

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To outline plans for the future, inform on current events, and report on activities that have taken place in recent months. In Leisure and Sports Development, there is information on events being planned to coincide with the Olympic Games, and information is given on current community activities. There is a change in arrangements for monitoring the quality of service at Ribblesdale pool, and information is given on the Clubmark Charter and Sports Directory. Tourism reports on recent successes at award ceremonies, outlines initiatives in developing Ribble Valley as a fine food destination, and gives details of two publications, the Food Trail and next year's Visitor Guide. There is also a round-up of the wide range of activities and developments that have taken place in recent months at the Platform Gallery.

### 2 LEISURE AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

#### 2.1 Lancashire 2012 Sports Olympic Legacy Working Group

A Lancashire Sports networking group has been established to consider how to maximise the impact from delivering events in the run up to the Games and themes identified include;

The organisation of mass participation events in Swimming, Dance and Cycling across the region, with each district to consider how to be involved in localised delivery.

**Swimming** - the ASA have already introduced the 'Swim Fit' programme, which aims to encourage people to take up swimming for health and fitness reasons and the event could serve to reinforce this initiative by including an Olympic-style challenge to the Swim Fit programme. Both Ribblesdale Pool and Stoneyhurst Pools would be the obvious venues for delivering around this theme but the constraints of continuing with normal service provision and avoiding any inconvenience to regular use would have to be taken into account.

**Cycling** - There are numerous cycling events taking place around the region and there is a proposal to promote any events under the Skyrides banner. A difficulty with delivering a mass family style cycle around different communities over the same weekend is with the lack of trained cycling instructors and building up the capacity to run our own Ribble Valley event may prove challenging at a time when there are limited instructors - Clitheroe Cycling club are perhaps the most valuable delivery agent.

**Dance** - A task and finish group will consider how best to draw a framework for delivering dance in a way which best meets mass participation objectives. In Ribble Valley there is much evidence of local initiatives which are raising

participation levels in different forms of dance and the Civic Hall Coordinator role has served to establish the following;-

Ballroom dancing - 3 classes at 2 new venues  
Salsa - 2 classes at 1 new venue  
Zumba - 4 classes at 4 venues  
Cheerleading and Street dancing is also available for age 5-12 years.

The group has also identified the following cross Lancashire themes incorporating the following;-

Open House (Local Authority facilities and clubs showcased)  
Rising Star (Athlete support package/programme)  
Family Picnic event  
2012 Challenge (2012 numbered event)  
Hall of Fame  
Torch Relay

It is intended to determine a list of events that Ribble Valley can deliver based upon nil cost other than officer coordination time, though the impact of the events will be enhanced through successful attempts to raise some small funding support.

## 2.2 **Community Activity Development Work**

The Civic Hall Coordinator who is actively engaging with target groups across the community of Longridge and those neighbouring ones has established new activity sessions at 9 community venues that have generated 270 new participants since September 2010.

For the age group 4–16 years there are sessions that are either very low cost or free as a result of partnership work with Lancashire sport's "sport unlimited program" and extended schools. The sessions are aimed at children that may not be interested or have barriers to sport and activities. The sessions are as follows;

- Youth gym – 12–16 years. Free sessions aimed at mixed groups. The session is on a Friday night with the agenda to combat anti social behaviour whilst engaging with age appropriate activity.
- Self defence course -12–16 years. Free sessions aimed at mixed groups. Exercise and preventative measure to combat confrontation. Sessions are a 10-week course. Funding is secured for a final 10 weeks in January 2011.
- Hula-hoop and Bollywood - 5 - 12 years. Free sessions aimed at primary school children. Sessions are a 10-week course. Funding is secured for a final 10 weeks in January 2011.
- Funtastic – 5 – 12 years. Fun games, dance and adapted sports. £1.00 per session to cover hall hire.
- Skiptrix – 8–16 years. Skipping with fun tricks and disco lights and music. £1.00 per session to cover hall hire
- Cheerleading and street dancing – 5-12 years. £1.00 per session
- Football coaching sessions- in partnership with extended schools, free sessions. 12–16 years with the final aim of a trip to take part in the Denmark youth football games in July 2011.

