. It is led by Alice Ferguson, whose post as Visitor Economy Development Manager for the Cheshire Tourism Board is currently funded by Macclesfield Borough Council.

The Forum has so far responded to opportunities to raise the profile of Bollington through participation in events such as Cheshire's Year of Gardens (2008), East Cheshire's Textile Festival (July 2009), Peak District Walking Festival (every April).

A consultant has been provided by the Cheshire Tourism Board to help develop a strategy for the group. A visitor survey has been devised and will be carried out in Summer 2008 to identify the current strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for Bollington as a visitor destination.



Bollington Recreation Ground

A very successful 'visitor' event was held at the canal at Clarence Mill in June with the 'send off' of the Flower Boat to the Cheshire Gardens event at Middlewich. It has been suggested that the region extending from the canal to the Middlewood Way, including the recreation ground and playground areas should be defined in planning terms as a leisure zone and developed as one of the attractions of the Town.

***Recommendation 9 – The zone between the Middlewood Way through the Recreation Ground, across the proposed new footbridge to the Clarence Mill and on to the Memorial Gardens and the Historic Triangle should be recognised as the central visitor zone. There is potential for new car parking up the region known as Pleasuregate beside the canal footbridge that would reinforce this and provide a welcoming focus for visitors.***

## **4.2 Shopping, Retail trades and Services**

For a town the size of Bollington, with a population of the order of 7400, there are a number of basic requirements for the town to be a self sustaining community. It has to be recognised that Bollington has a good system of public transport and easy car access available to Macclesfield and there is a much bigger shopping choice there, including two major supermarkets. In addition there are specialist shopping centres at Handforth Dean and the Trafford Centre and access to Manchester is reasonably easy from Macclesfield. Nevertheless there are many elderly people living in Bollington for whom travel is not easy and more generally shopping locally is a means to reduce the impact of travel on the carbon footprint of the Town. This can be facilitated by EcoTeam discussions (see section A3.5).

It is traditionally considered that the heart of a community is represented by the Church, the Post Office, one or more pubs and availability of medical services. Bollington currently has churches for Church of England, Catholic, Methodist, United Reform and Christian Life denominations although some of these are feeling pressures of reductions in active congregations. It is deeply regrettable that one of the two Post Offices in Bollington, both highly valued by their local communities, has been closed in the current National programme of Post Office closures. The presence of the NatWest Bank is highly valued by both businesses and residents in Bollington and there is considerable disappointment that the Cheshire Building Society decided to close its branch in the Town. Bollington is fortunate to have its own excellent medical, dental and veterinary services and its own public library which are much valued by the local community. There is also an excellent selection of public houses and restaurants in the Town and this is a feature which is of great importance to any increased tourism activities.



Palmerston Street Shops

There is one small supermarket in the Town, representing a continuation of a long association with the Town by the Cooperative Wholesale Society. There is general support in the Town for the facilities provided by this shop and even for a modest expansion if space were available with suitable parking. The addition of a second small supermarket/general store in the East part of the Town would be welcomed, replacing the store that closed in the High Street, but there is little or no support for the addition of a major supermarket to Bollington which it is felt would seriously damage traditional shops. (see also section 5.1).

There are a number of individual retail shops and services in the Town, some of which are long established family businesses, including family butchers, bakers, newsagents, general stores, chemist, hairdressers, sandwich shops, car servicing and repair garages, laundrette, estate agents, printing, insurance and financial services and take away food outlets. These are all highly valued by the community and a distinctive part of the character of the Town.

It is not thought fruitful to attempt to introduce a regular market. Bollington should promote local food production and the availability and use of allotments. It should also promote the excellence of the restaurants and pubs in the Town and of the Festival and regular arts activities as attractions for visitors although it is considered that there is no case for additional pubs to be allowed to open and there is strong opposition to any night club being permitted.

***Recommendation 10 – The character of Bollington is enhanced strongly by the distinctive nature of the diverse range of shops providing goods and services to the community. Every effort should be made to retain these shops in the Town and residents are encouraged to support their local businesses as much as possible. This should be a significant factor in determining planning applications for re-use of shops and businesses. Local shopping and food production also help reduce the carbon footprint of the Town and this can be aided by EcoTeam discussions.***

***Recommendation 11 (retained from 2004 Plan) – The possibility should be explored of improving the shopping environment by developing a different type of economy such as Tourism or perhaps a specialist topic such as books or antiques, or by developing a new small area with parking facilities.***

### **4.3 Business Activities in the Town**

A report on economic activities of ten market towns in Cheshire, including Bollington, was commissioned by the North West Development Agency in 2007 and carried out by consultants Rural Innovation. A review of the Market Towns initiative in Cheshire has also been carried out by Frodsham Forward.

On the basis of 2001 Census data, the Rural Innovation consultants study found that Bollington hosts just over 2,800 jobs with somewhat higher proportions in manufacturing and financial sectors than the averages for the region. They found Bollington to be influenced strongly by Macclesfield, with just over 1,000 people travelling out to work in Macclesfield and 655 people commuting in the opposite direction to work in Bollington. There is also a strong relationship with Greater Manchester, with nearly 900 trips out and over 550 trips into Bollington per day. They recommended that Bollington should be considered as part of the wider economic zone of Macclesfield as an important sub-regional economic driver for the South Manchester area.

In the context of the Rural Economic Strategy (RES), the Rural Innovation study found that Bollington had existing clusters of knowledge based businesses and recommended that there was strong potential for knowledge based start up and spin off companies. They also found that Bollington offered potential as a 'digital and media village' and that the former mills and other premises support a vibrant 'live/work' potential with good connectivity to Manchester.



Adelphi Mill and Canal Towpath

In fact Bollington has a total of nearly 300 businesses based in the Town. These businesses have been approached during the production of the present Plan with a questionnaire to determine their views on future developments in the Town and their interaction with the Town. A copy of the questionnaire is attached at the end of Appendix 1. The total number of responses to the questionnaire received was 54. A directory of businesses associated with Bollington is included in this Town Plan as Appendix 1.

A large proportion of the businesses has five or less employees and many are sole traders operating from home. There are however a small number of firms that have over 100 employees and are significant players in the Town. In most cases, the reason for the sole trader or small businesses being located here is because the proprietor lives here or they are long established family businesses – i.e. there is no specific business reason for them being located here but they have chosen the location as a pleasant one to live. Other responses indicated that for some firms, availability of suitable staff was important, and cost effective accommodation was also a factor. Most of the sole trader businesses indicated an intention to continue as at present for the foreseeable future, but interestingly a significant proportion of those also employing others indicated an intention to seek to expand. This suggests a healthy position with respect to the smaller businesses in the Town.

In response to the question as to whether there were any adverse influences affecting their businesses in Bollington, whilst approximately one third of respondents indicated no adverse influence, the most common complaints concerned road works and parking problems.

There was very strong support amongst respondents for encouraging the visitor economy in Bollington, although qualified by a small number by the need to ensure that there was adequate parking and support services including shopping. There was a strong objection to any development that might include night club type activities on the grounds that this would encourage late night disruption, drunkenness and drug offences. One shop objected to the recent introduction of large directional signs outside their premises as inappropriate for the area.

Approximately 60% of respondents stated that they were aware of the Civic Society's Bollington Carbon Revolution Group but rather more indicated that they were taking steps to make themselves more energy efficient and/or to increase recycling.

***Recommendation 12 – It is essential for the businesses in the Town to be involved in the Community and for their views on future developments in the Town to be taken into account. The strongest concerns about issues affecting businesses were disruption due to roadworks and parking matters.***

## 5.0 Land and Environment

### 5.1 General Planning Policies Affecting Bollington

At the time of the 2004 Bollington Parish Plan, the ruling statutory document for planning matters was the Macclesfield Local Plan. The 2004 Parish Plan included recommendations for a Supplementary Planning Statement. This was taken up by Macclesfield Borough Council (MBC) as the Planning Authority, leading to a Supplementary Planning Document adopted by MBC in 2006. However, this Document was somewhat diluted compared to the recommendations of the 2004 Plan, principally, it was stated, because of overriding National Government Policy requirements. Discussions with the Planning Department of Macclesfield Borough Council have suggested that there has been no major change to these requirements and the 2008 revision of the Bollington Town Plan should retain the Supplementary Planning Guidance produced, which is included as Appendix 2 to this Report.

