

BURSCOUGH

area | 7th February 2025



Attendees:

Gerry Allen	WLBC	Speaker
Lisa Larsen	The Liberty Centre	Speaker
Sue Halton	Parbold Community Association	Speaker
David Worrall	West Lancs Footpath Group	
Saira Hussain	Barnardos	
Kelly Brown	WLBC	
Chris Ryley	Burscough Hub	
Cynthia Dereli	Burscough Hub	
Richard Whitehead	Divine Days CIC	
Chris Abel	Parbold Wildlife	
Margaret Abel	Parbold Wildlife	
Keith Broadbent	ODFHS	
Julie Broadbent	ODFHS	
Vic Citarella	WLCVS	
Chris Eriksen	WLBC	
Dave Evans	Nifty Fifties	
Dee Mitten	Twinkle House	

Elaine Billington	OWLS Social Prescribing	
John Hodge	Hilldale Community Association	
Lou Doyle	Woodlands Animal Sanctuary	
Liz Spensley	Ormskirk Music Society	
Rebecca Moulton	WLBC	

Group discussion exercise

- Identify the community assets in Burscough and the surrounding area.
- Identify what the main issues are that need attention.
- Look at how the network can help.

List of Community Assets
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burscough Cricket Club, Burscough Sports Centre, Burscough Football Club. Rufford CC • Burscough, Parbold Libraries and others. The Town Council. • Burscough Hub and Wellbeing Café, The Older Peoples Club • Village Halls, Church Halls (St Johns and Methodist). Rufford Village Hall. • Wildlife Areas, Green Spaces, Mere Sands Wood, Marthin Mere, The Canal, Wharf Area (day and evening economy). Village Centre. • Local footpaths. Railway access. • Stanley Club (future Cinema), WI Hall, Parbold. Parbold Village Hall, The Community Farm, Applecast, Volunteers • The Grove and family support services • Woodlands Animal Sanctuary, • The Food Bank
Local Issues identified during the discussion.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport costs and services., need accessible public transport. Generally expensive – affordability. • Lack of funding. Lack of places to meet / central point. • Need affordable Housing, better infrastructure parking. • Need young people's facilities • Evidence of drug use, knife crime, lack of visible Policing. • Perception that 02 network is poor in the area. • Infrastructure – lack of schools, GP's, health provision etc. • Lack of Burscough Community Centre. • No banks locally • Growing isolation • Volunteer dependency and training/DBS • Need improved access to venues, better opening times,
How can the network can help?

- Sharing information on and offline
- Using each other's facilities
- Connecting groups across West Lancashire
- Coordination role / work together
- Information about what's out there/ paper based
- Knowledge, opportunity to build relationships
- Centralising and coordinating information.
- Partnerships & networking
- Cross community Knowledge
- Problem solving-learning from others
- Sharing best practise and ideas
- Shouting about ourselves, increased advocacy
- Strength in numbers – consortium
- Build relationships
- Volunteer Centre for opportunities.
- Transport – Timetables
- Support with funding bids- workshops and training
- Wider funding knowledge

Event feedback

How often to meet:

	4 times a year	3 times a year	2 times a year	Once a year
Geographic groups	9	1	4	1
Thematic groups	11		3	1

What was the most useful part of the event from your perspective and why?
Networking – meeting other services / organisations
Joining with like-minded people and exchanging information
Discovering shared themes
Meeting Vicky Attwood who is going to investigate possible funding available to us
Networking
Hearing about different organisations
Info for UK SPF
General group session
Having the CVS and other areas of people to advice and information
Presentations on how funding organisation work – knowledge
Other people's comments
Meeting CVS organisers
The talks provided by the speakers
Communicating with other groups and gaining knowledge for places to go / refer to in WL
Meeting others
Learning about availability of funding
networking
Learning more about all the community groups / venues in the area
Getting to meet other local organisations and get an idea of how we might be able to work together
Understanding the funding regime especially the Lancs Combined Authority
Scope and role of community partnerships
Any other comments?
Room was very cold!

Maybe everyone introduce themselves at start of session – time but worth it if unable to meet everyone
I would like to understand the difference between community and voluntary thematic group – not sure which to attend
The role of parish councils and the voluntary sector?
I came to this because unable to attend other sessions – positive
The amount of community assets is huge, so utilising them is a must
Signposting to a banking solution
Very interesting points of view
Thank you for putting these events together. We really found it useful and informative
Great atmosphere, people were obviously getting a lot out of the event and enjoying making contacts