For the families with young children

- Multi sports – Venue changes after 10 week course
- Scavenge hunt with the orienteering equipment – Trial at 1 venue

#### For the 65 and over

- Healthy valley funds seated exercise across 3 residential homes. There has been over 100 people attending sessions across various venues in the Ribble valley over the last 12 months

#### For male and females aged 16 – 45

- Salsa – 2 classes at 1 venue
- Zumba – 4 classes at 4 venues
- Aerobics – 1 class at 1 venue
- Tang soo doo – self defence and fitness, 1 class at 1 venue
- Judo – 1 class at 1 venue

#### For children with additional needs

- Gym session – 2 sessions each week for children from Hillside school for children with autism spectrum disorder.
- Multi sports – 1 session 1 venue
- Multi sports session – as needed at various venues.

#### New sessions for 2011

- Boot camp for beginners – 1 session at 1 venue
- New venue and extra sessions of Zumba
- Family orienteering - using the STAN bus to reach rural communities

### **2.3 Ribblesdale Pool**

The facility has been quality assessed through the Leisure Industry specific 'QUEST' accreditation scheme for several years now and this has contributed towards adopting good practice and maintaining high standards of service. However, more recently the benefits afforded by involvement in the scheme have become less tangible and it is proposed to end our registration. The cost of renewal is £1300 and this is not believed to represent appropriate expenditure given the pressure on operational budgets.

It is intended to continue with the undertaking of 'mystery visits' that is part of the assessment of service quality process, and establish cross-authority facility visits as a way of comparing and sharing good practices. Improvements to the Pool operation have been identified from our experience of Quest and the procedures / working practices adopted have become imbedded in the operation so the process is believed to have benefited staff at the Pool and the continuous improvement principle will remain.

### **2.4 Ribble Valley Clubmark Charter**

Ribble Valley Borough Council has devised a charter offering a range of benefits to clubs taking part in the Clubmark initiative. Clubmark, administered by Sport England, is the only across-the-board sports quality accreditation scheme for clubs with junior sections. It features a set of core criteria ensuring clubs operate to a set of consistent and minimum standards, such as safeguarding children and devising and managing activity programmes. Clubmark is endorsed by all the main sporting, youth and education agencies involved in the delivery of sport to young people and the council has devised a charter offering local clubs a range of benefits for signing up to this important scheme. The Ribble Valley Clubmark Charter, produced in partnership with Oakhill Academy and SurrIDGE Sport, offers a range of discounts and benefits for clubs that have achieved Clubmark status, including discounted gym membership at Oakhill Academy and the Freedom Fitness Room in Longridge, and discounts off SurrIDGE Sport merchandise.

### **2.5 Sports Directory 2010**

Ribble Valley Borough Council has produced its 2010 Sports Directory. The free directory contains a wealth of information for parents looking for sporting activities

for their youngsters. It contains comprehensive listings for sports clubs, categorising them into gold, silver and bronze: gold for those that are accredited, silver for those working towards accreditation and bronze for those without accreditation. It also contains comprehensive listings on sports facilities in Ribble Valley, such as leisure centres and outdoor pitches and information on healthy lifestyle schemes, such as Stepping Out and Heart Watch, and a Useful Contacts section. The Ribble Valley Sports Directory is the first port of call for parents looking for suitable sport and leisure activities for their youngsters.” The Ribble Valley Sports Directory is available at the Council Offices in Church Walk, Clitheroe; sports centres and libraries, or by phoning the council’s sports development team.

### **3 TOURISM**

#### **3.1 Clitheroe Castle Museum - Winner of the Lancashire and Blackpool Tourism Small Visitor Attraction of the Year Award – 2010/2011**

The winners of the 2010/11 North West Tourism Awards were announced on 29 September, at the Old Trafford Cricket Ground.

Although shortlisted for the NW award for Small Visitor Attraction of the Year, unfortunately, Clitheroe Castle Museum was pipped to the post by Chester Heritage Tours.

Nevertheless Ribble Valley tourism businesses achieved excellent results at these awards with two final winners now going through to the National Tourism Awards:

##### **North West Sustainable Tourism Award**

Winner: Clough Bottom Farm Cottages, Bashall Eaves

##### **North West Self Catering Award**

Winner: The Old Shippon at Mellor

Congratulations must go to these outstanding businesses and we wish them good luck at the National Tourism Awards in 2011.

#### **3.2 Ribble Valley Food Tourism Development**

Ribble Valley is becoming known as a fine food destination thanks to food-related initiatives that have been developed over the last two years, including the Ribble Valley Food Trail and the recent Clitheroe Fine Food and Craft Market, aimed to support and promote Clitheroe as Lancashire’s Food Town, alongside other food-related events and the area’s growing portfolio of quality and award-winning food producers, retail and hospitality businesses.

