



newhaven strategic network

NSN MASTERPLAN ANNUAL REVIEW and Forward Plan 2009 - 2010

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Introduction

2006 - 2008

It is three years since the 10 year Newhaven Masterplan was published in January 2006. Although it is less than a third of the way through the life of the masterplan much has been achieved. There has been significant progress under the three aims of Successful People, Successful Business and Sustainable Environment. Some projects have moved slowly and others, not even thought of in the action plan, have started and completed in the time, most notably the Denton Island Vocational training centre was an idea in 2007 and completed in 2008. The expected developments at the Port have not materialised but LD lines have continued to develop the use of the Transmanche Ferry service. An early success was the completion in October 2007 of the Enterprise Centre Denton Island comprising 44 offices of varying sizes on easy terms for small and start-up businesses. On a smaller scale there has been a range of programmes across a wide area of needs from improving provision for NEETs (Not in Education Employment or Training) to family training at Denton Island Family Centre and the annual Fish Festival in the summer. Progress on the 27 priorities is monitored through a number of Action Groups which meet regularly and report to the quarterly NSN board meetings.

The analysis of available statistics showing the present position is included in this report, focussing particularly on Health and Education.

2008 was an unprecedented year for everyone not least Newhaven. The year started very positively with the completion of a number of key projects, in particular, the official opening of the Newhaven Enterprise Centre, the completion of the Vocational Training Centre mentioned above in October 2008 and the rebuilding of Tideway school.

The **Enterprise Centre** went from strength to strength during the year and so far has managed to weather the financial storm maintaining its near 80% occupancy rate. The Newhaven Chamber of Commerce holds its monthly sandwich seminars at the centre and is always looking for new members.

The £11m rebuilding of **Tideway School** started on site in October 2007, is near completion. The new buildings have now been handed over to the school, and were opened for students on 23rd February 2009. There has been a significant improvement in GCSE results in the last year.

The **Physical Vision for Newhaven**, funded by SEEDA, and started a year ago (December 2007) has proved to be far more complex than envisaged, not least because the task changed when the sale of NPP was aborted and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) of the area became very complex. As well as looking at the infrastructure of the whole town, including transport and flood protection issues, the consultants are working on urban design options for the town, particularly the Town Centre. Towards the end of 2009 there will be a programme of consultations and Interim Planning Guidance (IPG) will be produced, which will feed into Lewes District's Core Strategy – the central element of the Local Development Framework (LDF).

Funding for the new **library** was approved at the beginning of 2008 and a planning application submitted, early in 2009, with a start on site planned for later in the year.

The future of the port is still unknown. The French owners have decided to take a step back following their abortive attempts to sell the company last year and have commissioned consultants to give them a real understanding of the physical state and mechanics of the port and how it can be rearranged to free up development land. Though with very little being developed at the moment, the value of development land has dropped significantly and there are still many unknowns in relation to the infrastructure. This coming year a lot should become clearer in relation to the port.

The ferry service which was taken over the LD Lines in March 2007 continues to run, though less frequently. The extra service to Le Havre which was piloted last year did not prove popular enough to continue, although the service and number of users improved throughout 2008. The recession will have a serious impact on both freight and passenger usage.

Newhaven Town Council, Lewes District Council and SEEDA have been improving relations with our French counterparts by hosting visits and attending functions.

Improvements at the port have meant that NPP could not release any surplus land for the proposed **Transport Interchange** at Newhaven Town Station (action 2.6 in the masterplan). The County Council is now looking at alternative solutions to the layout of the station entrance with Network Rail and Brighton & Hove Buses to allow pick up and drop-off within easy reach of the station.

Another major project in Newhaven which started last year is the **Energy Recovery Facility** on the North Quay. As part of the planning permission there are funds available

to help screen the visual impact of the building and NSN is working with the Town Council and the County to find the best ways of doing this.

Other projects that have been continuing successfully include **NewCEP** which helps unemployed people into jobs or training. This is an even more important service in this economic climate. **Summerhayes** continues to be a flagship wellbeing centre offering a range of courses and activities.

2009

The coming year will be a challenge for everyone. It is difficult to say, at the time of writing, whether the global economic downturn will have more impact in Newhaven than elsewhere. With a town centre that was struggling already the loss of Woolworths will have a serious impact on the remaining shops. As the ripple effect of the recession hits, Newhaven is likely to feel the impact more than other coastal towns, as it has less older people on pensions to cushion the effect. The manufacturing sector, important in Newhaven, is particularly suffering in the recession. The unemployment figures lag behind by a couple of months, but early indications are that Newhaven is fairing worse than the rest of Lewes District and East Sussex is fairing worse than the rest of the south east. The latest news that Oakdene Homes, responsible for much of the improvements in Newhaven along the riverside, has gone into administration, although not surprising in the current climate is, nevertheless, bad news for Newhaven.

Fortunately the consultants, BBP regeneration are a major resource and are working with NSN to develop a Physical Vision for the town, which now has a different economic landscape to take into account. With the support of SEEDA, ESCC, LDC and NTC: NSN is an exciting partnership which can achieve a lot, albeit on a much longer timescale than envisaged a year ago.

Apart from the Physical Vision there are other major projects moving forward in 2009. The long awaited planning application for the new library, which will make a huge difference to the town centre, will offer an enhanced service to residents. The transport interchange is being reworked, so that hopefully in 2009 an interim solution can be found, so that the station will have a proper street frontage and drop-off area.

But in these changing times it will be a task not to go backwards and to find opportunities in adversity. Businesses will be struggling to keep going and it will be important to make sure that the increased help for business, announced by the government, reaches Newhaven. The Newhaven Chamber of Commerce, the best attended chamber in the district and an active member of NSN, will keep the partnership informed of the changing circumstances of businesses in Newhaven.



Board Members:

South East England Development Agency (SEEDA)
East Sussex County Council (ESCC)
Lewes District Council (LDC)
Newhaven Town Council (NTC)
Newhaven Community Development Association (NCDA)
Newhaven Chamber of Commerce (NCC)
Newhaven Management Initiative (NMI) (Under 16 Education)
Sussex Downs College (SDC)
Sussex Police
Dieppe Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Sussex Downs & Weald PCT
Enterprise Works

Partnerships:

Local Area Partnerships
Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)
East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP)

Action Groups:

- Adult Skills, Education & Training Action Group
- Business Development Action Group
- Crime Reduction Partnership
- Health Improvement Partnerships (& sub-groups)
- Infrastructure Action Group (exec)
- Local Partnership for Children
- NewCEP
- Newhaven Chamber of Commerce
- NSN Board
- NSN Executive
- Older People Action Group
- Open Spaces Action Group
- Physical Activity Action Group
- Tourism & Culture Action Group
- Youth Action Group

Statistics Report – February 2009

The statistics report includes all new data. In the fast changing economic climate, the aim is to update the board on statistical analysis regularly.

1 Education:

1.1 SEN Provision: In Newhaven Schools (Grays Infants; Southdown Junior; Denton Primary; Meeching Valley Primary and Tideway): (East Sussex in Figures - January 2008)

367 children with any SEN (24.42%) - 15% more than East Sussex total, 20% more than Peacehaven and 33% more than Seaford.

193 children on 'School Action' programme (12.84%) - 14% more than East Sussex total.

145 children on 'School Action Plus' programme (9.65%) - 38% more than East Sussex total, 45% more than Peacehaven and 60% more than Seaford.

29 children with a Statement (1.93%) - 34% fewer than East Sussex total, 40% fewer than Peacehaven and 46% fewer than Seaford.

1.2 School Statistics: (Schools Finder – 2004–2007 Summary)

In Newhaven, at Tideway, attainment in English, Maths and Science at Key Stage 3 was an average of 57.75% of children achieving level 5 - 23% lower than Peacehaven and Seaford's average.

In Newhaven, at Tideway, attainment of five or more GCSEs including English and Maths was an average of 40.75% children - 26% lower than Peacehaven and Seaford's average.

1.3 School Admissions: (ESCC - 2009)

In 2007/2008 6 children were admitted to Newhaven schools through the hard to place pupil protocol, as casual admissions.

1.4 Qualifications gained: (ONS - 2007)

In Newhaven 50 students aged 16-18 were entered for level 3 qualifications (A/AS and equivalent examinations) - approximately 20%.

1.5 Destination of School Leavers aged 16: (Connexions - July 2008)

In Newhaven 125 children left Tideway school in July 2008, of these 32% became NEET or went into jobs with no training to Level 2 (or destination unknown).

2 Deprivation:

2.1 Child Poverty: (End Child Poverty - 2006)

590 children in Newhaven live in Workless Families (22%) - 57% more than Lewes District.

