

This plan has been created in consultation with residents, public services and community groups, to find out what local projects people wanted. A big part of bringing projects together is the input and involvement of the local community. The priorities contained in this plan were highlighted by local residents who want to make the areas in which they live better.

Ten local priorities are listed here; these are the only priorities which can use resources from the My Neighbourhood Forum. Once an item is completed or the forum chooses to change it, it can be replaced by another priority as agreed by Councillors.

The council is committed to delivering the My Neighbourhood Plan. Your forum is made up of councillors who represent the area, and is led by an annually elected Chair. He is supported by your local Community Involvement Officer, who works with communities and groups in your area to make things happen.

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Every My Neighbourhood forum has a 'core fund' provided by the council - each year, Eastern area receives £6000 to spend on local initiatives. In addition, South Ribble Partnership has allocated £3000 to support the delivery of Eastern My Neighbourhood Plan.

For bigger projects, where there are links to Council's Corporate Plan, capital funds, such as Section 106 funding from developments may be available.

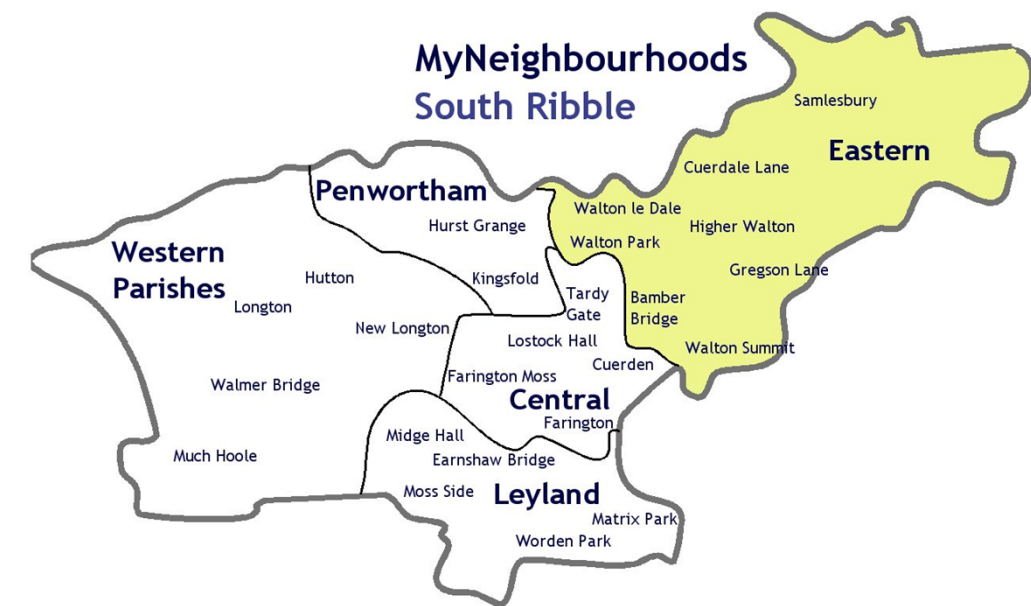
This plan is a living document which changes regularly - we are always looking for new ideas and improvement projects. If you have any comments or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

My Neighbourhood Forums - public meetings to show progress on our projects - are held up to four times a year in community venues. Come along & meet your local councillors & police officers, and find out what's going on in our area.

More information about the forum, when and where it meets, and its projects is available at www.southribble.gov.uk/myneighbourhood

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My Neighbourhood Projects 2015 - 2016

1. Improvement scheme for Gregson Lane community facilities
2. Higher Walton Regeneration
3. Withy Grove Park Improvement Programme
4. Walton-le-Dale community facilities
5. Improvements to Forty Steps footpath
6. Skateboard / BMX facilities in Walton-le-Dale
7. Bamber Bridge Improvement Plan
8. Explore options for a new play area in Samlesbury
9. Review of Noticeboards throughout the area
10. Develop the site of Wesley Street Mill



