

# **BOLLINGTON PARISH PLAN PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT**

**June 2007**

Bollington is now part of the Cheshire Market Towns network. We are also taking part in assessments of the effectiveness of Parish Plans. Two schemes have been implemented for which grants have been obtained from Cheshire CC/Macclesfield BC/NWDA. These schemes are:

1. The Historic Triangle Project
2. Upgrade of street furniture

## ***The Historic Triangle Project***

The upgrading of the 'historic triangle' consisting of High Street, Water Street and Palmerston Street has been designed by Cheshire County Council Highways Department and the scheme is now virtually complete. The total funding for this scheme is now over £150,000, with £50,000 from Macclesfield Borough Council, £33,000 by the NW Development Agency and the balance from Cheshire County Council /SEMMMS. The objective was to restore elements of 'Conservation Area Status' to an area which had received poor attention for routine maintenance. A public consultation exercise was carried out in September 2006 with a display in the Library. The scheme has involved restoration of stone flag pavements in some parts with sympathetic surfacing in others, channel setts at the edges of High Street, dropped crossings to aid disabled persons, replacement of lighting columns with period types and renewal of road surfacing for High Street and Water Street. Funding has also been provided for Christmas lights to be mounted on the new lighting columns in Palmerston Street for 2007.

## ***Upgrade of Street Furniture***

This scheme involves smartening up of sign posts and litter bins and the provision of a tourist map. Cheshire CC Highways have agreed to provide some new 'directional' signs for places we have identified at a cost of £4,750. These signs have to comply with their standards although we have agreed on black posts. They will include Car Parks and the Community/Leisure Centres. The CCC signs are now to be installed by September. From the NWDA and CCC grants, new 'information' signs were installed in March to places such as the Canal and Middlewood Way, White Nancy, Nab Head, Kerridge and the mills. These have black posts and gold letters.

Replacement of bins to produce a consistent style of closed top bin with a White Nancy logo has been carried out throughout the main streets.

Larger versions of the Tourist map have been installed at Pool Bank and Adlington Road car parks, on boards and posts of the same style as the signs. The Adlington Road map is to be turned round shortly. Cheshire CC have placed small copies of the map in the display panels of nine bus shelters.

## ***Parking***

The Highways Dept are reluctant to support an independent study of parking problems and so we intend to do this ourselves with professional advice (volunteers needed to help).