565 children in Newhaven live in families on Working Tax Credit (21%) - 5% more than Lewes District.

1115 children in Newhaven live in low-income families (43%) - 26% more than Lewes District.

2.3 Free School Meals: (East Sussex in Figures – 2007)

265 children in receipt of free school meals (15.53%) - 44% more than East Sussex total and 73% more than Lewes District total.

2.4 Population Estimates: (East Sussex in Figures - 2008)

2389 people are aged 0-14 which represents 19.75% of the population - 14% more than national averages and 20% more than the county and district averages.

2019 people are aged 15-29 which represents 17.4% of the population – 15% fewer than national averages and 15% more than the county and district averages.

1058 people are aged 75+ which represents 8.5% of the population – 9% more than national averages and 41% more than county and district averages.

2.5 Unemployment: (NOMIS – February 2009)

12.75% of Newhaven residents are on out-of-work benefits as of January 2009.

In Newhaven 271 people were claiming Job Seekers Allowance, 4% of the working age population – 48% more than Lewes District and 33% more than East Sussex. The number of people claiming Job Seekers Allowance has increased 70% over the twelve month period January 2008 to January 2009.

3 Health:

3.1 Child Obesity: (JSNA children's supplement– Academic Year 2006/2007)

In Newhaven Denton & Meeching ward, a high percentage of children have been measured and classified as overweight or obese:

35.29% of children in year 6 (aged 10-11) – which is 37.6% higher than figures for East Sussex and 23% higher than figures for Lewes District.

29.41% of children in reception year (aged 4-5) - which is 20.7% higher than figures for East Sussex and Lewes District.

3.2 Breast Feeding: (JSNA children's supplement– Academic Year 2006/2007)

In both Newhaven wards, but particularly Newhaven Valley ward, a low percentage of mothers have been recorded initiating breastfeeding:

67.57% of mothers breastfed – which is 12.8% lower than figures for East Sussex and 13.9% lower than figures for Lewes District.

3.3 Childhood Asthma: (JSNA children's supplement – 2004-2007)

In Newhaven Denton & Meeching ward, a high percentage of children have asthma:

0.95% of 0-17 year olds were admitted to hospital as an emergency due to asthma – 17% higher than figures for East Sussex and 137.5% higher than Lewes District.

3.4 Accidents: (JSNA children's supplement– Academic Year 2006/2007)

In Newhaven Walley ward, a high percentage of children had accidents:

6.7% of 15-19 year olds attended Accident & Emergency departments – which is 6.7% higher than figures for Lewes District.

3.5 Infant Mortality: (JSNA children's supplement – 1995-2006)

In both Newhaven wards, but particularly Newhaven Valley ward, the average death rate of infants is high:

0.81% of children died within 1 year of births (live births) – which is 47% higher than figures for East Sussex and 72% higher than figures for Lewes District.

3.6 Child Mortality: (JSNA children's supplement – 1995-2006)

In Newhaven Denton & Meeching ward, the average death rate of children is high:

0.48% of 1-19 year olds died – which is 67% higher than figures for East Sussex and 118% higher than figures for Lewes District.

4 Crime:

4.1 Youth Offending in Newhaven (Police Crime Data 2007/08)

Newhaven is one of the two crime hotspots in Lewes District with 22% of all crimes in the District being carried out in the town. 29% of all crime reported in Newhaven can be attributed to Criminal Damage. In Newhaven, the most common age of young offender is between the age of 13 and 17. 80% of all young offenders detained were male. The most common offence for which young offenders have been apprehended in Newhaven is Criminal Damage. It made up 37% of the total crime committed by young offenders in Newhaven. 19% of all crime committed by young offenders can be attributed to Public Place Violent Crime.

2009-2010 Action Plan - Priority Local Actions:

Successful People.

1 (1.1) Support the education sector at all levels to improve student performance and attainment and address poverty of aspiration.

Increasing year-on-year enrolment on vocational courses under the 14-19 Skills Agenda.

Action Group - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC).

2 (1.2) Ensure that all schools and other education and learning centres are an active part of the local community and that their facilities and services are fully utilised.

Reduce social exclusion by further developing integrated working between statutory and voluntary agencies, which will ensure sustainability of the extended services agenda across all sectors.

Action Group - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC).

3 (1.3) Enhance basic skills in all age groups.

Increase accessibility to basic skills training for all sections of the community.

Action Group - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC).

4 (1.4) Provide high quality facilities and deliver services which meet local needs to improve educational and vocational performance at all levels.

Increase accessibility to further and higher education.

Action Group - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC).

5 (1.5) Continue the delivery of Children and Family Centre activities to provide child-care and parent support.

Increase accessibility to childcare and centre services for all sections of the community.

Action Group - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC).

6 (1.6) Provide appropriate services to support those vulnerable in the community particularly the elderly, those with mental health problems or those with a physical or learning disability.

Increase cross-sector awareness of the work delivered by partners such as Summerhayes and NewCEP.

Action Groups - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC); Health Improvement Partnership (HImP) and Mature Citizen's Forum (MCF).

7 (1.7) Provide a dedicated Youth Centre and youth activities to support the young people of Newhaven in addressing their particular needs.

Identify long-term funding to ensure relevant activities are available for young people.

Action Groups - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC) and Crime Reduction Partnership.

8 (1.8) Provide the opportunity for a community network that will develop capacity and entrepreneurship so that they are able to bring forward sustainable arts, culture, social infrastructure and social enterprises.

Promote Newhaven as a place where the arts, culture, sports and play are valued and can be enjoyed.

Action Groups - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC); InPact; Health Improvement Partnership (HImP); Tourism, Culture & Arts; Youth and Mature Citizen's Forum (MCF).

9 (1.9) Involve local residents in Newhaven's regeneration & develop a range of community facilities to help improve quality of life.

Empower Newhaven residents and provide training, volunteering and employment opportunities within community facilities and organisations.

Action Groups - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC); Youth and Mature Citizen's Forum (MCF).

Successful Business.

10 (2.1) Provide a package of measures to employ, train and develop the workforce towards NVQ 2 and 3 and above and address the needs of those with no qualifications.

Support skills development in key sectors such as the manufacturing and fishing industries.

Action Groups - Skills & Business Development Action Group groups, Newhaven Community Employment Project (NewCEP) and the Newhaven Chamber of Commerce.

11 (2.2) Support the development of Newhaven Chamber of Commerce (NCC) for business to business support.

Support more sectors of businesses to join the chamber such as sports groups and clubs.

Action Groups - Skills & Business Development Action Group groups and the Newhaven Chamber of Commerce.

12 (2.3) Provide appropriate support to those vulnerable or disadvantaged in the labour market.

Provide access to training, volunteering and employment opportunities for Newhaven residents who are socially excluded.

Action Group - Newhaven Community Employment Project (NewCEP).

13 (2.4) Support construction of the Newhaven Enterprise Gateway including local customisation through Area Investment Framework funding.

Raise the profile of Newhaven as a business location.

Action Group - Business Development Action Group Group.

14 (2.5) Work to create 30,000m² of employment land and 1,000 jobs at Eastside Business Park and ensure that the next phase of the port access road is built to service the area.

Create stronger links with Sussex and Brighton Universities to explore the viability of a Science Park.

Action Group - Infrastructure Action Group.

15 (2.6) Create a transport interchange at Newhaven Town Station with a feasibility study completed by the end of 2006.

Improve connectivity and promote public transport corridor between Eastbourne and Brighton.

Action Group - Infrastructure Action Group.

16 (2.7) Promote Newhaven as a key commercial port in Sussex, ensuring that business across the region take full advantage of the port's position to bring economic growth to the town.

Plan deliverable comprehensive development of the Eastside Port and surrounding areas with mitigating flood defences.

Action Group - Infrastructure Action Group.

17 (2.8) Develop and maintain relationships with French partners particularly Dieppe and the regions of Seine Maritime and Haute Normandie and build economically fruitful relationships as appropriate with new EU accession countries, for example with Malta.

Support the development of the next phase of the Port Access road.

Action Groups - Infrastructure Action Group and Tourism & Arts.

18 (2.9) Capitalise on local tourist attractions and activities and increase accredited guest accommodation.

Promote a regular calendar of events in Newhaven including arts, culture and sports activities that can be enjoyed by all ages.

Action Group - Tourism, Culture & Arts.

19 (2.10) Continue to bid in particular for EU Inter regional (INTERREG) funds to support economic activity including the tourism sector.

Promote opportunities for participation in the 2012 Olympic Agenda for residents of Newhaven and local businesses.

Action Group - Tourism, Culture & Arts.

20 (2.11) Support local retailers in developing their skills and capacity to meet changing consumer demands.