As a result of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, a Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West (RSS) was put out for consultation on proposed changes between March and May 2008. This Strategy provides a framework for development and investment in the region over the next fifteen to twenty years. It establishes a broad vision for the region and its sub-regions, priorities for growth and regeneration, and policies to achieve sustainable development across a wide range of topics – from jobs, housing and transport to climate change, waste and energy. All Local Development Frameworks within the region have to conform to the general principles of the RSS. The RSS contains several specific references to Macclesfield Borough but does not have policies specifically aimed at Bollington Town. However, development in Bollington will still need to comply with the general policies contained in RSS.

The RSS contains 8 key principles; the achievement of which is the central aim of the RSS; it is intended that all the policies within the document contribute towards their achievement. Additionally other regional, sub-regional and local plans and strategies and all individual proposals, schemes and investment decisions should adhere to these principles. The key principles are:

- DP1 – Spatial Principles.
- DP2 – Promote Sustainable Communities.
- DP3 – Promote Sustainable Economic Development.
- DP4 – Make the Best Use of Existing Resources and Infrastructure.
- DP5 – Manage Travel Demand, Reduce the Need to Travel and Increase Accessibility.
- DP6 – Marry Opportunity and Need.
- DP7 – Promote Environmental Quality.
- DP8 – Mainstream Rural Issues.
- DP9 – Reduce Emissions and Adapt to Climate Change.

Since 2004, Macclesfield Borough Council (MBC) has been working on producing a Local Development Framework (LDF) to replace the Macclesfield Local Plan. However, at its Cabinet meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008, MBC decided that it will no longer progress the current Local Development Scheme due to the implementation of unitary local government in Cheshire which will result in the formation of a new

authority for the management of the former Boroughs of Macclesfield, Crewe and Nantwich and Congleton. This authority will perform both the Local Authority and County Council functions for these areas as of May 2009. An additional consideration was the expected changes to the plan making system; which has resulted in the Government Office North West advising authorities to delay updating their schemes due to forthcoming changes in government policy regarding the Local Development Framework. The changes may include new consultation arrangements, revisions to the key stages in the plan making process and the production of Supplementary Planning Documents.

As outlined within the 2004 Compulsory Purchase Act, the LDF is composed of Supplementary and Development Plan Documents. There are both required and optional documents within each of these two sections.

The required Supplementary Documents are:

- Statement of Community Involvement
- Annual Monitoring Report
- Local Development Scheme

The optional Supplementary Documents are:

- Supplementary Planning Documents
- Local Development Orders/Simplified Planning Zone

The required Development Plan Documents are:

- Core Strategy
- Site Specific Allocations
- Proposals Map

The optional Development Plan Documents are:

- Area Action Plans
- Development Plan Documents

Supplementary Planning Documents do not form part of the Statutory Development Plan but should be included in the Local Development Framework. They will be 'material considerations' in Development Control decisions.

The Revised Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation Draft document attempts to identify the key spatial issues in the Borough, and the various conceivable means of addressing them. Although there is little specific reference to Bollington within the document, spatial issues within Bollington are identified of which the most prominent is paragraph 10.8.15, as follows:

*“Bollington is another centre that is under provided for in terms of convenience shopping. There is currently only a small supermarket in the centre and a large proportion of the town’s convenience expenditure is currently lost to stores in Macclesfield. The provision of an additional supermarket in Bollington could improve the vitality and viability of the town by encouraging more local residents to shop there.”*

This is followed by Question 56 of the Draft Core Strategy document:

*“Q56. Would the provision of another supermarket in Bollington improve the vitality and viability of the centre?”*

The response of the Community to this question is that an additional small supermarket in the East part of the Town would be welcomed, but a major supermarket would not.

The Town Plan Group was advised in a discussion meeting with the Corporate Manager, Planning and Development, of MBC that the boundaries of the Green Belt around Bollington would remain fixed in their current locations for any foreseeable future planning exercise. This was confirmed within the Final Draft of the Regional Spatial Strategy, which states there is no need for any substantial strategic change to Green Belt and its boundaries within Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Lancashire or Merseyside before 2011.

Even though the detailed procedures for production of a Local Development Framework may change, as a result of Central Government guidance, consultation with local communities will be an essential part of the exercise. It is therefore most important that the Bollington Town Plan should reflect the views of the local community and the best way of expressing this is through an updated Supplementary Planning Statement that can be used as a basis for whatever form of document is most appropriate in due course. This document should consider both potential uses of any large site that might become available and revising any unsuitable current designations.

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## **5.2 Parking and Traffic Management Issues**

Clearly an overall objective of reduction in car usage by promoting use of public transport, car sharing/pools, cycling, walking or alternative transport means is highly desirable. It has been pointed out that work by the Bollington Carbon Revolution Group has identified the potential for a car sharing scheme to AstraZeneca Alderley site from Bollington and this and other similar schemes to and from Bollington could reduce the traffic pressures. However, it is also important to recognise that much of the vibrant economy of Bollington is dependent on the ability of individuals to get to where they want, when they want, and if they have to travel by car to have reasonable access to parking spaces.

The 2004 edition of the Bollington Plan included detailed consideration and recommendations on parking and traffic management issues, which, in the consultation of residents came out as of second greatest concern to over development. It was recommended that the Town Council should initiate discussions with Highway/Traffic Engineers from the Borough and County Councils to agree solutions to the various problems described. In the end, the only constructive response from the Borough Council has been remarking out of the Pool

Bank car park to increase its capacity from 48 to 74 vehicles and improvements of the bay spacing for the Civic Hall car park – there has been no constructive response from the County Council. Requests for support for a collaborative study of the parking problems from the Town, Borough and County Councils were refused in May 2007 by the Local Joint Highways Committee.

As a result of the lack of response and support from the County Council Highways Department, a further detailed survey of parking problems in Bollington was undertaken in September 2007, carried out by a team of 18 volunteers over a period of one week, with guidance from a professional Highways/Transport Engineer. A detailed Report of this survey was prepared and submitted to the Town, Borough and County Councils in January 2008.

The Report was written in the context of the overall needs of the community, considering the needs of shops and businesses, public performance events, residents in terraced houses, reduction of congestion and possible encouragement of tourism. It made a total of 20 specific recommendations, clearly identified so that each could be considered and discussed with the relevant authorities. The Highways Department put the matter before the Local Joint Highways Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> January with recommendations that Members should:

- (i) note and welcome the work, and report, on parking matters in Bollington undertaken by the local community;
- (ii) approve an approach that includes discussions between Officers and the local community on prioritised short-term measures that can be implemented within available staff and budget resources (and existing policy guidance) and that proposals be reported to this Committee; and
- (iii) provide guidance on the priority to be given to addressing the broader parking issues in Bollington in the context of other demands associated with the consideration of parking appraisal work following the implementation of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement.

The key areas of the 20 specific recommendations are as follows:

- (i) Off street parking
- (ii) Parking for shops
- (iii) Congestion spots
- (iv) Parking on footways

These issues are wider than the narrow views often taken by individual Departments of the Local Authorities and there need to be discussions across a range of departments to agree on improvements that will benefit the community as a whole. The really critical and urgent issues are ensuring that the main street through Bollington is clear for the type and levels of traffic concerned and arriving at agreement about the acceptability of parking on footways in some residential areas off the main street in the light of decriminalisation of parking enforcement. Eventually, in July 2008, the area office of the County Council Highways Department has been able to find sufficient resources to provide survey information on road widths and to start meaningful discussion about possible actions for the main street.

***Recommendation 14 (retained/updated from 2004 Plan) – The Bollington Town Council should arrange consultation with residents and press for ongoing discussions with Highways/Traffic Engineers from the Borough and County Councils to agree solutions to the parking problems identified in the 2004 Parish Plan and the 2007 Report on Survey of Parking in Bollington.***

The 2004 edition of the Plan included some discussion of the impact of Schools on traffic problems in Bollington. It was pointed out that a schools and community bus service within Bollington itself could meet some of the transport needs of both young and old, providing an alternative to private cars, and alleviating some of the associated parking and traffic congestion problems. The situation is likely to be exacerbated by the decision of the County Council to undertake consultation about possible closure of either St John's or Bollington Cross primary schools: however this decision has now been "called in" for further consideration of its repercussions. It is essential that the impact on traffic safety and congestion of transferring a significant number of pupils from one school to the other is evaluated fully as part of the decision making process.