Food tourism has been identified as an area of importance by organisations such as Lancashire and Blackpool Tourist Board for increasing expenditure by visitors in an area.

Therefore, the borough council is now leading on a project to develop the opportunities for supporting and encouraging further activity regarding food, which may strengthen the local and visitor economy for the whole of Ribble Valley.

A steering group has been established, involving representatives from the district’s Chambers of Trade and Commerce, the Ribble Valley Tourism Association and the Lancashire and Blackpool Tourist Board and the council’s community, tourism, regeneration and communication departments to develop the opportunities in this area further.

The support of current events and activities as well as the development of new activities that may support or help encourage businesses to establish in Ribble

Valley is being considered. It is hoped that Ribble Valley is able to emulate the success of other food towns, such as Ludlow, Melton Mowbray and Abergavenny, that are renowned for their food festivals, markets and collection of fine food products and venues.

### 3.3 Ribble Valley Food Trail

The latest edition of the successful Ribble Valley Food Trail is currently being developed and it will be re-launched in February 2011. The dedicated Ribble Valley Food Trail web site, [www.ribbonvalleyfoodtrail.co.uk](http://www.ribbonvalleyfoodtrail.co.uk), will also be updated and expanded.

### 3.4 Ribble Valley Visitor Guide 2011

The 2011 Visitor Guide is currently being produced. This is the principal marketing publication for promoting the area, produced by Ribble Valley Borough Council.

The visitor guide is supported by the district's national and regional marketing campaign and there are 25,000 guides produced to support this campaign. Approximately ten thousand are distributed through to all Tourist Information Centres in the UK and the remainder are taken to national group leisure and outdoor exhibitions or distributed directly by the Clitheroe Visitor Information Centre, whereby postage is covered by the borough council.

Stocks for the 2010 were running low by the end of August 2010 thanks to an influx of guides being distributed by the TIC to individuals requesting the guide to be sent to them, or by visitors to the centre. Staff in the TIC use the information within the guide on a daily basis, especially the accommodation listings for generating bookings.

The guide also includes an annual events' guide, which provides useful information for potential visitors looking to plan their trip.

Over the course of the year we gather very positive feedback from our businesses that advertise in the guide.

*"The 2010 brochure has worked well for us this year. Visitors to us from all over GB have used it. One was very complimentary about how quickly a copy had been sent to them. And guests have been full of praise for the Visitor Centre staff."*

*Mrs Wright, Cobden Farm.*

The 2011 guide will be available for distribution in January 2011.

## 4 ARTS DEVELOPMENT SERVICE - Roundup Of Activity October 2010

### 4.1 Arts Active Ageing Project

In partnership with Age Concern and the Arts Council, we delivered a variety of arts-based activities to encourage healthy ageing within the borough. The key ambition for this pilot project was to improve the physical and mental health, and well-being, of the Ribble Valley's ageing population. This was an open access programme begun in 2008 for the over 55s: some programmes were free and some programmes participants paid to attend. On 1 October, Age Concern and The Ribble Valley Seniors' Forum created an event for the over 55s at St Mary's Hall in Clitheroe, '**A Reet Good Do**'. 150 people attended the event that included music, dance, poetry and a fashion show. The event was supported by the community bus service, The Little Green Bus, that brought some of the audience from around the borough.

#### 4.2 **Bowland Arts Festival**

Working in partnership with a wide range of organisations including artists, local authority officers from the Bowland area, and countryside officers, the festival brings together a host of creative events. These range from open studios, exhibitions workshops and talks that celebrate the importance of the environment and culture of The Forest Of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. In 2010, Ribble Valley contributed through holding the Bug Trail at the Ribble Valley Sculpture Trail. This was supported by local artists providing activities for the visitors to do whilst participating in the trail. The local arts group, New Form Arts, provided volunteers to help steward the day. 103 people attended. Carrying on the Bug theme, participants were encouraged to visit the Castle Museum the day after, bringing along the Bugs they had made that day to attend the Ugly Bug Ball organised by the Museum service, again supported by New Form Arts. The theme tied in with the National Bug week! and the local artist's exhibition The Bug Project by Pat Ellacot in the Stewards Gallery.

Working with some of the most rural schools in the Ribble Valley, artists created pieces of artwork along the theme of global villages. The work that was produced was exhibited in the exhibition **Vistas Voices and Values** for four weeks in the Platform Gallery's education room. Alongside this work, artists created artwork commissioned by the Bowland Arts Festival, an Artist talk was held in the Platform Gallery to help individuals to develop their business practice so that they would feel confident to apply for commissioned work in the future.

