

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Agenda Item No.

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## 1 PURPOSE

To update Committee on recent developments in the waste management section, and to inform on activities in the arts development section for the coming year.

## 2 WASTE MANAGEMENT

### Waste Paper and Cardboard Collection Service

Improvements to the fortnightly, kerbside, mixed waste paper and cardboard collection service commenced on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014. Whilst the paper and cardboard will still be collected every two weeks, it is now collected on the same day as either the green or blue wheeled bin.

Householders will have received a combined recycling and waste paper and cardboard collection schedule which indicates on which week the paper and cardboard will be collected.

Extensive promotion and publicity has been undertaken to raise public awareness of the changes. The promotions which continue include the following activities or measures:

- a) Combined recycling and waste paper collection schedule delivered to all households.
- b) Inclusion of the collection schedule within the leaflet provided to residents not on the wheeled bin collection service.
- c) A series of press releases
- d) A series of adverts in the press.
- e) Information on the Council's website that includes a postcode search facility.
- f) The provision of stickers for wheeled bins that advise on the week of collection.
- g) A number of Banner stands for deployment in public places.
- h) Dedicated posters for every Town and Parish Council.
- i) Service leaflets to be placed in public places.
- j) Staff have been briefed on the changes to ensure that they are able explain clearly to their family, friends and neighbours.
- k) A briefing note on the changes has been emailed to all Councillors.

### Larger Green Bin Scheme

The take up rate of 61% for the larger green, wheeled bin scheme is steadily increasing.

Even during these winter months, we are receiving almost daily requests from households to be included in the scheme. Officers are therefore still confident that there will be a further increase in demand for the larger bin during spring this year, with any requests accommodated with the remaining stock.

### Recycling Credits

We have received notification from Lancashire County Council that they will no longer support Lancashire's Waste Collection Authorities through Cost Sharing arrangements and, in the case of Ribble Valley, through tonnage-based Recycling Credit payments.

The question on the validity of this action, and the possible financial and operational consequences to this Council of this decision, is being discussed collectively by all the Lancashire districts at both Chief Officer and Leader level.

### 3 PLATFORM GALLERY AND VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

#### Education Gallery 2014

The Platform's Education Gallery provides a versatile space for hire for the community. It has been host to many varied experiences, below are just a few, to whet your appetite:

- Schools colleges and universities showcasing students' work,
- Exhibitions of art and community groups,
- Private hire for a birthday parties,
- Meetings,
- Solo and group art and craft stalls,
- Guided workshops,
- Artist talks,
- Artist demo's,
- Small musical performances,

The inspiring space gives individuals and organisations the chance to showcase their work and make sales to a new and varied audience at the Gallery and Visitor Information Centre. The space is also used for storage as new exhibitions are delivered and returned to the gallery. We develop community links through art projects, developing the gallery's audience, and increasing arts opportunities within the borough.

**January 11** The launch of [MaisonThé](#) the pop up café is coming to the Platform Gallery 11am - 3.30pm. Chase away the January blues; take a break from perusing the beautiful crafts in the winter exhibition, with their mouthwatering menu.

**January 31 - February 22** [Glen Purchase, Ribble Valley Open Prize-winner 2013](#) Each year the Clitheroe Castle Museum host a Ribble Valley Open Exhibition, displaying selected artwork inspired by the Ribble Valley. In 2013 Glen Purchase of Clitheroe was awarded the Ribble Valley Prize, which showcases and celebrates the diversity and excellence of the current art practice in the Ribble Valley. As part of her prize, she won this opportunity to have a solo exhibition within Ribble Valley.

**March 1** Workshop with Priscilla Jones, Mark-making and Mixed Media. You will spend the day creating a range of your own drawing tools, and then use these to make a series of mixed media collages and drawings. The aim of the workshop is to explore and experiment using mark making techniques so you can be playful, free up your drawing skills, push the boundaries and beyond! £48 Per Person 10.30-4.30 pm Saturday 1 March 2014 at the Platform Gallery and Visitor Information Centre, Station Rd, Clitheroe, BB7 2JT. To book your place email Priscilla at [priscilla@priscillajones.co.uk](mailto:priscilla@priscillajones.co.uk) or call 07816 886522.

**29 March** Maison Thè, a Mothers Day themed pop up café. Treat your loved ones to a special afternoon tea, exquisite cakes and fancies within the relaxing setting of the Gallery.

**March 31 – April 5** Pendle Pottery, selected work produced by members of the Simonstone pottery group Pendle Pottery.

**April 7 – 17** Beauty Is The First Test Schools Exhibition. Salesbury and Sabden primary schools display their artwork produced with a local artist at the gallery in the theme of the exhibition, “How maths is used in crafts”.

**April 19** Maison Thè, an Easter themed pop up café.

**May 3 – 31** Craft Open 2013 Winners. Each year, the Platform Gallery hosts the Craft Open exhibition, displaying selected makers from the north of England. Awards were given to three makers. As part of their prize, they won the opportunity to have an exhibition in the Gallery.

**Jun 9 – 14** St Mary’s College Blackburn, display of the sixth form pupils A level artwork.

**June 16 – July 12** Young People’s Craft Open. Craftmakers aged 16–25 from across the North of England are invited to apply to be considered for selection. The selected makers showcase the up and coming talent from the region. Furniture, textiles, jewellery, ceramics, glass and mixed media work hang side by side in this celebration of the hand-made.

**July 26** Maison Thè, themed pop up café.

**August 9** Clitheroe Food Festival / Cake design competition with Maison Thè

**August 30** Maison Thè, pop up café

**September 6** Art Workshop with artist Robert Dutton.

**September 8 – 20** Community exhibition in the theme of the late summer show “Crafts For The Home”.

**October 24 – 25** Artist Group Exhibition with Sam Taylor.

**October 27 – November 8** Ten Plus Textiles – Contemporary textiles work by members of the North West textile group, Ten Plus.

**November 21- 22** Metal – wirework jewellery exhibition. Lancashire jeweller Sam Taylor, exhibition and demonstrations.

**November 29** Maison Thè, pop up café

**December 5 - 7** Christmas Craft Stalls Week 1

**December 12 – 14** Christmas Craft Stalls Week 2

**December 19 – 21** Christmas Craft Stalls Week 3

#### 4 **CONCLUSION**

Further information will be provided to members in future meetings of this Committee

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