***Recommendation 15 (retained from 2004 Plan – All the Primary Schools in Bollington should review together School Travel Plans in accordance with the guidelines published, for example, by the charity Sustrans; see <http://www.saferoutestoschools.org.uk/> The possibility of a school and community bus service following a circular route around Bollington should be explored.***

### **5.3 Heritage Issues and Conservation Areas**

The completion of the Historic Triangle project has gone some way to restore the underlying infrastructure of the High Street and Water Street parts of the Bollington Conservation Area. There had previously been a tendency for residents in these areas to resist restrictions on materials and appearance for their own properties when the Local Authority ignored such requirements for public property. Now that significant improvements have been made to parts of one of the Conservation Areas, it is more reasonable that residents in Listed or Article IV properties should be required to maintain the ethos of these areas. It is desirable that funding be sought to bring about similar improvements to the infrastructure of other parts of Conservation Areas in Bollington.

***Recommendation 16 (retained/updated from 2004 Plan) – Further efforts should be made to encourage homeowners to adopt appropriate colours, designs and materials for doors, windows, roofs and drainage pipes and gutters in Conservation Areas. There is a case for requesting the Local Authority responsible for enforcing these requirements to support consultancy advice to residents on appropriate improvements.***

The 2004 edition of the Plan included a discussion of the importance of the Lowerhouse part of Bollington to its history. The original mill had been built by the Antrobus family, but the Greg family had built a community there including a School and rows of cottages for their workers to live. This whole area is in many ways a parallel to the mill at Styal. It was considered essential that part of the Lowerhouse area should be made into a Conservation Area so that its history is preserved for the future. There were some differing views about the extent of such a Conservation

Area and so the final recommendation was worded to giving consideration to the matter. Whilst there have been some discussions with Macclesfield Borough Council, there is a feeling amongst some Bollington residents that the matter has not been resolved satisfactorily and hence the previous recommendation is retained.

***Recommendation 17 (retained from 2004 Plan) – Consideration should be given to establishing the historic parts of Lowerhouse as a new conservation area, particularly Longrow.***

## **5.4 Access to the Countryside**

Good progress has been made since the publication of the 2004 Plan with the development of organised walks by the Bridgend Centre and with the coordination of documents on footpaths and walks in the area with the Parish Maps Document. The Kerridge Ridge and Ingersley Vale (KRIV) project is an important improvement to conservation and to education. There has been a significant improvement to access for disabled persons to the Middlewood Way at Clarke Lane. There is a strong case for the Kerridge Ridge and Ingersley Vale project area to be included with White Nancy as 'A Site of County Importance'.



White Nancy remains the symbol of the Town (although part of the area lies in Rainow) and being on the Gritstone Trail is listed as one of the fabulous walks in England's Northwest with striking views across the expanse of Cheshire. White Nancy came first in a recent internet 'Pride of Place' vote organised by Macclesfield Borough Council to find out which was the most loved local landmark and was included in a list of 64 nationwide locations for the ITV programme 'Britain's Best Views'. Land on different sides of the approaches is in different ownership

and opportunities should be taken to secure the long term future of this important and historic landmark of the area.

***Recommendation 18 (retained from 2004 Plan) - Steps should be taken by the Town Council, the Borough Council and the County Council for land at Kerridge Ridge and Ingersley Vale including White Nancy to be classed as A Site of County Importance and for the summit area and access to the hilltop to be managed by a single authority. Opportunities to acquire areas with permissive paths should be pursued by the Town Council for use by the public. Examples of this include the path following the River Dean and the continuation of a path from the top of Nab Head on to Pott Shrigley.***

## 5.5 The Macclesfield Canal

The Macclesfield Canal is one of the key leisure and tourist attractions in Bollington and the canal corridor as well as the region between the Canal and the Middlewood Way are Conservation Areas. In the 2004 Plan it was noted that the Canal towpath is an excellent recreational highway for access to the countryside. However, the towpath for the stretches through Bollington is uneven and becomes muddy in wet weather. It is widely used for people walking dogs as well as walkers in general. Access for disabled persons is poor. As a result upgrading/resurfacing of the towpath was identified as a high priority. No progress has been made with this as British Waterways have no funding available for such improvements and its only regular maintenance is twice yearly grass mowing.



Clarence Mill and the Canal

The towpath follows one side of the Canal only for the stretch through Bollington. This is on the opposite side of the Canal to the Clarence Mill, where there is now a mixture of businesses, residential flats and a café. The Civic Society's Discovery Centre, with its interesting displays and photographs of the history of Bollington is also based in the Clarence Mill. A planning condition of the residential development at Clarence Mill was the construction of a footbridge to be built to provide

access between the towpath and the Mill for the benefit of both visitors on the towpath and those living/working at the Mill. These plans have now reached the stage of a design for the bridge being completed and bids for planning permission and funding being made.

***Recommendation 19 (retained from 2004 Plan) – A study of the canal corridor should be initiated with British Waterways to identify how the character can be enhanced. This would include repairs to features to provide a more useful linear park, which would include towpath and boat mooring improvements. It should also include provision of litter bins, dog waste bins and benches.***

## 6.0 Leisure Activities

In the 2004 Plan, a definite lack of youth facilities was identified for the Bollington Cross area and it was recommended that Bollington Town Council should support the initiative for a sheltered meeting place and associated activity area from its youth projects budget and Macclesfield Borough Council should support the scheme both with planning and funding approvals. Since that time, a feasibility study has been coordinated by Groundwork and proposals worked up for a scheme. The current proposals include a multi use games area (MUGA), a shelter and 'teen area', and community nature space. The plans are for this to be located on land adjacent to the Leisure Centre, associated with realignment of football pitches there to provide two full size pitches and two pitches for junior football. Funding to implement this is still being sought and it is considered very important to press for this scheme to proceed. Improvements in youth facilities are also required at the Adlington Road and Coronation Gardens play areas in the Town. Strong support is expressed for the Leisure Centre and the great variety of sports and leisure clubs and societies in the Town.

***Recommendation 20 (retained from 2004 Plan) – There is a need to increase facilities in and around the Bollington Cross area of the Town for the youth there. The plans for a sheltered meeting area and multi use games area with community nature space, and associated improvements to provision for football adjacent to the Leisure Centre are strongly supported. Improvements in youth facilities are also required at the Adlington Road and Coronation Gardens play areas.***

Gardening is a significant leisure activity in the community. There is some demand amongst residents in Bollington for allotments. At the time of preparation of this Plan there is a waiting list of 38 persons who have indicated a wish to the Town Council to have use of an allotment. The only allotments available are those owned by Macclesfield Borough Council near to Bollington Leisure Centre and some privately owned ones at Lowerhouse.

Inevitably there are commercial pressures on any land in the Town but clearly the Town Council should be supported in its efforts to increase the provision of allotments in the Town. With the forthcoming change in local government arrangements, it is recommended that a review should be carried out of all land currently owned by Macclesfield Borough Council and Cheshire County Council in the Town to see if any which becomes surplus to the requirements of Cheshire East Council might be suitable for use as allotments.

***Recommendation 21 - The Town Council should continue its efforts to increase the provision of allotments in the Town. This should include a review of all potentially suitable land in Public or Private Ownership to see if any that might become surplus to requirements could be made available for use as allotments.***

## 7.0 Concluding Remarks

As in the 2004 edition of the Parish Plan, 'Your Bollington', it is appropriate to identify the organisations involved in the various recommendations and the timescales for action to be taken to ensure that the recommendations are implemented. The Table below identifies the main organisations mentioned in specific recommendations and suggested timescales as short, medium or long.

The establishment of the new Cheshire East Unitary Council to take over the responsibilities of Cheshire County Council and Macclesfield Borough Council in April 2009 represents a critical opportunity for a sea change in relations between different levels of Local Government. The potential exists for great improvements in consultation of the wishes of local communities on services within their areas and for the role of the Town Council to be significantly enhanced. The recommendations of this Plan provide a basis for indicating ways in which the community wish to see the Town of Bollington move forward in the foreseeable future. It is vital that this unique opportunity to bring about improvements is grasped with enthusiasm by all parties involved.