#### 4.3 **Ribble Valley Art Alliance**

In 2008, the Ribble Valley Arts Alliance was formed as a sub group of the Ribble Valley Strategic Partnership. The group is responsible for co-ordinating actions within its section of the Ribble Valley Sustainable Community Strategy. This is an exciting time as the arts community within the Ribble Valley will have direct input in the action planning for the future of Arts Development.

#### 4.4 **Ribble Valley Arts Alliance Website** [www.ribbonvalleyarts.org](http://www.ribbonvalleyarts.org)

The main aim for the website is to maintain the sustainability of the borough's cultural economy. Through a concerted effort in the coming year, more creatives will be encouraged to use the site as a tool, which will increase access and participation to all aspects of the arts within the Ribble Valley. The site is to be developed to become user friendly, more attractive and self-maintaining, reducing the need for financial input in the future.

#### 4.5 **What's On**

The What's On section of the website has been setup to give the much-needed promotion of arts events happening in the borough. This is a valuable resource for independent arts businesses/promoters/venues/artists to promote their activities to a wider audience, for free. It gives Ribble Valley residents and tourists a calendar of upcoming arts events. We are looking to find a way of linking to the Visit Ribble Valley tourism What's On in future to avoid duplication of data.

#### 4.6 **The Arts Directory**

The Arts Directory section of the website features Ribble Valley-based creative industries. This provides the public with information and direct contact to the creative organisations within the borough. The section is divided into visual arts, venues, dance, film, theatre, drama & music. The organisations represented vary widely from children's dance teachers to local photography groups, thriving businesses to non-profit based organisations. We are using this as a framework to map the arts provision in the borough, with the hope to develop a Ribble Valley Arts Trail that complements the Ribble Valley Food Trail. The trail would be done in partnership with RVBC regeneration and tourism departments. This will

contribute to the tourism offer of the Ribble Valley. So far, the directory includes 118 businesses based in the Ribble Valley.

#### **4.7 Ribble Valley Arts Festival**

Through the Arts Alliance, Ribble Valley-based organisations pulled together to create a month of concentrated arts activity in May 2010. This took the form of music, film, comedy, arts workshops, walks and trails, and much more. By supporting 23 independent organizations that developed the majority of the programme, they benefited from cross-marketing through the campaign. This was done through leaflets, banners and joint website presence. We will evaluate the project to decide if we should repeat and develop the idea for 2011. See attached leaflet original artwork was A3.

#### **4.8 Ribble Valley Art What's On Emailout**

A direct emailing network has been setup to market arts events happening in and around the borough. This is a valuable resource for independent arts businesses/promoters/venues/artists to promote their activities to a wide audience. It also gives local residents regular updates on what entertainment is available on their doorstep, encouraging community participation. Tourists from outside the borough are encouraged to visit and support the cultural experiences within the borough, all of which are an effort to maintain the sustainability of the borough's venues in both the towns and villages. We are looking into how we can develop this idea into a self-maintaining distribution list eg adding a social networking aspect to sit within the Ribble Valley Arts Alliance Website.

#### **4.9 Creative Skills Database**

- The creative skills database is a resource of creative skills, which allows the Arts Development Service to search for specific skills on request.
- Creative industries can subscribe to our art emailout services and be kept up to date.
- Creative industries can pass on information via the emailouts.

304 individuals/companies have joined the Creative Skills Database, 239 opting to be added to the Creative Skills Emailout service. Throughout the year emails are sent from us informing them of arts opportunities including jobs, commissions, funding, training and exhibition opportunities.

#### **4.10 Youth Arts Emailout**

A direct emailout database has been collated enabling the Arts Development Department a quick way to distribute arts opportunities to local primary / high schools and Young Peoples Service groups. This gives them the opportunity to get involved in local and national art initiatives that they would not ordinarily hear about.

#### **4.11 The Ribble Valley Sculpture Trail**

Now that all the new sculptures are in place a leaflet has been designed to publicise and inform the public about the trail. Two new signs have been erected to highlight the Brungerley Park and Cross Hill entrances. Three information panels have been installed within the trail so that visitors can learn more about the trail with or without the leaflet. The design for the signs was developed with the Friends of Brungerley local community group. We are looking to develop the website presence on the RVBC website, create education/visitor packs to encourage group visits.