My Neighbourhood Plan Eastern 2015 - 2016

	Project (not listed in any order)	Sponsor Member/s	Cabinet Member	Start	Finish	Latest update at February 2015 & next steps
1	Bamber Bridge Improvement Plan	Cllr Paul Foster	Cllr Phil Smith	Jan 2014	Dec 2016	Consultation on the initial plans for the £1M Preston, South Ribble & Lancashire City Deal Project for the development of Station Road took place in January/February 2015. The findings are currently being disseminated ahead of being shared with engineers who will then draw up detailed plans which will go out to formal consultation later in the year. It is envisaged that work will begin on the project in Spring 2016.
2	Improvement scheme for Gregson Lane sports & community facilities	Cllr Warren Bennett	Cllr Phil Smith	Dec 2011	Dec 2016	The forum has supported Gregson Green steering group in its fundraising efforts, & with a financial commitment of £30,000 towards the construction of a new community centre. Regular events continue to raise the profile of the group, generate funds & create a fantastic sense of community spirit. The group has now begun the process of submitting applications for grant funding, & has recently received a £10,000 award to help with moving the project forward.
3	Higher Walton Regeneration - Village Improvement Scheme	Cllr Barrie Yates	Cllr Phil Smith	Jan 2012	Dec 2016	Work on phase 1 of this scheme is now completed with the exception of the cleaning of Cann Bridge (permissions from Lancashire County Council are still required to complete this process). Initial discussions on how phase 2 will look have taken place, but further work is required to scope out the detail & costings of the works required.
4	Withy Grove Park Improvement Programme	Cllr Dave Watts	Cllr Peter Mullineaux	Jan 2012	Dec 2016	Works to the Sergeant Street Entrance (phase 1) have been completed. Drainage work on the pond has also been carried out, and an information board installed. Plans for phases 2 & 3, which involves improving the paths to the centre of the park, are being drawn & will be taken to a future forum, for wider consultation.
5	Walton-le-Dale community facilities	Cllr Peter Mullineaux	Cllr Phil Smith	Aug 2011	Dec 2016	Building work on the new community centre is now complete & the centre is open for business. Funding bids to tarmac the path leading up to the centre & the car parking areas are being worked up & fundraising events continue to take place to raise funds for the centre.
6	Improvements to Forty Steps footpath	Cllr Andrea Ball	Cllr Phil Smith	Jan 2015	Dec 2016	Review the possibility of improving access to this well used facility in Walton-le-Dale & to explore linkages with local schools in order to try to integrate the path as a part of a walking bus route. The first steps will entail checking land ownership & liaise with partners at Lancashire County Council to draw up a plan of action to move the project forward.
7	Skateboard/BMX facilities in the Walton-le-Dale area	Cllr Mike Nelson	Cllr Phil Smith	Jan 2013	Dec 2016	Following a request from young people for local skateboard & bmx facilities in the area, a scheme to deliver such a facility has been put forward for inclusion as part of the Central Parks project which borders on to the Walton Park area.
8	Explore options for a new play area in Samlesbury	Cllr Barrie Yates	Cllr Phil Smith	Jun 2014	Dec 2016	A feasibility study which will scope out possible suitable sites in the area and explore potential funding streams to support the development of this project is currently underway & progress will be fed back to a future forum.
9	Review of NoticeBoards	Cllr Mike Nelson	Cllr Peter Mullineaux	Dec 2014	Dec 2015	A wholesale review of the noticeboards throughout the Eastern Area has begun & potential sites for five new noticeboards have been identified along with the replacement (or re-furbishment) of three others. A detailed proposal will be tabled at a future forum for further discussion & approval.
10	Develop the site of Wesley Street Mill	Council/Cabinet priority	Cllr Cliff Hughes	Jan 2012	Dec 2016	Work continues with the developer to bring the site forward for development. Councillors have approved outline plans for up to 200 new homes at the Wesley Street Mill site & the demolition process is nearing completion.



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