Develop Newhaven town market (Thursdays and Saturdays).

Action Group - Skills & Business Development groups and the Newhaven Chamber of Commerce.

21 (2.12) Develop key sites with iconic buildings and creating a concentration of shops and community activities attractive to residents and visitors.

Revitalise the Town Centre.

Action Group - Infrastructure Action Group.

22 (2.13) Investigate the viability of developing the old Post Office site, or a suitable alternative, to provide an enhanced library service with learning access.

Promote library facilities included in the rebuild of Tideway School as a centre for access to learning.

Action Group - Infrastructure Action Group.

Sustainable Environment.

23 (3.1) Provide adequate and appropriate housing to accommodate both existing and new residents.

Reduce the number of local people on the housing waiting list.

Action Group - Infrastructure Action Group.

24 (3.2) Ensure that sufficient and appropriate services are available to residents wherever they live in the town and when growth occurs to ensure that existing services are augmented through the application of developer contributions policies.

New builds have high sustainability specifications and infrastructure services meet the needs of all members of the community.

Action Group - Infrastructure Action Group.

25 (3.3) Promote riverside development by working with landowners to realise high quality housing and leisure development in key areas near the river in order to attract new residents and stimulate economic growth.

Ensure social housing is integrated into all new development schemes with appropriate support for vulnerable people.

Action Group - Infrastructure Action Group.

26 (3.4) Bring forward the sports village enhancement to Fort Road recreational area to provide sport and physical activity facilities.

Raise the quality of the offer to residents and visitors with sport and recreation activities.

Action Group - the Local Partnership for Children (LPC); Health Improvement Partnership (HImP) and InPact.

27 (3.5) Establish an Open Spaces Trust, to provide high quality open spaces to the residents and visitors to Newhaven.

Maximise the potential of the Ouse Valley Estuary through activities and events.

Action Group - Open Spaces Action Group.

Emerging Priorities:

28 Support the community to safeguard the future use of West Beach for local residents and visitors.

Action Group - Infrastructure Action Group.

29 Provide adequate and appropriate play facilities including open space to accommodate both existing and new residents.

Action Groups - Open Spaces Action Group and Infrastructure Action Group.

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Successful People.

1 (1.1) Support the education sector at all levels to improve student performance and attainment and address poverty of aspiration.

In 2006 - All the schools heads met regularly to work together to provide a better service across the schools. Tideway school became part of a new partnership with Peacehaven, Seaford Head and Sussex Downs College to facilitate the coming of the new 14-19 years Specialised Diploma Programme. The Local Partnership for Children (LPC) meetings were attended by all the stakeholders dealing with 0-19 years in Newhaven.

In 2007 - The 2007 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) figures showed that Newhaven was one of the six most deprived areas in East Sussex. From September 2007 Care training and work placements were delivered at the Denton Island Children & Family Centre (CAFC) through the Modern Apprenticeship and CACHE courses. Newhaven Community Employment Project (NewCEP) continued to deliver information, advice and guidance to disadvantaged adults to move them towards education and employment, with the long term aim of assisting households to get out of poverty. The Newhaven 14-19 partnership won a bid of £1.1 million to extend Sussex Downs College (SDC), joining it to the CAFC, to become a Skills Centre with facilities for training in Construction, Hair & Beauty and Catering. It was on target to be operational by September 2008. Early meetings between the College and Newhaven Community Development Association (NCDA) explored the use of the skills centre to benefit adults and parents, as well as 14-19 year olds. NSN coordinated a meeting of all NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) programme providers, to ensure coordination and cross referral of young people.

In 2008 - NCDA continued to work together with SDC preparing the legal work for the Skills Centre. The Coastal Partnership for delivery of the 14-19 Skills Agenda and NCDA worked together to establish how to maximise the impact of the physical links between the buildings, to increase access to training and education opportunities, to benefit adults and parents as well as 14-19 year olds. Together they worked on programmes to build confidence and lead to progression to qualification training. In September 2008, 2 classes of Health & Social Care, and 4 classes of Construction started at Denton Island Centre. Until the building works were completed in October, the practical aspects of the Construction courses were undertaken at SDC's Eastbourne Campus or at Tideway School where a house was being built by the students. Health & Social Care students undertook the practical aspects of their programme in the NCDA nursery or at SDC's Eastbourne Campus. The Skills Centre and workshops were completed late 2008. Further plans for improvements to the site include a training kitchen, to enable delivery of Catering Courses and a Hair & Beauty salon.

NCDA worked with Tideway School and East Sussex Parenting Partnership in the establishment of rolling programme of parenting training - successful current programmes: Incredible Years and STOP, with a waiting list for places. Provision of further courses will depend upon funding available. NSN coordinated meetings of all NEET programme providers to ensure coordination and cross referral of young people. NCDA worked with YMCA on a programme for NEET young people. The NSN NEET short life action group was handed over to an East Sussex wide coordinating group. School trips from the South East region to Newhaven Fort continued to have strong numbers, regularly with school groups expected every day during term time, providing a valuable resource for teachers and students. The Fort offered work experience placements to 15 year old students during the summer holidays in 2008.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC) will be chaired by NSN. This will ensure the strategic aim **to support the education sector and raise aspirations** is integral to long term plans for the Newhaven.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 72 (Mandatory) - Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal, Social & Emotional Development and Communication, Language & Literacy.

National Indicator 73 (Mandatory) - Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2.

National Indicator 75 (Mandatory) - Achievement of 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths.

National Indicator 92 - Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in Early Years Foundation Stage profile and the rest.

National Indicator 110 - Young people's participation in positive activities.

National Indicator 117 - 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET).

Local Priority:

Increasing year-on-year enrolment on vocational courses under the 14-19 Skills Agenda.

2 (1.2) Ensure that all schools and other education and learning centres are an active part of the local community and that their facilities and services are fully utilised.

In 2006 - All the local schools were invited to become involved in community activities. The SDC Denton Island Business and Training Centre meeting room was well used for training and seminars. The Hillcrest Community Centre offered a variety of meeting rooms and can provide catering for events. During the year there was a variety of events held across the town.

In 2007 - Multi-agency work was enhanced through the development of the partnership and joint working of the Local Partnership for Children (LPC). Schools participated in the Fish Festival in June and Remembrance Day in November. Additional support services such as parenting training and specialised counselling was provided through the schools.

NCDA established and ran weekly community fruit and vegetable stalls with Southdown School and Denton School. The Extended Services agenda was driven by the LPC, meeting the required core offer. The rebuild plans for Tideway include a hall which will have capacity for 300 people, this will allow external user groups to book and utilise the facilities from October 2008.

In 2008 - Funding achieved by NCDA for delivery of healthy eating and cookery classes at Southdown School. NCDA worked in partnership with schools to prove the need for affordable holiday provision. NCDA and Tideway school worked on a joint presentation to Governors on Extended Services. Local schools had rooms for hire to local businesses and groups, with a discount for charitable organisations.

NSN planned, organised and delivered a Positive Contribution Day in partnership with Tideway School in October. This successful event included a marketplace of local community groups & statutory organisations that provide services & interest outside of the school; ran 30 non-curricula workshops and enabled consultation on the NCDA Youth Strategy. This day formed part of the schools Extended Learning Programme and is hoped to be run annually. NTC & Newhaven Rotary Club kindly contributed funds towards workshop costs and further funding was given by LDC.

www.southdownscvs.org.uk

At Sussex Downs College (SDC) Skills Centre: Individual use of new workshops by local schools is being investigated.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC) will be chaired by NSN. This will ensure the links between **all local schools** and **other education and learning centres** builds the capacity of local partners, encouraging **full utilisation of their facilities and services**.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 87 - Secondary school persistent absence rate.

National Indicator 175 - Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling.

National Indicator 198 - Children travelling to school - mode of travel usually used.

Local Priority:

Reduce social exclusion by further developing integrated working between statutory and voluntary agencies, which will ensure sustainability of the extended services agenda across all sectors.

3 (1.3) Enhance basic skills in all age groups.

In 2006 - Skills for Life courses regularly were available from Sussex Downs College at the Denton Island Training Centre. By most measures the Tideway school exam outcomes at 16+ in 2006 were the best on record.

In 2007 - Newhaven Community Employment Project (NewCEP) continued to identify and address basic skills needs amongst unemployed adults and offered private sessions for those learners not ready or confident enough to access mainstream Skills for Life provision. Through the NCDA Children and Family Centre, courses in basic skills were offered for parents. A qualified teacher was employed at Denton Island Nursery to enhance educational standards for under fives.

In 2008 - Family Learning and accredited basic skills courses ongoing at the Children and Family Centre.