To celebrate the installation of the final sculptures within trail, the new leaflets and signage, we secured a summer exhibition within the Steward's Gallery in the Castle Museum to showcase how the Sculpture Trail has developed over the years. It was fantastic to see an overview of all the pieces within the exhibition. It

really did show off the trail as a great asset to Ribble Valley. We are looking to tour aspects of the exhibition to other venues within the Ribble Valley to market the trail to new audiences.

#### 4.12 Other Ongoing projects

Ribble Valley Public Art Maintenance 10/11

Castle Museum Steward's Gallery Programming 2011/12

Creativity Works – Pennine Lancashire Arts Development Network

LET – Arts Regenerating Ribble Valley Town Centers

Spot on Rural Touring

Bringing professional theatre, music and comedy to village halls within Ribble Valley

Kicking Leaves Children's Literature Festival – Pennine Lancashire

Arts Funding / Development Advice Sessions

Ribble Valley Borough Council Website, Arts Section

Arts Development Forward Planning 2011/12

The Platform Gallery Development and Programming 2011/12

Recycling Books Project - Lancashire libraries and RVBC Recycling department.

The Open Shop Project – North West Sound Archive

Contemporary Heritage – Art within the castle grounds

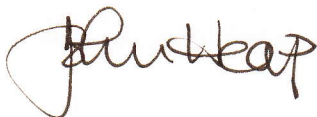
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POPL - Perspectives of Pennine Lancashire Visual Arts Network

Arts Excellence Awards – Grant Scheme

Volunteer development – work placements & volunteers

- 5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE  
Notes the contents of this report



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# Ribble Valley MAY FEST 2010

The Music, Arts & Family Fun Festival

1st - 31st May

[www.ribblevalleyarts.org](http://www.ribblevalleyarts.org)



national family week  
31 May - 6 June 2010



# MAY FEST

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## ART & CRAFT

- 1st-15th May**  
**LACI - Lancashire Arts and Crafts Initiative Exhibition**  
[www.ribbonvalley.gov.uk/platformgallery](http://www.ribbonvalley.gov.uk/platformgallery)  
The North Wests most exciting contemporary craft graduates from 2009 Platform Gallery, Clitheroe. 01200 443071
- 22nd-31st May**  
**Artefact Exhibition**  
[www.ribbonvalley.gov.uk/platformgallery](http://www.ribbonvalley.gov.uk/platformgallery)  
"Artefact" are a group of makers working in ceramics, glass, jewellery, metal work, embroidery and textiles. Platform Gallery, Clitheroe. 01200 443071
- 1st-31st May**  
**The Bug Project: Insect Art by Pat Ellacott**  
[www.lancashire.gov.uk/clitheroecastlemuseum](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/clitheroecastlemuseum)  
Delicate and detailed drawings - on a grand scale - present the patterns and designs of the insect world. The Steward's Gallery, Clitheroe Castle Museum, 01200 424568
- 1st-31st May**  
**May 2010 Exhibition**  
Oil Paintings of the Ribble Valley and coastal subjects by artist Peter Taylor plus others. The Old Bakehouse Gallery, Clitheroe. 01200 444236
- 1st-31st May**  
**Bowland Arts Festival**  
[www.bowlandarts.co.uk](http://www.bowlandarts.co.uk)  
Open studios, exhibitions, music events, creative workshops, talks and walks which celebrate the landscape and culture of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- 3rd-31st May**  
**Natures Patterns in Art & Stitch**  
Art and Textile Exhibition, with accompanying textile workshops. Brabin's Gallery, Chipping. sandrainskip@hotmail.com
- 29th-31st May**  
**The Eighth Annual Art Exhibition Of The Sawley Art Group**  
Sawley Village Hall, victoriawood@supanet.com

