

# Listening to You



## Denby Dale and Kirkburton

Venue: Shelley Village Hall

Date: 9 May 2008

Attendance: 38

Facilitators: Dick Hewitson

Front line workers from Kirklees Council services and partner organisations including Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing, Kirklees Active Leisure, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, West Yorkshire Police and Kirklees Primary Care Trust were invited to this series of "Listening to You" events.

## Key points from discussions

1. Lack of facilities for young people was highlighted as a problem as there is not enough for them to do and no venues to take part in activities. Suggested using schools and possibly sharing ownership of security/insurance.

Need to put money into youth service and Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) provision to tackle the problem of boredom and anti social behaviour. Possibly assign a key worker to look at areas of engaging young people and empowering them. We need to give positive messages back to young people to build their aspirations.

2. Highlighted the need not to forget old people as services change at 65. It was felt that older people are more socially isolated.
3. Traffic was seen as a problem due to volume and speed, road network and traffic calming. Also need public transport to access other services such as post offices.
4. Mentioned that damage to Kirkburton has increased over the past 4 years. Felt that this was connected to drinking as people move from village to village depending on level of policing

## Suggestions to tackle issues:

- Utilise IT resources in schools for communities, for example, summer schools, night schools, children volunteering to teach/assist older people, to reduce the generation gap and increase their understanding of each other.
- Consult with young people possibly develop a young people's forum. Encourage young people to volunteer and go on to access jobs.
- Services to pool resources