From Sussex Downs College (SDC) basic skills provision at Denton Island Training Centre has included: TUC Training Centre work with Union Learning Representatives; Literacy, Numeracy & ESOL; GCSE Maths & English; First Aid; Employer Training; Drug & Alcohol Progression Award and

Care Workshops. 2 classes of 14-16 year olds (Health & Social Care, and Construction) held which have gone well. Jon Yon, Director of the Enterprise Gateway, who was a long-term tenant, moved to the Newhaven Enterprise Centre. Long term tenants, NewCEP, moved over to the Children & Family Centre's extension when the building works were completed. A large capital bid was submitted to up-date equipment and facilities. The college averages 80% room usage. Loss of free funding for ESOL students. Adult Learner Week (19-23 May 08) and free taster sessions on 14 workshops offered opportunity for new learners to visit. The dedicated prospectus for Skills for Life Basic Skills has proved very useful. The roll on/roll off (RO-RO) facility is a particularly useful feature in attracting learners at all times of the year so the provision continues to grow.

National Indicator 163 "*Proportion of population aged 19-64 ...qualified to at least Level 2 or higher*" has been included in the East Sussex Local Area Agreement and is to be lead by the Learning & Skills Council (LSC). The East Sussex Learning and Adult Skills Strategy has been completed and is due for publication early in 2009.

Tideway School reported significant improvement in exam results at all levels at 16+: with 97% of 16+ students gaining more than 1 GCSE; 91% gained 5+ GCSE; 50% gained 5+ A* to C; 32% gained 5+ A* to C including English & Maths. All results were above the government minimum targets for schools. There will be a Tideway Review which will include full details early in 2009.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC) will be chaired by NSN. This will ensure the links between **all local schools** and **other education and learning centres** builds the capacity of local partners, encouraging **full utilisation of their facilities and services**.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 79 - Achievement of a level 2 qualification by the age of 19.

National Indicator 92 - Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in Early Years Foundation Stage profile and the rest.

National Indicator 93 (Mandatory) - Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

National Indicator 94 (Mandatory) - Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

National Indicator 117 - 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET).

Local Priority:

Increase accessibility to basic skills training for all sections of the community.

4 (1.4) Provide high quality facilities and deliver services which meet local needs to improve educational and vocational performance at all levels.

In 2006 - Plans for the new £10m school at Tideway were agreed by Governors, construction will begin on July 2nd 2007 to be completed by October 2008. Negotiations were held to establish an Interim Skills Centre on Denton Island, to offer courses from September 2007, in areas such as Construction and Health & Social Care.

In 2007 - The Newhaven Enterprise Centre on Denton Island opened in October 2007 with state-of-the art training facilities. The Skills Centre on Denton Island is scheduled for completion in September 2008. The extensive Tideway rebuild is scheduled for completion in October 2008.

In 2008 - A qualified teacher at NCDA's Denton Island Nursery was employed to maintain educational standards for under fives. Family Learning courses at the Children and Family Centre engaged parents in their child's education with follow up courses via Sussex Downs College (SDC) offered to maintain parent's involvement with their own education.

NCDA worked with YMCA on a programme for NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) young people and with SDC on an apprenticeship course for young parents.

From Sussex Downs College (SDC) vocational course provision has included: Teaching Assistants NVQ 2 & 3; Accounting NVQ 2, 3 & 4; CIMA; Book-keeping Levels 1 & 2; Computerised Accounting Levels 2 & 3; ILM Team Leading; ECDL Part 1 & 2; ECDL Spreadsheet & Word; Flexi IT Workshops; Web Design; Young Apprenticeships in Health & Social Care, and Construction. Leisure course provision at Denton Island Training Centre has included: French, Spanish & Italian; Pilates; Relax & Stretch; Navigation; Starting from Scratch; You Can Do IT and Next Steps. There have been some additional courses due to demand in IT and book-keeping. A few courses were cancelled due to lack of demand: Italian, ECDL Spreadsheet & Word, Computerised Accounting level 3.

The new Tideway school building is due to open February 2009.

Newhaven Community Employment Project (NewCEP) continued to deliver information, advice and guidance to unemployed local residents to assist them to achieve a higher standard of education, thus improving their employment prospects. Demand for the service increased slightly as the recession started to hit.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC) will be chaired by NSN. This will ensure the strategic aim for **improvement of educational and vocational performance** through the provision of **high quality facilities** and **delivery of services which meet local need** is integral to long term plans for the Newhaven.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 79 - Achievement of a level 2 qualification by the age of 19.

National Indicator 117 - 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET).

Local Priority:

Increase accessibility to further and higher education.

5 (1.5) Continue the delivery of Children and Family Centre activities to provide child-care and parent support.

In 2006 - The funding sources for activities at the Denton Island Children and Family Centre changed over the year. Newhaven Community Development Association (NCDA) and the Primary Care Trust (PCT) continued to deliver activities and provide child-care and parent support.

In 2007 - NCDA held a high profile event to celebrate their tenth anniversary on November 30th 2007. The Denton Island Children and Family Centre's activities were developed to support community needs across all age ranges. NCDA worked in partnership with East Sussex County Council (ESCC) to deliver the full core offer as the Children's Centre for Newhaven, including antenatal and health visitor services, smoking cessation support and Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB). A range of cooking courses was run for every age group.

In 2008 - NCDA continued working in partnership with ESCC with an established protocol for joint working, to deliver the full core offer as the Children's Centre for Newhaven. This continued to include antenatal and health visitor services, smoking cessation and CAB. A range of cooking courses continued to run for every age group. East Sussex Downs and Weald PCT's employed a Children's Centre Specialist to deliver services in Newhaven. NCDA coordinated a range of additional services from the Denton Island Centre for children and families and young people. In addition to the NCDA nursery which provided childcare, the centre continued to run an extensive programme of activities all supported by a crèche. By arrangement with ESCC, a qualified teacher, worked with the nursery 2.5 days per week and assisted with the early years programme ensuring that the children learn skills under the new curriculum. The centre was rebranded in late 2008 as the Denton Island Community Centre. The building work to join the centre to the college, creating a Skills Centre, provided a new office for NewCEP.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC) will be chaired by NSN. This will ensure the **services provided through the Centre** are integrated with services delivered by other partners.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priority:

National Indicator 118 - Take up of formal childcare by low income working families.

Local Priority:

Increase accessibility to childcare and centre services for all sections of the community.

6 (1.6) Provide appropriate services to support those vulnerable in the community particularly the elderly, those with mental health problems or those with a physical or learning disability.

In 2006 - Summerhayes was refurbished during 2006. The Junction Project was delivered for part of 2006. Newhaven Community Development Association (NCDA) and the Primary Care Trust (PCT) continued to provide support services within the community.

In 2007 - NCDA continued to offer services through Summerhayes, which was re-launched as a Well-being Centre in July 2007. Summerhayes concentrated on three areas of delivery in line with the recommendations of the Layard report: employment, training & volunteering; therapeutic services and social groups. Youth Information & Advice drop in sessions were held at the Denton Island Children & Family Centre.

Newhaven Fort provided a base for users of the St. Nicholas Centre in Lewes every Monday. The group of adults with learning difficulties was involved in a variety of supervised activities including recycling, conservation and the creation of an exhibition.

The Lewes and Wealden Health Improvement Partnership (HIMP) reviewed local interventions aiming to improve mental health and well-being.

In 2008 - NCDA coordinated potential providers of services into a Financial Inclusion Hub. NCDA was successful in a Lottery Advice Plus bid to provide a pilot hub for justifiable advice issues e.g. housing, benefits etc. A range of courses was offered at the Children & Family Centre to engage

with the hard to reach. An evening course around Women's Health was particularly successful which ran in partnership with the WEA. A postnatal depression course was offered during the year. It was recognized through the Local Partnership for Children (LPC), and via drop ins at the Children & Family Centre, that more needed to be done around the mental health needs of young people. A sub group was formed to discuss this further. NCDA worked with Hastings and Rother PCT to plan to set up a monthly farmers market at the Newhaven Hillcrest Centre for 2009.

Funding was confirmed for NCDA to maintain Summerhayes and its services. A range of courses were delivered from Summerhayes including: communication & counselling skills; living well with pain; relaxation; mindfulness and managing anxiety & depression. Summerhayes also ran a Friday morning drop-in cafe for local people which started in April 2008, providing support, chat and activities. Summerhayes participated in access to extending psychological therapies. Several healthy budget cooking courses were run over the summer. Christmas cooking sessions were held for both children and for older people. The parent and child group, Munchkins, continued to be held on Thursdays. For further information please call Summerhayes on 01273 612360 or pop in and speak to one of the team. NCDA continues to operate Summerhayes Centre as model of best practice in community provided mental well being.