### Involvement of organizations in recommendations

Organisation	Recommendation numbers in which organisation is likely to be involved		
	Short term (<1 yr)	Med. Term (1-3 yrs)	Long Term (>3 yrs)
<b>Bollington Town Council</b>	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21,	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21,	4, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16,
<b>Macclesfield BC</b>	7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21,		
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<b>British Waterways</b>	19,	19	
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<b>Boll. Initiative Trust</b>	2, 9, 13, 18, 19,	2, 9, 11, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21	2, 11, 13, 18,
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## **8.0 Summary of Action Plan**

### **SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY MATTERS**

#### **Recommendation 1.**

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### **PROVISION OF SERVICES**

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## **ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

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### **Recommendation 10.**

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## **APPENDIX 1 BUSINESS DIRECTORY FOR BOLLINGTON**

### **Accountants/Bookkeepers**

BarTax Services, 3 Rose Bank, Bollington. Tel: 0870 474 0012  
The Tax Assist Shop, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington.  
Ford Thomas, 52-54 Palmerston Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573141  
Formula 1 Book Keeping & Payroll Services, 8 Birchway, Bollington, Tel: 01625-573652  
Girl Friday, 8 Birchway, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573652  
John Jackson, 27 Irwell Rise, Bollington. Tel: 01625 439959  
Jane Christophers (book keeping), 1A Waterhouse Avenue, Bollington, Tel: 07971 538259

### **Advertising/Photography**

Angles Advertising, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 560065  
Dave Wilcox Photography, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 560500  
Fiona Bailey, 13 Wellington Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 260016  
Bob Rigby Photographic, Store Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 575591

### **Animal Services**

Aviornis (Bird breeding), Cold Arbor Wildfowl, Tytherington Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573287  
Equestrian Brush, 2, Cedarway, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574012  
Bollington Veterinary Centre, Middlewood House, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572999

### **Antiques/Furniture Restorers**

Bollington Kitchens and Bathrooms, 28 Irwell Rise, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576224  
Chill Furniture, 20 The Old Brickworks, Bakestonedale Road, Pott Shrigley, Tel: 01625 576362  
House of St Clair, Clarence Mill, Clarence Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576867  
John Kershaw, 51 Shrigley Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 560808  
Kellico Interiors Canalside Clarence Mill, Clarence Terrace, Bollington. Tel: 01625 560434  
Jamie Robins (Interiors), Old Brickworks, Bakestonedale Road, Pott Shrigley. Tel: 01625 560700  
Stuffers Upholsterers, Clarence Mill, Clarence Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 560434  
J.D. Worrall, Unit 4, Old Brickworks, Bakestonedale Road, Pott Shrigley. Tel: 01625 576007

### **Architects/Interior Des.**

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## **Artists/Art Services**

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Big Biscuit Ltd., Clarence Mill, Clarence Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573894  
Ivyparkmedia (Website design), 90 Shrigley Road, Bollington, Tel: 0845 257 6184  
Iota (Art studio, Textiles), Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 560119  
Mantex Studio & Workshop, The Annex, Hammond Industrial Estate, Pott Shrigley,  
Tel: 01625 575778  
Maxfield Transformations, 52-54 Palmerston Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572252  
Placey Design, Rose Cottage, 58 Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 077 7555 8569  
The White Gallery, 13 Wellington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572872  
Tarryn Winfield, (Artist) 36 Queen Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576868,

## **Audio Visual Services**

A.J. Plant, (TV Video Repair), 84 Shrigley Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573559

## **Baby Wear**

Personality Quilts, Clough Bank, Bollington, Tel: 01625 575545

## **Bakers/Suppliers/Sandwiches**

Belfield's, 80 Palmerston Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572397  
Brassington's, 116 Wellington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 57100  
Crusty's (Sandwiches), 74, Palmerston Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576825  
La Difference (Suppliers), Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 560977  
Smith's, 42 Palmerston Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573245

## **Banks/Financial Advice**

Bradshaw Bennett (IFA) Ltd., 45 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 562000  
Nat West Bank, 1 Ashbrook Road, Bollington, Tel: 0845 601 2288

## **Beauty/Hairdressers**

Belleza (Health and Beauty), 62 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 560650  
Eleda Nail & Tanning, 1A Crossfield Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574750  
Jennifer's Beauty Therapy, Mobile Beauty Therapist, Tel: 07780 61 8778, 01625 511160  
Andrea Fox, hairdressing at home, Tel: 07733 411317  
Head Office, 12-14 Henshall Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 562030  
Jill's Hairdressers, 3a Crossfield Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 560550  
Marie Ann, 9 Grimshaw Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572495  
The Men's Den, The Village Green, 51 High Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 574181  
Styler's, Wellington Road, Bollington

## **Bed & Breakfast**

Church House Inn, Church Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574014  
Common Barn Farm, Smith Lane, Rainow, Tel: 01625 574878  
Harrop Fold Farm, (WINNER B&B OF THE YEAR 2006) Rainow, Tel: 01625 560085  
Lower Nab, 10 Long Lane, Pott Shrigley, Tel: 01625 575555  
Premier Inn, Springwood Way, Tytherington Business Park, Tel: 08701 977167  
Red Oaks Farm, Charter Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 574280

## **Builders/Decorators**

Cheshire Build, 3 Coronation Buildings, Bollington, Tel: 07824 364078  
J. Drabble, 6 Charter Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 575479  
Halbrook Developments, Mount Holdings, Flash Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572053  
K. Whyllie & Son, 46 Greenbank Drive, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573474  
Bailey International Steeplejacks, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 576243  
Bollington Decorators, 12 Water Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 576949  
David Freel (Property maintenance), 3 Ledley Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574191,

## **Business Management**

Bollington Associates, 28 Irwell Rise, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576224  
Integral Learning Ltd., 27 Gleave Avenue, Bollington, Tel: 07962 060204  
Jigsaw Kids (UK) [Computer and Keyboard Training for Kids], 10 Dean Close, Bollington, Tel: 01625 560922  
Mark 1 Quality Assurance, 53 Cedarway, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572357  
Oblias Ltd, 8 Lord Street, Bollington, Tel: 07931 415126  
Anne Shaw Consultants, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 576225

## **Business Services**

Business Executive Training Ltd., 13 Albert Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 578088  
Sue Dunn (Copywriting), 3 Rose Bank, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576456,  
FaceTalk Ltd (Networking), Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 577677  
Matrix Precision Ltd. (Test equipment) Clarence Mill, Clarence Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573570  
Mudskipper Business Ltd., (pharmaceutical), The Boat House, Clarence Mill, Clarence Terrace, Bollington. Tel: 01625 562200  
One Air Ltd (Internet network), Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 0845 058 1011

## **Butchers**

Barrows, 1 Henshall Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572110  
J.J.J. Heathcote, 114 Wellington Road, Bollington, and 39A Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572202 and 573172  
Red Oaks Farm, Charter Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 574280

## **Cafés**

Coffee Mill, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 578000

## **Carpets/Rugs**

Clewley Carpets, Old Council Yard, Wellington Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572891.  
Ian Edward Day, Clarence Mill, Clarence Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 575475  
The Weave, 10 Bollington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 261276

## **Childminding**

Heidi Robinson, 3 Barnfield Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 575824

## **Cleaning Services**

Cutlers Cleaning Products, Clough Bank, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573049  
Clewley Sweeper Hire (corporate), West View, Sugar Lane, Whiteley Green, Tel: 01625 573680  
Phil's Chimney Sweep, 11 Greg Avenue, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573529  
Quality Cleaning Services, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574771  
The Ironing Parlour, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572827  
The Washing Well, 84 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572526  
Ian Walker (Window cleaner) Tel: 01625-573841

## **Coal Merchants**

James Brierley, The Old Brickworks, Bakestonedale Road, Pott Shrigley. Tel: 01625 573837  
J. Kirk & Co., Baytree House, Hedgerow, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573131.