## MUSIC

- 1st-3rd May**  
**Ribble Valley Jazz Festival**  
[www.rvjazzandblues.co.uk](http://www.rvjazzandblues.co.uk)  
Venues include The Atrium Café at the Castle and The Grand. Jacqui Dankworth, Alan Barnes, Omar Puente, Simon Spillett, The Northern Jazz Orchestra, Al Wood Big Band, The Mark Lewis Trio, 07870908159
- 13th May**  
**The Mellstock Band**  
**'The Shepherd's Calendar'**  
[www.spotonlancashire.co.uk](http://www.spotonlancashire.co.uk)  
Tosside Community Centre, 01729 840272  
Traditional English folk music.
- 20th-22nd May**  
**Songs From The Shows**  
**St. Mary's Centre, Clitheroe.**  
[www.clitheroecentre.co.uk](http://www.clitheroecentre.co.uk)  
Performed by Clitheroe Operatic and Dramatic Society. 01200 425522
- 22nd May**  
**Harry Moyaga Band**  
[www.spotonlancashire.co.uk](http://www.spotonlancashire.co.uk)  
Downham Village Hall, 01200 440146  
Upbeat rhythms of South African jazz.
- 28th-31st May**  
**Into the Valley Festival**  
[www.myspace.com/intothevalleyfestival](http://www.myspace.com/intothevalleyfestival)  
Venues include The Grand, Keystreet, The New Inn and The Rose & Crown. The Music Festival for everyone. Traditional Folk, Americana, Irish, Rock, Blues, Jazz, Ska, Punk, Indie and Soul. Local bands, Comedy acts, poetry, workshops and lectures.
- 16th May**  
**MEGSON with Special Guest, Dan Wilde**  
**Mellor Brook Community Centre.**  
[www.mellorbrook.org](http://www.mellorbrook.org)  
Folk Award nominees Stu & Debbie Hanna from Teeside, aka 'Megson'.



## FAMILY EVENTS

- 2nd May**  
**Brungerley Bug Trail**  
Brungerley Park, Clitheroe, 01200 443071  
Walk around the Sculpture Trail and join in Bug Building workshops. Book in advance at the Platform Gallery. Organised by the Ribble Valley Borough Council Arts Development team and New Form Arts.
- 3rd May**  
**Ugly Bug Ball**  
Clitheroe Castle Museum.  
Bug building from 2.00pm, with the Ball at 3.30pm. Organised by Clitheroe Castle and Museum.
- 8th May**  
**Open Air Community Art Event**  
Clitheroe Castle Gates.  
Look out for the New Form Arts marquee and get creative. Open from 10am - 4pm. No charge and all materials provided.
- 31st May**  
**Family Week Picnic**  
[www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk/ribble-valley](http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk/ribble-valley)  
Clitheroe Castle Grounds  
Part of National Family Week 2010. Picnicking families are invited to celebrate the 'Family Week Picnic'. The Picnic at Clitheroe Castle, organised by Ribble Valley Borough Council, will be one of ten flagship picnics taking place across the UK today. The perfect great day out: food, fresh air and plenty of family fun. 12-4pm.

## THEATRE AND FILM

- 10th-12th May**  
**"Docfest on Tour"**  
**The Grand, Clitheroe.**  
[www.thegrandvenue.co.uk](http://www.thegrandvenue.co.uk)  
The UK's leading international documentary film festival.
- 20th May**  
**Charity Shop Cabaret**  
[www.spotonlancashire.co.uk](http://www.spotonlancashire.co.uk)  
Comedy, drama and high energy dance set to the sounds of vintage vinyl. Whalley Abbey, 01254 828400
- 20th-22nd May**  
**'84 Charing Cross Road' Society (RATS)**  
[www.ribrats.com](http://www.ribrats.com)  
Ribchester Village Hall. Box office 01254 878530.

## STREET EVENTS

- 8th May**  
**StreetFest**  
Venues: Clitheroe Streets and The Grand. Email: [pmonik47@aol.com](mailto:pmonik47@aol.com)  
Around 20 street acts, including musicians, jugglers, Punch & Judy, Morris and Appalachian Dancers. Blackburn Peoples Choir, free lunchtime concert at The Grand. Organised by Valley Gigs.
- 8th & 9th May**  
**SheepFest**  
Venue: Around Clitheroe town centre and Clitheroe Castle Grounds.  
Sheep parade created by local schools and other groups, over 70 uniquely crafted sheep will flock into town a fun raising event.

## OTHER EVENTS

- 22nd May-12th June**  
**Community Rail Festival**  
[www.ribbonvalley.gov.uk/platformgallery](http://www.ribbonvalley.gov.uk/platformgallery)  
Platform Gallery, Clitheroe  
"Meet me at the station" an exhibition of work produced by Ribble Valley schools celebrating the role of the railway within their community with artist Alastair Nicholson.
- 14th-15th May**  
**Clitheroe Beer Festival**  
[www.clitheroecentre.co.uk](http://www.clitheroecentre.co.uk)  
St. Mary's Centre, Clitheroe.

**FOR MORE INFO,  
AND ENQUIRIES  
ON ALL EVENTS**  
[www.ribbonvalleyarts.org](http://www.ribbonvalleyarts.org)

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**Clitheroe Visitor  
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