The Royal British Legion supported vulnerable Newhaven residents. George Christmas was awarded the Newhaven Chamber of Commerce Community Award in January 2008 for his work as a Welfare Officer and organizing the Poppy Appeal. A Newhaven resident has had an electric stair-lift installed. Assessments continue for Electric Powered Vehicles.

Sussex Downs College (SDC) delivered a range of outreach programmes for Summerhayes, Surestart, DACE, Job Centre Plus and NewCEP. There was considerable focus on young parents, mental health service users and preparing adults for work in retail.

Lewes and Wealden Health Improvement Partnership (HImP) sub-groups were set up and all groups met for the first time by the end of March 2008. These groups focus on addressing health inequalities experienced by vulnerable population groups in four areas of health improvement: Mental Well-being; Food & Physical Activity; Accident Prevention and Tobacco Control. Sexual Health and Substance Misuse continued to be dealt with on a regional basis. The Lewes and Wealden HImP met in July 2008 and agreed the following Choosing Health action plans for 2008/09, which form the partnership's work plans for the year: Under 25's Sexual Health; Healthy Lifestyle (food & physical activity); Smoking Cessation and Reducing Alcohol Harm. The Mental Health and Well-being and Over 25's Sexual Health action plans were agreed in October 2008. Copies of the Director of Public Health's Annual Public Health Report for 2007/08 was distributed to partners throughout Lewes District. The Lewes and Wealden HImP met in December 2008 and discussed: the Chlamydia Free East Sussex Programme; the Choosing Health over 25's Sexual Health Plan and the Choosing Health Mental Health Action Plan. Two pieces of local work were commissioned by the HImP's action groups: Summerhayes funded to deliver a mindfulness-based Cognitive Behavioural Therapy course and an update of the 'Breast-feeding welcomed here' resource.

A new service was launched providing support to victims of hate crime in East Sussex, such as those targeted by virtue of their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religious belief or disability. The East Sussex Hate Crime service can be contacted on 0845 389 9528.

Social Services continued to use Newhaven Fort on a weekly basis offering adults with learning difficulties the opportunity to gain work experience through a variety of tasks in a unique and inspiring environment.

Newhaven Community Employment Project (NewCEP) continued to develop their services for all marginalised sectors of the community, including mental health service users. The Pathways contract with DWP (via RBLI) continued to develop, and uptake increased with mandatory customers referred from Newhaven Jobcentre Plus.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Groups – A variety of action groups meet regularly to address this priority, including the LPC, Health groups and the Mature Citizen's Forum. **Vulnerable sections of the community** should have equal access to **appropriate services** plus **dedicated provision** where required.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 99 (Mandatory) - Looked after children reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2.

National Indicator 100 (Mandatory) - Looked after children reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2.

National Indicator 101 (Mandatory) - Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths).

National Indicator 118 - Take up of formal childcare by low income working families.

Local Priority:

Increase cross-sector awareness of the work delivered by partners such as Summerhayes and NewCEP.

7 (1.7) Provide a dedicated Youth Centre and youth activities to support the young people of Newhaven in addressing their particular needs.

In 2006 - A youth shelter was constructed at Fort Road recreation ground. Newhaven Children & Young Peoples Initiative will be revising the Youth Strategy in 2007 and raising awareness of the need for a dedicated Youth Centre in Newhaven.

In 2007 - The Health Improvement Partnership (HImp) is working with Action in Rural Sussex (AiRS) and Lewes District LSP to develop a Lewes District Youth Website. The site will be designed for, and by, young people. The project is in the early stages of consultation/development with young people. NTC agreed a grant for the purchase of equipment for the proposed youth facility in the former Friday Ad building. A lease agreement has been finalised between the owners of Newhaven Square and Crossover. NCDCA purchased furnishings to make the Lewes Road Youth Hut more 'user friendly' for young people. NCDCA worked with the PCT on a funding bid to link physical activity and healthy eating through after school activities. It remains a priority for young people to have a dedicated youth centre, exploration of potential sites and funding continues.

In 2008 - NCDCA and ESCC Youth Development Service (YDS) collaborated on the development of services. A shortage of qualified youth workers has been a problem for delivery of services in the area. Work by LDC, NCDCA and Wave Leisure continued on the potential funding opportunity for a dedicated youth facility, possibly in Fort Road. NCDCA coordinated setting up a Youth Forum which will identify priorities for bids. NCDCA continuing to update the Youth Strategy which is based on surveys with young people aged 9 to 19 and a range of discussion groups.

Newhaven Local Action Team (LAT) (Crime Reduction Partnership) had limited funding but was focused on the continuation of the successful three youth diversionary activities: Denton Island drop-ins; Youth Club sessions at Lewes Road Hut and Saturday Football. This only funded activities for part of the year. NCDCA sought alternative funding to try to keep all three youth diversionary activities going and continues to seek funding to give young people access to further Youth Information, Support & Advice sessions. Alternative funding sources could only be found on a three month basis throughout 2008, so the funding situation remains critical.

A Sea Cadet fund-raising event with The Royal Marines Band was held at Newhaven Fort in June. A music event for young people in Newhaven, with local bands participating in the event, was also held at Newhaven Fort in June.

NSN Development Manager became Chair of the Newhaven Local Partnership for Children (LPC).

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group - The Local Partnership for Children (LPC) will be chaired by NSN. This will ensure the **priority to provide a dedicated youth centre** is integral to long term plans for the Newhaven.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 4 - Percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality.

National Indicator 110 - Young people's participation in positive activities.

National Indicator 117 - 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET).

Local Priority:

Identify long-term funding to ensure relevant activities are available for young people.

8 (1.8) Provide the opportunity for a community network that will develop capacity and entrepreneurship so that they are able to bring forward sustainable arts, culture, social infrastructure and social enterprises.

In 2006 - The Maritime Festival in 2006 was held with events throughout May, June and July. The NCDCA Fish Festival was held in May with many community organisations involved. NCDCA continued with their aim to involve the community (including the 94 member organisations) through engagement in local activities.

In 2007 - The Maritime Festival in 2007 was held with events throughout May, June and July. The NCDCA Fish Festival was held in June with all the schools and many community organisations involved. NCDCA completed the work to create a Credit Union available to Newhaven residents and East Sussex Credit Union was launched. The Credit Union outreach point was due to start at Summerhayes in January 2008. NCDCA worked with countywide CABs to access funding for an Information & Advice 'hub'. NSN lead on the mapping for the coastal trail with Peacehaven's REGEN and Seaford Town Partnership. ESCC Landscaping department won the tender to complete the work. A Coastal Action Group was established.

In 2008 – The Maritime Festival in 2008 was held with events throughout May, June and July. The NCDA Fish Festival was held in June with all the schools and many community organisations involved. NCDA continued to work with county wide CABs to access funding for an information and advice 'hub'.

Summerhayes has provided access to the Credit Union with an outreach point throughout 2008. ESCC Landscaping department completed the work on the mapping for the coastal trail. The Coastal Area Partnerships worked together to oversee this work.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Groups – A variety of action groups meet regularly to address this priority, including the LPC, Sports & Health groups; Tourism & Arts; Youth groups and the Mature Citizen's Forum. Local people should have equal access to **a community network** which addresses their needs regarding **sustainable arts, culture, social infrastructure and social enterprises**.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 4 – Percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality.

National Indicator 8 – Adult participation in sport and active recreation.

National Indicator 110 – Young people's participation in positive activities.

Local Priority: Promote Newhaven as a place where the arts, culture, sports and play are valued and can be enjoyed.

9 (1.9) Involve local residents in Newhaven's regeneration & develop a range of community facilities to help improve quality of life.

In 2006 - The aim to improve Physical Activities offered in Newhaven led to NCDA working with the PCT and Brighton University to produce a Calorie Map. This included 15 healthy walks in and around Newhaven for all levels of fitness. This was due for publication early in 2007.

In 2007 – The proposed calorie map will now be produced as part of a larger project. PCT, NCDA and ESCC initiated work to monitor footfall around Newhaven with a view to supporting the County Council's walking/transport improvement strategy. NCDA worked with SDC on the availability of training for local voluntary sports clubs. NSN coordinated the range of intergenerational activities started in Newhaven with the aim of maximising local involvement and avoiding duplication. Discussion groups were held with young people to give additional data for the revision of the Youth Strategy and to form the basis of a youth consultation group. Bi-monthly community forums were held by NCDA on issues linked with the regeneration of Newhaven.

In 2008 – Further discussion groups were held with young people to give additional data for the revision of the Youth Strategy. Denton Island Nursery was able to develop the garden with grant funding raised by the parents – and successfully entered for Newhaven in Bloom.