## **Computer Services**

4 Reality Software, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625574464  
A.A.S. Management Systems, 8 Moss Lane, Lowerhouse, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576143  
Blue Beck Ltd, (Digital marketing) Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576075  
Data Capture Hand Held, Clarence Mill, Clarence Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 560209  
G.Jek Systems CAD/CM, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 575551  
Ivyparkmedia (Website design), 90 Shrigley Road, Bollington, Tel: 0845 257 6184  
Loxit (Computer Security), Unit 2, 37 Albert Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572233  
On Behalf Of ... (data cleansing), 4 Queen Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 267221  
PC-First Aid, 50 Lord Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 575680  
P.J.B. Webs, 2 Cedarway, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574012  
Alex Simon (IT/Web services), 5 High Court, High Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576517  
Spiderwood Consulting (IT solutions), 31 Hamson Drive, Bollington, Tel: 01625 265565  
SPM Computer Services, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576824  
TRDesigns Internet Solutions, 46 Princess Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 575859  
WhiteKite Design, 12a Adlington Road, Bollington, Tel: 07786 858365

## **Corporate Clothing/ Promotional Merchandise**

Alexander Leisure (UK) Ltd., Canalside 4, Clarence Mill, Clarence Terrace, Bollington.  
Tel: 01625 571111

## **Entertainment**

Canalside Community Radio, Clarence Mill, Clarence Terrace, Bollington. Tel: 01625 576689  
Chuckles Bouncing Castles, 8 Bishop Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572475  
The Enigmatic Adelaide (magician), 2 Queens Close, Bollington, Tel: 01625 268757  
JTM Balloons, The Old Garage, Albert Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573650  
Mark Lineham (Musical workshops), 20 Hurst Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 268734

## **Estate Agents/Surveyors/Property Search**

Harvey Scott, 36 Wellington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 576500  
Holmes Naden, 78 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 560535  
Michael Hart, 2 Henshall Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 575578  
Property Search & Aquisition, Hazelhurst House, Hazelhurst Drive, Bollington,  
Tel: 07725 414317,  
The Mobile Agents, Palmerston Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576050  
William Hammond Ltd., Hammond Industrial Estate, Bakestonedale Road, Pott Shrigley  
Tel:01625 572678

## **Electricians/Electronics**

S. Ainsworth, 59 Princess Drive, Bollington. Tel: 01625 575830  
R.W. Berry, Hobson House, Clarke Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573989  
Bernard Clay, 3 Sandy Close, Bollington, Tel: 01625-573305  
Bollington Domestic Electrical Engineers, 28 Irwell Rise, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576224,  
F. Davies, 37 Moss Brow, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573261  
J.A. & A Jackson, Heatherdale Farm, Moorside Lane, Pott Shrigley, Tel: 01625 576688  
Lowernab Technology Ltd. (bespoke electronics), Tel: 01625 575777

## **Garden Services**

Acorn Garden Service, 11 Calder Close, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572144  
T. Cooper, 42 Hurst Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572458  
Hot Tubs & Cool Baskets, 8 Cumberland Drive, Bollington, Tel: 01625 578065  
Jacqui Parker, Laneside Cottage, Long Lane, Pott Shrigley, Tel: 01625 560234  
Jacquetta Menzies Garden Design, 13 Irwell Rise, Bollington, Tel: 01625 575711,  
Steve Mitchell (Tree surgeon) 39 Palmerston Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 575100  
Sundew Landscapes, 63 Ovenhouse Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573732  
Thompson's Landscaping, 49 Jackson Lane, Kerridge, Tel: 01625 260186,  
A.J. Wood, 53 Shrigley Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 576817

## **Gifts**

The Little Apple Tree, 2-4 Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 575 181

## **Grocery/General Stores**

Corner Shop, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572332  
T. Funnell, Bollington Cross Stores, 52 Ovenhouse Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625-572083  
Late Shop, 1-3 Albert Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572208  
M & P.J. Taylor, 40 Bollington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 574294

## **Heating & Plumbing**

B. Buffey, Yew Tree Cottage, Shrigley Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573118  
Paul Gurney, 1 The Drive, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576157  
Hadley Plumbing, Brook Cottage, 79 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 576855  
Charlie Holmes, 29 Cocksheadhey Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574017  
Gary Moore, 5 Park Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572396  
G. Rowley & Sons, 57 Southwest Avenue, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572092  
S.O.S. Plumbing Ltd., Princess House, Princess Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 574138

## **Health & Fitness**

Applied Healthcare (Physiotherapy), Rock Bank, Clarence Brow, Bollington, Tel: 01625 560027

Sheona K. Bath, Chiropody and Reflexology at your home, Tel: 01625 572216

Bollington Leisure Centre, Heath Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574774

Focus 21 (Fitness Equipment), Clarence Mill, Clarence Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 560555

Elizabeth Hallows, (Back Care Management), 20 Hurst Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 268734

Lock Fitness Centre, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 575760

M.E. Woolley (Chiropody), 73 Wellington Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572354

## **Health and Safety Consultancy**

Radman Associates, Harvey House, Wellington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 576000

## **Hotels Pubs Off Licence, Restaurants, Takeaways**

Hollin Hall Hotel, Jackson Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573246

Premier Inn, Springwood Way, Tytherington Business Park. Tel: 01625 427809

Shrigley Hall Hotel, Pott Shrigley. Tel: 07017 014028

Bull's Head, Oak Lane, Kerridge, Tel: 01625 575522

The Church House Inn, Chapel Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 574014

Cock & Pheasant, 15 Bollington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573289

Cotton Tree, 3-5 Ingersley Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572079

Crown Inn, Church Street, Bollington. Tel 01625 268409

Dog & Partridge, 97 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572177

Holly Bush 75 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573073

The Lord Clyde, Clarke Lane, Kerridge. Tel: 01625 562123.

New Con Club, Ingersley Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572552

Poacher's Inn, 95 Ingersley Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572086.

Queen's Arms, High Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573068

Red Lion Inn, High Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 575888

Royal Oak, 9 Princess Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572567

Spinners Arms, 76 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572515

Vale Inn, 29-31 Adlington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 575147

Windmill Inn, Holehouse Lane, Whitely Green. Tel: Tel: 01625 574222

Threshers, (Off licence) 82 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 576524

Bay Leaf Lounge (Indian), 127 Wellington Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574042

Beasdales, 22 High Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 575058

Briscola, (Italian), 88 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573898

The Plaice, (Fish), Palmerston Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574333

Springwood Park, Springwood Way, Tytherington Business Park. Tel: 01625 427809

Viceroy, (Indian) 22 Ingersley Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573006

White Nancy Cruising, Bollington Wharf, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573100

Fung Ling, (Chinese takeaway) 125 Wellington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 574949

ChopSticks, (Chinese takeaway) 17 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572610

## **Ironworkers**

Downie Blacksmiths, 12 The Old Brickworks, Pott Shrigley, Tel: 01625 575294  
M.E.I. Technologies (Precision), Clarence Mill, Clarence Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572133  
Motor Panels (Bollington), Ankers Buildings, Foundry Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572165  
D.A. & A.O. Whitworth (Architectural), The Old Bank House, 52 Palmerston Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576120  
Ambrose Wood & Son (Welding/wrought ironwork), Ovenhouse Farm Depot, Henshall Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573291

## **Joiners**

Roger Bloor, 3 Round Gardens, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572055  
A.R. Gibson, 110 Palmerston Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574613  
Heritage Joinery, 33 Henshall Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 575111  
K. Moorhouse Joinery, 4A Oldham Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 269116  
Pott Shrigley Joinery, Hammond Industrial Estate, Bakestonedale Road, Pott Shrigley, Tel: 01625 575590  
Red Joinery Ltd., Aqueduct Wharf, Hurst Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572128  
Nevin Williams, 40 Barnfield Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 575833

## **Label Manufacturers/Brokers**

County Labels Ltd., Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 574422  
P.H. Labels (broker), Clarence Mill, Clarence Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 575040

## **Manufacturers**

Extruded Plastics, Clarence Mill, Clarence Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573697  
Glatt Protech (Chemical equipment), The Old Bank House, 52 Palmerston Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574111  
Kay Metzeler Ltd. (polyurethane foam), Wellington Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573366  
Howard Leight (Europe) Ltd., (Hearing protection), Clarence Mill, Clarence Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625-560518  
MRi Polytec (Heavy duty rubber extrusions), Nab Works, Long Lane, Pott Shrigley, Tel: 01625 575737  
SmcEuroclamp Ltd., (Fork lift truck attachments), Albert Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576300  
W.C. Munsch (Rubber/PVC mouldings/extrusions), Clarence Mill, Clarence Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573971  
Wymbs Engineering Ltd. (Food industry equipment), Clarence Mill, Clarence Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 575154