Parents were trained and delivered courses in cookery and yoga. Work will be starting on new £80K Play Area at Denton early in 2009, funded jointly by NTC (£30K) and Pathfinder Fund (£50K), to be completed by end of March 2009.

Fort Road development remains a priority for LDC, Wave Leisure and NCDA.

NCDA was successful in a bid £100,000 for solar panels for the Denton Island Community Centre (Formerly known as the Children & Family Centre).

NCDA and NTC worked together on the use of Lewes Road hut for youth activities.

NCDA worked with Iveagh Crescent residents association on the continuation of their youth club.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Groups – A variety of action groups meet regularly to address this priority, including the LPC, Youth groups and the Mature Citizen's Forum. Local people should be encouraged to become **involved in the development of life-enhancing community facilities**.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 4 – Percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality.

National Indicator 79 – Achievement of a level 2 qualification by the age of 19.

National Indicator 110 – Young people's participation in positive activities.

Local Priority: Empower Newhaven residents and provide training, volunteering and employment opportunities within community facilities and organisations.

Successful Business.

10 (2.1) Provide a package of measures to employ, train and develop the workforce towards NVQ 2 and 3 and above and address the needs of those with no qualifications.

In 2006 - Sussex Downs College worked with the Sussex Retail CoVE to offer courses to retailers.

In 2007 - Newhaven Community Employment Project (NewCEP) continued to identify training needs of those unemployed and vulnerable in the labour market. The Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion (CESI) report identified

NewCEP as the model of good practice with potential to be rolled out across East Sussex with significant economic benefit. NewCEP continued to offer free training to businesses to assist them to improve their H&S and HR practices. Courses were offered at the Children and Family Centre in confidence building and returning to work. Train to Gain provided free training for employees without a level 2 qualification, so far SDC delivered training to 6 employers with 25 employees in manufacturing, care, business administration, supervisory management, customer service and school support. In addition SDC worked with a total of 34 Newhaven companies during the year delivering a range of programmes including bespoke packages and apprenticeships.

In 2008 - NewCEP continued to work with local employers to meet their recruitment and retention needs, and also match local people to local employment opportunities. NewCEP have developed ongoing training schedules which are open to all local employers who commit to the NewCEP ethos. NewCEP can provide advice to employees in the local area who wish to increase their educational attainment; however this hasn't been a focus of their work to date.

Courses have been offered at the Children and Family Centre in confidence building and returning to work.

Train to Gain provided subsidised training for adult employees. So far SDC has delivered training to 41 employees split across 9 employers in manufacturing (27), care (2), administration (3), customer service (1), retail (1), management (2), school support (3) & distribution/warehouse (2). In addition SDC have worked with a total of 32 Newhaven companies during the year.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Groups - A variety of action groups meet regularly to address this priority, including the Skills & Business Development groups and the Newhaven Chamber of Commerce. Local companies, community groups and individuals should be encouraged to offer **employment, training and development** opportunities.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priority:

National Indicator 163 - Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher.

Local Priority: Support skills development in key sectors such as the manufacturing and fishing industries.

11 (2.2) Support the development of Newhaven Chamber of Commerce (NCC) for business to business support.

In 2006 - The Newhaven Chamber of Commerce (NCC) employed an administrator and leased offices with NSN. The weekly business breakfasts were regularly attended by more than 20 local businesses for valuable networking opportunities. Regular evening seminars were held. The Chamber held a successful annual business award event. NCC organised the popular later night Christmas shopping event in the High Street. NSN regularly attended business breakfasts.

In 2007 - The Chamber held a successful annual business award event. The Chamber planned to launch a lunch club, held the third Thursday of every month at the Newhaven Enterprise Centre. NCDA and Chamber of Commerce worked on the development of community/ business links on a Business in the Community model. NCC has created closer working ties with Sussex Downs College. NCC supported the set up of a Businesswatch initiative. NCC organised a free networking event to support the 2007 Fish Festival and promote businesses in Newhaven. NCC supported businesses entering the Sussex Business Awards in 2007. The Chamber supported the community by sponsoring Remembrance Wreaths for local schools and voluntary organisations. NCC organised the popular community late night Christmas shopping event in the High Street. NSN continued to regularly attend business breakfasts and lunch clubs. A comprehensive database of businesses was completed by a volunteer graduate and published on the NSN website.

In 2008 - The Chamber held a successful annual business award event at the Newhaven Enterprise Centre. NSN continued working to support and brief members at the monthly lunch club. NCC Business Breakfast Group continued to go from strength to strength - with a new venue and targeted visitor days increasing membership. A 2008 study on Newhaven was completed and published as a collaborative project with graduates from Sussex University studying at the Institute

for Development Studies (IDS). NCC re-launched Business Lunch with a new format successfully in November. NCC again supported the community by sponsoring Remembrance Wreaths for local schools and voluntary organizations. NCC organised the popular community late night Christmas shopping event in the High Street. The Chamber re-branded with an up to date logo and a revamped web site. NSN worked with the Chamber and Sussex Express to arrange a larger award ceremony for February 2009. All NCC members have been encouraged to enter the Sussex Express Business Awards.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Groups – NSN supports the Newhaven Chamber of Commerce (NCC) steering committee. NCC chairs the Business Development Action Group. Innovation, creativity and enterprise should be encouraged with **business support** as the **Chamber develops**.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priority:

National Indicator 8 – Adult participation in sport and active recreation.

Local Priority: Support more sectors of businesses to join the chamber such as sports groups and clubs.

12 (2.3) Provide appropriate support to those vulnerable or disadvantaged in the labour market.

In 2006 - Small Rural Towns funding was sought to enable Newhaven Community Employment Project (NewCEP) to continue their valuable work with helping unemployed people into work and training. East Sussex Economic Partnership (ESEP) undertook a study which shows long term financial savings are created by projects such as NewCEP and the report recommended programmes are rolled out across the whole county.

In 2007 – East Sussex Economic Partnership (ESEP) funded pilot NewCEP projects in Hailsham and Uckfield, which raised their profile. SEEDA funding this as an AIF legacy project. The NewCEP programme was linked in to the strategic objectives of the LAA.

In 2008 - NewCEP delivered Pathways to Work from April 2008 which provided intensive support into employment for people on incapacity benefit and disability-related benefits. This is a 3-5 year contract under lead partner Royal British Legion Industries (RBLI). NewCEP's main objective was to assist disadvantaged jobseekers into employment. They are currently seeking funding to continue this work past March 2009. They commissioned an evaluation of their current services to assist them to focus their direction in future and make themselves more attractive to funders. This evaluation will be published in March 2009.

The Children & Family Centre offered courses in basic skills, confidence building and returning to work. Full day-care offered at Denton Island Nursery at affordable prices with Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) support for information on the tax credit system.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group – NSN supports the Newhaven Community Employment Project (NewCEP) steering committee. Newhaven residents who are vulnerable or disadvantaged in the labour market should have access to **appropriate support**.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priority:

National Indicator 142 – Percentage of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent income.

Local Priority: Provide access to training, volunteering and employment opportunities for Newhaven residents who are socially excluded.

13 (2.4) Support construction of the Newhaven Enterprise Gateway including local customisation through Area Investment Framework funding.

In 2006 - The Newhaven Enterprise Gateway project under Jon Yon was awarded funding for a further three years. The Newhaven Enterprise Centre building was planned to be constructed by Lewes District Council. The Area Investment Framework funding was sought to fund Photovoltaics, a rain-water harvesting system, smart meeting space, broadband access and suitable access equipment for businesses to use locally.

In 2007 – The East Sussex Enterprise Gateway project, run by Jon Yon, moved to be based in an office at the Newhaven Enterprise Centre (NEC). The NEC was completed and opened in October 2007 with meeting and training space and to a high sustainability standard, achieving a BREEAM rating of 'excellent'. A wide variety of businesses took leases. The Centre provided business space and room for expansion for new and young businesses. It has also helped to keep some more established businesses in Newhaven or the coastal strip. Already businesses within the Centre have expanded. Meeting rooms with additional equipment provided by the AIF funding were also being

well used by local businesses and groups. The Centre was involved with the local community via the Chamber of Commerce and adopting the Children & Family Centre's special play area as the Centre charity for matched fund raising.

In 2008 - Newhaven Enterprise Centre was 65% full in just 6 months. Businesses within the Centre have continued to expand, taking on additional staff from the local area. Meeting rooms with additional equipment provided by the AIF funding continued to be well used by local businesses and groups. Involvement with the local community continued with membership of the committee and breakfast club of the Newhaven Chamber of Commerce. Money was raised by Newhaven Enterprise Centre, matched funded and a cheque was handed over to the Children & Family Centre towards their special play area. Further fund raising events planned include a charity golf day in spring 2009. An Open Day & Business Exhibition was held in October to assist existing businesses in the Centre and attract new ones. Despite the current general financial uncertainties, several of the businesses expanded and many are doing well. There has been some coming and going but occupancy held up quite well and meeting room bookings are on the increase.

Newhaven Enterprise Centre celebrated its first birthday and was still well ahead of predictions for occupancy with 28 local businesses having taken up 33 of the 44 units so far (75%). People are still looking and taking work space, meeting room bookings also continue to be healthy and the Centre has become a small business community in its own right. The Centre will possibly have further Photovoltaics added, funded through the remaining AIF funds, early in 2009. The Centre was short-listed for an award for Sustainability in the Sussex Business Awards 2008. Also the Centre has been short-listed for awards for: Customer Service; Business Support and Business of the Year in the Sussex Express Business Awards (decisions to be announced in February 2009).

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Groups - NSN supports the Newhaven Chamber of Commerce (NCC) steering committee. NCC chairs the Business Development Action Group. Newhaven Enterprise Centre manager works closely with NSN to ensure the centre is maximising its potential to support new businesses and enterprise in Newhaven.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priority:

National Indicator 171 - New business registration rate.

Local Priority: Raise the profile of Newhaven as a business location.

14 (2.5) Work to create 30,000m² of employment land and 1,000 jobs at Eastside Business Park and ensure that the next phase of the port access road is built to service the area.

In 2006 - East Sussex County Council worked to make a start on the port access road as planning permission was due to expire in September 2007. A feasibility study for development of Eastside Business Park was published by Lewes District Council as the Eastside Masterplan, supporting it being used for employment land. It was planned to pursue this further once the new ownership of the port was established.

In 2007 - The required 17 planning conditions for the work to begin on the port access road were completed or varied to safe-guard the planning permission. ESCC pegged out the road in September 2007. The owner of Eastside Business Park site, Avalon Ventures Ltd, continued to raise the level of the land, which will need to be higher than originally thought, due to the new national PPS25 flood policy.

In 2008 - The owner of Eastside Business Park (Avalon Ventures) continued to raise the land to approximately 4.5 metres. Avalon Ventures held regular meetings with NSN about outline proposals for a mixed use development, including a small business park.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group - The NSN Infrastructure Action Group is working with multiple partners and consultants to ensure Newhaven's **employment land** is safeguarded and the **next phase of the port access road is built**.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priority:

National Indicator 171 - New business registration rate.

Local Priority: Create stronger links with Sussex and Brighton Universities to explore the viability of a Science Park.

15 (2.6) Create a transport interchange at Newhaven Town Station with a feasibility study completed by the end of 2006.

In 2006 - There was still full support of this programme, but until the new owners had been established, the sale of the land could not be negotiated.

In 2007 – No action. The transport interchange needed to be included in overall layout of any scheme for Railway Quay area. ESCC looked at the feasibility of taking this project forward.

In 2008 – ESCC did not complete a feasibility study as there was no progress with negotiations to buy the land as NPP did not want to prejudice future plans for the port by selling any of their land. ESCC commissioned consultants to look at alternative solutions to the planned interchange.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group – The NSN Infrastructure Action Group is working with multiple partners and consultants to ensure **transport links** for Newhaven improved at **Newhaven Town Station**.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priority:

National Indicator 175 – Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling.

Local Priority: Improve connectivity and promote public transport corridor between Eastbourne and Brighton.

16 (2.7) Promote Newhaven as a key commercial port in Sussex, ensuring that business across the region take full advantage of the port's position to bring economic growth to the town.

In 2006 - Newhaven Port and Properties (NPP) was being offered for sale by the French. Apollo Bannertown was selected as the preferred successful tender and completed a four month due diligence process. Transmanche was offered for tender and LD lines took over the line. The line operates two new ferries and the service will be expanded to include Newhaven-Le Havre for summer 2007.

In 2007 – The Normandy / Sussex Interreg project promoted the use of the Ferry link by passengers, businesses and freight. The daily Newhaven–Le Havre crossing successfully operated for the summer season in 2007 and will run again for 2008. Use of the ferry increased substantially. Investments were made to improve the facilities in Newhaven. The freight drivers' lounge and facilities were refurbished. The Haven café opened for both passengers and external customers. A new traffic management system was planned for 2008. Improvements were planned for parking facilities, traffic flow for freight and passenger traffic, a new weighbridge and overnight parking for freight drivers. Projects were underway to refurbish and improve the external look of the terminal building. Extensive improvements were made to the internal areas of the terminal building. Volumes were significantly up on 2006 and expected to increase further. Apollo Bannertown completed a protracted due diligence but no sale was agreed. Oakdene completed a six month due diligence process until December 2007 but no sale was agreed. NPP are now considering their options for sale and development for 2008.

In 2008 - Newhaven port and in particular the ferry service was promoted by the new operators LD Lines and by the Normandie-Sussex Interreg project. Improvements were installed including a freight drivers' lounge and refurbished facilities (showers and toilets). The Haven café opened for both passengers and external customers. A new traffic management system which includes resurfacing all the areas has been started, providing: improved parking facilities; improved traffic flow for freight and passenger traffic; a new weighbridge and improved overnight parking for freight drivers. A project is underway to refurbish and improve the external look of the terminal building. Investment was being made in the port infrastructure by NPP.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group – The NSN Infrastructure Action Group is working with multiple partners and consultants to safeguard the future of **Newhaven Port** and attract **economic growth** in the related sectors.

South East England Development Agency Coastal Priority 6 - Invest in the long term sustainable growth of key ports, particularly the major ports of Southampton, Portsmouth, Dover and Thamesport, and explore future prospects for smaller ports such as Shoreham and Newhaven.

Local Priority: Plan deliverable comprehensive development of the Eastside Port and surrounding areas with mitigating flood defences.

17 (2.8) Develop and maintain relationships with French partners particularly Dieppe and the regions of Seine Maritime and Haute Normandie and build economically fruitful relationships as appropriate with new EU accession countries, for example with Malta.

In 2006 - A project to enhance tourism promotion across the region led to plans for exchanges and visits for businesses and markets.

In 2007 – Market and business exchanges took place during the summer of 2007. In December a tourism DVD was launched with a well attended lunch held on the Ferry. NCDA maintained links with Dieppe Chamber of Commerce & Industry with 3 successful visits each year by the Dieppe market to Newhaven. Newhaven Town Council (NTC) and Royal British Legion organised the commemorations to mark the 65th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid in August 2007. Guests included the Mayor of Dieppe and his civic group. A reciprocal visit was made to Dieppe.

In 2008 - Relationships with the French were maintained. Meetings were held with the new management of NPP and their input sought for the Physical Development Vision. There was consensus among members of the NSN board that NPP be invited to join. NPP undertook studies to explore the appropriate future position of the Ferry terminal and berth. A Dieppe commemorative event was organised by Newhaven Town Council and hosted at Newhaven Fort on 10 August. ESCC and LDC visited Rouen on 30 June to try and promote a partnership approach. NPP were waiting for their consultants technical reports due at the end of the 2008 before discussing options for the port land. The Mayor of Dieppe visited Newhaven in December.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Groups – The NSN Tourism & Arts Action group works to promote joint ventures with Dieppe. The Infrastructure Action Group is working with multiple partners and consultants to **build economically fruitful relationships with French partners.**

South East England Development Agency Coastal Priority 6 - Invest in the long term sustainable growth of key ports, particularly the major ports of Southampton, Portsmouth, Dover and Thamesport, and explore future prospects for smaller ports such as Shoreham and Newhaven.

Local Priority: Support the development of the next phase of the Port Access road.

18 (2.9) Capitalise on local tourist attractions and activities and increase accredited guest accommodation.

In 2006 - Paradise Park won the Argus Award for Sussex attraction of the year 2006. Newhaven Fort held a varied calendar of events throughout the summer including a music festival Fort Rox. Attracting new bed and breakfast businesses was supported through Lewes District Council. The Enjoy Sussex Visitor guide was prepared ready for launch in January 2007. A NSN tourism website was funded by Newhaven Town Council (NTC).

In 2007 – NTC continued to produce a quarterly “What’s On” guide. All local attractions were included on the NSN bi-lingual tourism website and in new bi-lingual tourism leaflets: www.newhaven-sussex.co.uk Lewes District Council (LDC) produced the Enjoy Sussex Visitor Guide in partnership with Horsham, Mid-Sussex and Wealden Councils. The guide was distributed to the UK wide Tourist Information network and local establishments. A new website was launched: www.enjoysussex.info by LDC in partnership with Tourism South East. Sussex Enterprise hosted a free workshop for people thinking of opening a B&B in the area in March 2007. A Heritage Lottery grant of £20,000 was awarded to Newhaven Fort for refurbishment of the Lunette Ancient Monument on West Beach; contributions were also pledged from LDC and NTC. Paradise Park and Newhaven Fort worked on a joint direct mail marketing initiative. The ownership of the Chapel Arts Centre passed to the Hillcrest Centre. A new website was established called OurNewhaven.