## **Marketing/Advertising Agencies**

Adelphi Communications Ltd, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 575500  
Blue Beck Ltd., Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 576075  
G.H. Enterprises, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574336  
The House Ltd., Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576067  
Lynton Advertising, Old Bank House, 54 Palmerston Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 560333  
Megafone Communications, 32 Spinners Way, Bollington, Tel: 0700 399 6593  
On Behalf Of ... Ltd., 4 Queen Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 267221

## **Marketing/Advertising Agencies (continued)**

Peter Ord (promotions) Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 576067  
Pivotal Events and Marketing Ltd., 1 Shrigley Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572162  
TDM Marketing, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625-575592  
Irving Whitehouse Partners Ltd., Clarence Mill, Clarence Terrace, Bollington. Tel: 01625 560200

## **Medical/Dental Services**

Adelphi Group Ltd., Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane Bollington, Tel: 01625 575500  
Bollington Medical Centre, The WaterHouse, 51 Wellington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572461  
Bollington Dental Practice, 19 Bollington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 574609  
Mount Hall Nursing Home, Flash Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574177  
Chris Plant Dental Lab., Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 560881  
Spectrum Ophthalmics, Fernbank House, Tytherington Business Park, Tel: 01625 618816

## **Motor Services**

AJ6 Engineering, 60 Henshall Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573556  
Ashbrooke Fleet Management, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576800  
Auto Body Repairs, 122 Wellington Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573718  
Doug Beattie, Pearson's Yard, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 571115  
Broadheads, Bridgend Garage, 104 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573334  
Paul Clowes, Bridgend Garage, 104 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573493  
Cutting Edge, 34A Wellington Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576502  
Dave Stubbs Auto Services, Pearson's Yard, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 07901 828385  
DSE Land Rover, Ovenhouse Farm, Henshall Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573330  
M&H Car Valeting, 34 Ingersley Vale, Bollington. Tel: 01625 575749  
Premier Leasing Options, Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 578155  
PSP Vehicle Solutions, 60 Wellington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573650  
Smart Cars, Lowerhouse Garage, Albert Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572011  
Wellington Rd Garage, Wellington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572169

## **Newsagents**

M. Chadwick, 70 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572306  
Jones Newsagents, 61-63 Wellington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625-573733

## **Office Equipment**

Bollington Office Fitters, 28 Irwell Rise, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576224  
C.B. Copiers Ltd., Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 560582

## **Paper & Boards**

Slater Harrison & Co Ltd., Lowerhouse Mill, Albert Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 578900  
Tullis Russell Coaters Ltd., Church Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573051

## **Pharmacy/Chemists**

L. Rowlands & Co Ltd. 71 Wellington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 574401

## **Planning Consultancy**

Graham Barrow Research and Consulting Ltd., 21 Ingersley Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573807

## **Plant Hire**

J.H. Clewley, West View, Sugar Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573680  
P.J. Jackson Plant Hire, Wilmslow Road Garage, Butley, Tel: 01625 829248

## **Post Office**

West Bollington Post Office, 65 Wellington Road, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572378

## **Pumping**

Pumping and Technical Services Ltd, Rainow Mill, Ingersley Vale, Bollington. Tel: 01625 573838

## **Printing/Publishing**

Bollington Print Shop, The Old Stables, Queen Street, Bollington. Tel 01625 574828  
Laserline (Printers), Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington, Tel: 01625 576277  
PoliteMedia (Print/publish/design), Canalside, Clarence Mill, Bollington, Tel: 01625 560055  
Valley Binders Ltd., Lowerhouse Mills, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572781  
Windgather Press (Publisher), 29 Bishop Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574684

## **Screen Printers**

R.A. Smart, Clough Bank, Bollington. Tel: 01625 576199

## **Solicitors**

A.D. Firth & Co., 3 Oliver Close, Bollington, Tel: 01625 261840  
Mellor & Jackson, The Old Bank House, 52/54 Palmerston Street, Bollington. Tel: 01625 572378

## **Soft Furnishings**

Kamar, 1 Barnfield Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 573030  
Val Lipworth Curtains and Interiors, 34 Ingersley Vale, Bollington. Tel: 01625 575749

## **Travel & Tourism**

David Jones (Travel Counsellor), 10 Hailwood House, Palmerston Street, Bollington, Tel: 0845 058 7588  
Palmerston Travel, 15 High Street, Bollington, Tel: 01625 574448  
Towards Adventure (Walking holidays), 54 Church Street, Bollington, Tel: 07793 046080

## **Transport/Taxis**

AJM Driving School, 18 Bishop Road, Bollington, Tel: 07954 166737

Argo Transport, The Wharf Garage, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 575257

BC Transport Ltd., Cooper House, Clough Bank, Bollington. Tel:01625 572820

Eurobase International Freight Ltd., Adelphi Mill, Grimshaw Lane, Bollington. Tel: 01625 575576

Ambassador Limousines, 85 Ingersley Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572275

Bollington Black Cabs, 6 Cocksheadhey Road, Bollington. Tel: 07971 451424

Bollington Radio Cabs, 18 Beeston Mount, Bollington, Tel: 01625-572209

Allen Stringer, Haulage/General Contractor, Shrigley Road, Pott Shrigley. Tel: 01625 574325

## **Water Supply Engineers**

Blair Drilling Ltd , Unit 20 The Old Brickworks Industrial Estate, Bakestonedale Road Pott Shrigley. Tel: 01625 878411

## **Windows Conservatories**

Bollin Valley Windows and Conservatories, 8 Long Row, Lowerhouse, Bollington. Tel: 01625 571177

J.A. McNulty, Rainow Mill, Ingersley Vale, Bollington. Tel: 01625 574508

Premier Plastics, 107 Wellington Road, Bollington, Tel: 01625 572664

## BOLLINGTON TOWN PLAN - 2008 QUESTIONNAIRE FOR BUSINESSES

1. Please state the name of your business and contact name. Are you happy for your business to be included in a 'Business Directory' in the Town Plan?

Yes	No
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Name of Business and contact name:.....

2. Please describe in up to six words the nature of your business.

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3. Please indicate the number of employees in your business.....

4. Please state the three most important reasons for locating your business in Bollington.

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5. Please state if there are any adverse factors about Bollington that affect your business.

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6. Which of the following is likely to apply to your business over the next three years?

(a) Continue as at present

(b) Expand to take on more employees

(c) Contract, relocate or close.

Yes	No
Yes	No
Yes	No

Note – if any of this information is confidential, please indicate with an \*.

7. Do you have any suggestions for practical improvements in Bollington that would aid and assist your business?

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8. Would you support encouragement of tourism in Bollington? Are there any qualifications to this view?

Yes	No
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9. If a 'large' site became available in Bollington, would you prefer to see this developed for business, shopping, housing, parking, recreation, or a combination of these? Please ring appropriate answer.

10. Are you aware of the Bollington Carbon Revolution Group? What steps is your business taking to improve sustainability and reduce your carbon footprint?

Yes	No
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**APPENDIX 2**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR**  
**BOLLINGTON – ADOPTED VERSION (2006)**

1. Development should be in accordance with policies in the local Plan.
2. Where the existing site is in an employment area the land and buildings will normally be retained for employment purposes. In the mixed-use areas in Bollington a range of uses may be permissible, in accordance with Local Plan Policy E11. Policy E14 of the Local Plan encourages the relocation of employment uses in residential areas if they create an unacceptable level of nuisance to neighbouring dwellings and infill housing will be encouraged on these sites.

*Reason*

*Bollington currently contains a number of employment sites and it is important to retain these. In mixed-use areas a range of uses will be acceptable. Employment uses in residential areas can create problems, particularly if the use has outgrown its premises or if intensification has occurred. Residential amenity can be significantly enhanced if these employment uses are replaced by residential development.*

3. The overall scale, density, height, mass and materials of new development must normally be sympathetic to the character of the local environment, street scene, adjoining buildings and the site itself (Policy DC1). Any housing development in Bollington shall be in keeping with immediate surrounding area and shall normally be at a density of between 30-50 dwellings per hectare net, subject to the provisions of Policy H3. Within and adjoining Bollington's Conservation Areas development will only be permitted if it preserves or enhances the character or appearance of the Conservation Areas. All development in Bollington should reflect local character and respect form, layout, siting, scale and design of surrounding buildings and their setting.

*Reason*

*Bollington contains 4 Conservation Areas and a number of properties that are subject to Article 4 Directions. It will be important to ensure that any new development makes a positive contribution to the Conservation Areas and reflects local character.*

4. PPG3 (Housing) requires an average of 1.5 car parking spaces per dwelling in residential areas and this can be achieved outside the Conservation Areas. Within the Conservation Areas, the primary aim is to conserve or enhance the character or appearance of the conservation area and this means that imaginative solutions will be required in order to provide sufficient car parking.

*Reason*

*Bollington faces severe pressures on parking space due to the large number of terraced cottages facing directly on to the pavement. Residents (often two car families) park on the narrow streets. The parking restricts traffic flow. It will be important to ensure new development doesn't exacerbate the parking problems.*

5. Where the existing site is Green Belt no building development will be permitted unless it is in accordance with PPG2: Green Belt and Policy GC1 of the Local Plan.

*Reason*

*Bollington is surrounded by Green Belt and a key objective of the Parish Plan is to retain the character and separate identity of the town by preserving the Green Belt.*

6. Areas of recreational land and open space will be protected from development.

*Reason*

*One of the key objectives of the Bollington Parish Plan is to preserve the remaining existing green open spaces within the town.*

7. Where the existing site is from redundant community use such as churches or public buildings, where there is demand, the re-use for alternative community uses is desirable. The best use of historic buildings is usually the original use but where that use has ceased then uses which will guarantee the upkeep of the building are desirable. For more modern community buildings any use is suitable subject to amenity and car parking.

*Reason*

*It is important to retain some community buildings in Bollington. If the community buildings are of historic interest it is important that the buildings are retained.*

8. Only development which preserves or enhances the character or appearance of Bollington's Conservation Areas will be allowed in or adjoining the Conservation Areas. Any highway works and the provision of street furniture should seek to be in keeping with the Conservation Area, particularly with regard to quality of design and materials.

*Reason*

*Bollington contains 4 Conservation Areas and a number of properties that are subject to Article 4 Directions. It will important to ensure that any new development makes a positive contribution to the Conservation Areas and reflects local character.*

## **APPENDIX 3 STRATEGIC PLANS FOR TOWN GROUPS**

In order to provide a basis for exchange of information and coordination of activities, particularly with respect to bids for external funding, all of the Town Groups, Arts Centre, Bollington Initiative Trust, Bridgend Centre, Civic Society including Carbon Revolution Group and Discovery Centre, Community Centre, Friends of the Recreation Ground, Leisure Centre have been invited to contribute a section setting out their strategic plans for the next three years, including their needs for support and intentions for funding bids. The responses are as follows:

### **A3.1 Arts Centre**

The Arts Centre Development Plan for 2008 -2011 covers the following items:

Having raised the necessary funds, essential maintenance to the Centre's roof is due to be carried out in July and August 2008. A steering committee called the Way Forward Group has prepared, and the Management Committee has accepted, a business and development plan, the main contents of which are summarised below.

1. a three year budget for income and expenditure
2. a list of essential maintenance priorities
3. a longer term vision for the Centre to enable it to continue as a venue for all community based, open to all, arts related activities.

The third of these points involves making better use of the rooms at the rear of the stage. It is planned to install a second entrance to enable people using these rooms to access them without disturbing any activity taking place in the main hall. The toilet facilities and rooms will be improved making them attractive to additional user groups, thereby increasing income.

The possibility will be investigated of increasing audience capacity in the main performance area but this is not likely to be acted upon before 2011.

These plans will require a considerable amount of finance and the Arts Centre will be applying to various grant-making bodies for support, including WREN and Awards for All. Survival of Bollington Arts Centre depends on hundreds of hours of volunteer service, including planning and management, and constant practical tasks like staffing the Bar. Any help is welcome; please contact Centre Manager Kim Creasey (573945 or [bollyartcentre@btinternet.com](mailto:bollyartcentre@btinternet.com) )

### **A3.2 Bridgend Centre**

#### **Our Vision:**

A caring community, where everyone is respected, valued, inspired and encouraged to fulfil their potential.

#### **Our Purpose:**

The Bridgend Centre is a Bollington based and community led charity providing a focal point for all, where individual involvement and participation fosters a more caring and supportive community.

**Our Mission is:**

- To be the first point of contact for community information
- To provide a focal point for individual support and community involvement
- To develop effective services and improve the quality of life for individuals in the community
- To reduce the number of people in the community requiring statutory intervention
- To carry out local research into the gaps in social need

In October 2007 the Bridgend Centre, formerly Bollington Drop-In Centre, became a Social Enterprise, enabling us to generate funding by using profits from trading activities to support our community services. We are delighted that the work of the Bridgend Centre has been recognised by the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in 2008. This award not only highlights the dedication of trustees, staff and volunteers but also the contribution the Centre makes to the Community.

**For 2008 and onwards we will aim to:**

- Revamp the Bridgend Charity Shop
- Achieve Investors in People
- Expand the range of on-line courses on offer, to include Health and Safety, Personal Development and other business-focused courses
- Increase the recycling capability of the Centre
- Complete the School Packs Project in line with the National Curriculum and attract Inner-City Schools
- Complete the final Nostalgia Trail and exploit the Trails for corporate team building and as a tourist attraction
- Develop the Biophilia Project with local companies and organisations
- Develop Room Hire for meetings and classes
- Review and re-negotiate contract with Social Services
- Investigate delivery of ESOL courses
- Promote Corporate IT Training in the Training Suite
- Expand our Consultancy Services in relation to Heritage and Community Projects
- Continue to develop partnership with Canalside Community Radio
- Develop the Car Wash in partnership with Cheshire Probation Service
- Expand publicity to heighten awareness and encourage the local community to strengthen their support for the Centre through volunteering, donations and pledges
- Promote sponsorship by local firms for Bridgend Centre projects

**A3.3 Community Centre**

The immediate aim of the Management Committee is to recover from the closure of the Day Care facility provided by Social Services by encouraging new users to the Centre.

During the coming year essential external work is required to the fabric of the building including roof work and replacement of windows to the first floor. To

facilitate the funding of this work, Macclesfield Borough Council (who still own the building) have been asked to contribute and an application to WREN will be made (~£40k).

The Centre is currently used by a number of local groups and societies and is available for hire for activities such as children's parties etc. In the past the Centre was used predominantly by the elderly, but it is the intention of the Management Committee to widen the usage to the community as a whole. A publicity campaign to advertise the facilities available is planned for the coming months (2008). A Fund Raising group is in the process of being set-up specifically to increase the funds for the Centre. If during the next 3 years demand for additional space is identified, the plan to upgrade the first floor will be implemented to provide a number of smaller meeting rooms.

Many of the activities held at the Centre are run by volunteers, particularly the weekly Luncheon Club and the Open House Club, therefore, we are always looking for people who may be interested in helping.

Anyone interested in helping or hiring the Centre please contact Pat Haddleton (Tel: 575557).

#### **A3.4 Civic Society**

The main strategic aims are:

1. To continue to comment on all major planning issues in the town
2. To push for improvements to the Conservation Areas and the creation of a new Conservation Area at Lowerhouse.
3. To continue to run the Discovery Centre and to manage the development of the new footbridge.
4. To work with the owners of the Clarence Mill to create the ground floor as a focus for visitors and leisure shopping (including the potential to create more car parking on the far side of the new bridge)
5. To continue to support the development of the Carbon Revolution sub group of the Society
6. To support the Tourism Initiative being led by Alice Ferguson of Visit Chester and Cheshire.
7. To continue to attract members - with a target of 100 in mind
8. To hold regular evening meetings with speakers and possibly develop occasional educational trips to other communities to learn from their experience

The Civic Society is in the process of applying for grants for the proposed footbridge over the canal to WREN (£50k) and to the Big Lottery Fund, Changing Spaces, (£30k).

#### **A3.5 Bollington Carbon Revolution Group**

The Bollington Carbon Revolution (BCR), a sub-group of the Bollington Civic Society, is a small group of local active volunteers who believe that our town can be a part of the new carbon revolution, driven by the voluntary sector at the local level. Forming in September 2006, they have come together with the over-arching aim of

reducing the town's carbon footprint, *thinking globally, acting locally*, and the following activities are planned over the next three years:-

- Establish itself as a social enterprise through which it will employ a full time Development Manager
- Act as a demonstration project to inform the public sector and other communities on how to achieve a reduction in carbon in a large and diverse community.
- Calculate the carbon footprint of the town and quantify ongoing reductions
- Changing behaviours towards a more sustainable lifestyle through an advice centre, home eco-audits with recommendations on how to reduce the carbon footprint, EcoTeams and advice on and provision of grants.
- Promote use of green building rating tools on all new developments, achieving a minimum of BREEAM Very Good (or equivalent).
- Promote a street lighting policy
- Secure and control funding for capital projects, for example a demonstration project on generation of energy through hydropower
- Co-ordinate the roll out of the EcoTeam programme roll out & results
- Create and support an EcoSchool cluster
- Sell energy reduction and eco-friendly products to the community
- Improve use of public and other forms of transport
- Coordinate awareness raising events
- Administer the tree planting scheme in collaboration with Kerridge Ridge Ingersley Vale Countryside and Heritage Landscape Partnership Scheme (KRIV)
- Instigate initiatives to improve community resilience and improve quality of life through schemes such as community allotments
- Act as consultant to other communities wishing to follow a similar model

In order to achieve this step change in support offered to the community to adopt a more sustainable lifestyle, the following support is sought:-

- Endorsement that the proposals listed above are supported by key stakeholders
- Funding for the Development Manager
- A base through which the social enterprise can be run, including a customer face where energy reduction and eco-friendly products can be sold
- Land on which a community allotment scheme can be run
- Support in facilitating acceptance of the planning application for hydro-power
- Communication mechanisms through which the profile of the group and services offered to the community can be raised

Funds will be sought and applied for through a number of funding mechanisms, including but not limited to:-

- The Low Carbon Buildings Programme
- Private company funding schemes such as the Co-operative Group and Scottish Power
- The National Lottery Awards for All funding programme
- Community Sustainable Energy Programme
- The Town Council
- The Borough Council
- The Cheshire and Warrington Economic Alliance

### **A3.6 Bollington Initiative Trust**

The Bollington Initiative Trust has been launched with the following objectives.

#### **Mission Statement**

The Trust is a local company with charitable status, established to assist in the social, economic and environmental development of Bollington and its surrounding area. It has some of the characteristics of a Local Development Trust and a Community Interest Company, organisations being promoted by the government to complement local charitable trusts and to encourage social enterprises.

#### **Objectives**

- To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the town and its surrounding countryside
- To assist in the development of facilities and services that benefit the population of the town, the quality of life of the inhabitants and its economic development
- To advance the education of the public in heritage and environmental matters, for both local residents and visitors to Bollington

The main projects being tackled by the Trust at the moment are:

1. Tinkers Clough Wood - leased from the owners and a sub group is aiming to raise finance (~£30,000) to implement the management plan to enhance the wood and access.
2. Former Toilet Block at Ingersley Road - Leased from Macclesfield BC. Plans to convert it as a demonstration building in conjunction with the Civic Society's Carbon Revolution group. It will also act as the base for the Trust and the Civic Society. About £35,000 may be required for this project to proceed.
3. Water Street School - Management Agreement being signed with Cheshire County Council and an intention to lease. Aim is to manage the building as a community resource (The Water Street Centre) and protect and assist the present tenants (Air Cadets and Heyday Play group) and possibly improve and extend the building. Rental income from the tenants may be sufficient to pay for the cost of managing and maintaining the building.
4. Civic Hall - working with the Town Council and Macclesfield Borough Council to find a solution to the future upgrading and management of the building – ongoing.
5. Lowther Street School - finalising the purchase from the Crown Estate with a loan from the Cheshire Building Society. Planning permission obtained for conversion to offices. Plans that the trust will either let the space or sell the building to a suitable business when the conversion is completed.
6. The Ingersley Centre - the Trust is one of 6 partners working with the Salesians of Don Bosco to create a Training, Education and Business Centre utilising the buildings and walled garden of the former Ingersley Hall Farm. An application for funding is being submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund and to the European Regional Development Fund (Rural Development Programme) for approximately £900,000. The plans are to have the centre operating by 2010 and for it to have a Field Studies Centre, a training operation and space for a small number of craft businesses. There will also be opportunities for conferences and seminars.

The Trust is also concerned about the future of St Johns Church and the Pavilion Building in the Recreation Ground but has made no progress with these projects to date.

A new web site for the Trust may be developed soon. Development funding for the Trust remains a key issue and discussions are taking place with Cheshire County Council, Macclesfield Borough Council and Bollington Town Council about this matter.

### **A3.7 Friends of the Recreation Ground**

A major exercise has been carried out in the first half of 2008 costing ~£150k and funded by Macclesfield Borough Council to bring the Recreation Ground up to Green Flag requirements. We are delighted that following inspections in June 2008, Green Flag status has been awarded.

The Friends of the Recreation Ground held a June Fair on the football field pitch on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008 with a number of events and entertainments already in place.

The longer term view includes trying to form an agreement with the new owner of the Swinewood Wood to open it up to the public and to work with the Friends group, the Civic Society, the Town Council, British Waterways and the Borough Council. They are also hopeful that a pathway can be constructed from the Recreation Ground to the canal to connect with the Proposed Canal Foot Bridge and thus a way to the cafe and the Discovery centre. These plans have still to be agreed by the parties concerned.

Other plans will include work on the pavilion, improvement of the play area including replacing the skate board facility, improving the Rangers office (possibly re-locating into the pavilion). It is the intention to make the recreation ground a safe and interesting place for all the community, both young and old alike. The 'Friends' also want to promote other activities as well as improving the existing facilities. They would like to encourage the formation of a Tennis club or any other group to complement the Cricket, Bowls and Football activities, already in existence.

### **A3.8 Bollington Festival**

The Bollington Festival was started by Dr John Coope in 1964 and has run every four to five years since. The purpose is to promote community spirit and to found new permanent societies. Amongst those societies founded in this way have been the Festival Players, the Festival Choir and a Photography Group. Importantly, choirs and musicians from overseas have brought visiting artists from diverse countries such as Spain, Ukraine, United States, Belgium and Sweden. The artists have normally stayed in homes of local people resulting in much appreciation on both sides.

The organisers are all volunteers and in each festival, a core of experienced volunteers encourage new faces to join who give new ideas and then help in further festivals as well as meeting new people. In 2005, over 200 people helped.

The major problem is funding. In 2005, funding enabled a large festival with 80 events including a symphony orchestra, opera, a jazz concert and Ken Dodd. Major funding requires either Arts Charities giving monies, or major public companies

sponsoring the Festival or specific events. Thus the size of the Festival is determined to some extent by the economic climate. In 2009, funding is proving very much more difficult and a smaller total event is likely to occur, but with the same local input thus maintaining the main original aims. There will be a focus for 18 days in which the population of the Town is brought together to enjoy many varied and new experiences which may spark off permanent interests and further appreciation and sense of this unique place.

Consultation with other societies and especially businesses in the future as to the type of Festival and practical viability of the venues would be useful for the next Festival.

### **A3.9 Bollington Leisure Centre**

The Leisure Centre plans continued development of the swimming teaching program, currently over 2000 children are being taught to swim, in addition the range of children's activities has recently been increased and now includes ballet and tap classes for 2 – 4 year olds and Spanish lessons in a play related environment for 5 – 11 year olds. The Leisure Centre continues to work closely with and develop activities and therapy for disabled groups, currently over 30 members of The Parkinson's Society attend weekly sessions and the newly formed Macclesfield Stroke Group use the centre on a regular basis.

A major development of the Gymnasium is planned with an extension at the rear of the Leisure Centre to provide additional gym facilities with up to date equipment. This will be funded by commercial arrangements and no external grant applications are involved. Great care is being taken in planning the extension to include natural light and ventilation into the building and by using modern and up to date building materials the rear aspect of the building will be greatly improved, it is planned that all current exterior electrical plant will be concealed within the new extension. It is anticipated that building work will commence in 2009.



Tourist Map of Bollington