In 2008 – The Normandie-Sussex Interreg project promoted tourism attractions in Newhaven through the Welcome to Sussex DVD and new signage and leaflets. The executive NSN committee agreed that the town council were the appropriate lead for tourism but could include arts projects. NTC applied for Village Green status for the closed West Beach. This was submitted to ESCC. This followed a local consultation where over 1000 people completed forms giving information about their use of the sandy beach over the past 20+ years. Newhaven Fort provided a venue for the Art Wave exhibition organized by the LDC arts officer. Former fort offices were converted for use as meeting and gallery space to maximise potential. The NSN collaborative Our Newhaven Project www.ournewhaven.org.uk became the online portal to Newhaven past & present. The site is visited daily by over 100 visitors. The site is linked to both NCDA & NTC websites. The project is represented by a volunteer editor on the NSN Tourism & Arts Action Group to establish better links. NTC/LDC worked jointly on a December Christmas event. The NSN Tourism & Culture group requested that the whole of West Beach area be included in the proposed Physical Development Vision. Both Newhaven Fort and Paradise Park contribute to the learning community with their visitor attractions. Both Newhaven Fort and Paradise Park received publicity over being nominated in the Sussex Express Business Awards for Best Visitor Attraction and Best Customer Service. Results will be announced in February 2009.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group – The NSN Tourism & Arts group works to support **community events** and **promote local tourist attractions**.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 4 – Percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality.

National Indicator 8 – Adult participation in sport and active recreation.

National Indicator 110 – Young people's participation in positive activities.

Local Priority: Promote a regular calendar of events in Newhaven including arts, culture and sports activities that can be enjoyed by all ages.

19 (2.10) Continue to bid in particular for EU Inter regional (INTERREG) funds to support economic activity including the tourism sector.

In 2006 - An Interreg project was planned to provide some tourist signage within the town and market projects were arranged for summer 2007.

In 2007 – New tourism signage was installed for road traffic. Bi-lingual tourism signs were installed in the town centre, at the Ferry Terminal and at various points across the town. Welcome signs and maps were installed at all the walking and cycling entry points to the town. Bi-lingual tourism leaflets were printed and distributed. The Locate East Sussex website, to encourage inward investment, was improved and offered in French: www.locateeastsussex.org The Interreg projects finished at the end of December 2007 and a reception to mark the achievements of the project and to launch the DVD was held on board the Seven Sisters Ferry in dock in Newhaven.

In 2008 – Once the project was completed, a selection of DVDs, leaflets, postcards and 2008 calendars were available. Possible future projects were investigated under Interreg Iva.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group – The NSN Tourism & Arts group works to support **economic activity** within the **tourism sector**.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 4 – Percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality.

National Indicator 8 – Adult participation in sport and active recreation.

National Indicator 110 – Young people's participation in positive activities.

Local Priority: Promote opportunities for participation in the 2012 Olympic Agenda for residents of Newhaven and local businesses.

20 (2.11) Support local retailers in developing their skills and capacity to meet changing consumer demands.

In 2006 - Through the NSN Business Development action group, a separate group was established to offer support to retailers and work closely with the partners within the Retail CoVE.

In 2007 – The Chamber of Commerce supported the set up of a local short life Retail Action group. It included representatives from business, retail, college and support agencies. Due to the difficulties in attending day-time meetings, the group did not achieve good attendance. The Chamber of Commerce will continue in 2008, to support member retailers and encourage retailers to become members.

In 2008 – Sussex Downs College (SDC) had employees in training from two major local retailers. SDC have delivered information sessions at three other major retailers, but with no resulting learners. Local retailers are eligible for NewCEP employer courses should they commit to NewCEP's aims and objectives.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Groups – A variety of action groups meet regularly to address this priority, including the Skills & Business Development groups and the Newhaven Chamber of Commerce. Local retailers should be supported and encouraged to take advantage of training initiatives offered to **develop skills and capacity**.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priority:

National Indicator 163 – Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher.

Local Priority: Develop Newhaven town market (Thursdays and Saturdays).

21 (2.12) Develop key sites with iconic buildings and creating a concentration of shops and community activities attractive to residents and visitors.

In 2006 - The proposed developments at Saxonholme and Railway Quay are bold and include a variety of amenities. The development of a choice of range of shops, coffee shops and restaurants will need careful balancing with offering support to existing retailers and businesses in the town centre. Building started on The Cape on West Quay for 105 luxury apartments across four buildings.

In 2007 - Long term plans are being explored for the development of the Port, including the listed buildings at Railway Quay. The Infrastructure Action group wrote a brief for the Physical Development Vision for Newhaven. This was funded by the Area Investment Framework (AIF) through East Sussex Economic Partnership (ESEP). The tender process resulted in the appointment of BBP Regeneration as consultants. The work began in December 2007. On-going funding for the piece of work beyond March 2008 to October 2008 has been provided by SEEDA. The Physical Development Vision for Newhaven is being created by successful partnership work and includes a traffic model and detailed work on flood risk. The Vision will inform LDC's Local Development Framework (LDF) process. Building was completed at The Cape on West Quay.

In 2008 - The Physical Development Vision will be particularly looking at addressing the issue of development of whole areas. 80% of properties at the Cape have been sold or are under offer.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group - The NSN Infrastructure Action Group is working with multiple partners and consultants to ensure development planned for Newhaven is **iconic** and **attractive to residents and visitors**.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 4 - Percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality.

Local Priority: Revitalise the Town Centre.

22 (2.13) Investigate the viability of developing the old Post Office site, or a suitable alternative, to provide an enhanced library service with learning access.

In 2006 - Discussions were held with a local developer to include a new Library within the Saxonholme development. The proposed development is likely to also include a small retail outlet. The old building has been demolished. The Post Office building is being considered for development. It is essential to keep an operational sorting office close to the town centre, to keep local jobs secure and maintain services for local people.

In 2007 - The Saxonholme development will include a new library for Newhaven residents; a planning application is expected to be submitted in 2008. The development is likely to also include a small gym. ESCC agreed £1.2m to fund the library on the Saxonholme site. Meetings were held between developers and the Post Office to explore the possibility of developing the site to meet needs of the town centre, maintain a sorting office within Newhaven to meet the demand of the 21st century and keep local jobs secure.

In 2008 - ESCC formally agreed £1.2m to fund the library on the Saxonholme site for a 2009 start-date to build. A detailed planning application was expected to be submitted before the end of 2008, or early 2009. NSN Development Manager maintained contact with Royal Mail to ensure any opportunity for relocation of the Post Office could be explored; ensuring that safe-guarding the local jobs is a priority. Denton Island Children & Family Centre continues to maintain links with the present library to keep parents engaged. The Equal Access Library situated at the Hillcrest Centre continues to be well used by the community.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group - The NSN Infrastructure Action Group is working with multiple partners and consultants to ensure development planned for Newhaven town centre includes appropriate local services.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 87 - Secondary school persistent absence rate.

National Indicator 175 - Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling.

National Indicator 198 - Children travelling to school - mode of travel usually used

Local Priority: Promote library facilities included in the rebuild of Tideway School as a centre for access to learning.

Sustainable Environment.

23 (3.1) Provide adequate and appropriate housing to accommodate both existing and new residents.

In 2006 - A variety of housing projects were being developed within the town. French Colonial style apartments were built in Church Hill. Phase two of West Quay will provide 105 apartments at The Cape. This was likely to attract new residents to Newhaven. Plans were displayed at public forums showing developments for the Marina, Railway Quay and the Saxonholme sites.

In 2007 - The 105 marina apartments at The Cape were completed in December 2007 and 80% of the properties were sold. Approximately 40% of the purchasers were local plus 10% from Brighton. It is estimated that 40% were bought as buy-to-let and holiday homes. Developers were encouraged to look at Masterplan priorities to establish developments that will meet the needs of local and new residents. Planning permission was granted for a £60 million scheme to regenerate Newhaven Marina. This will include 319 riverside apartments and 12 houses. A scale model is on display in the marketing suite of The Cape. The expected proposals for the Saxonholme site will include approximately 42 apartments to be purchased by a local housing association.

In 2008 - Long term proposals for developing the Port will be dependant on the results of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and how much of the land in Newhaven will be unusable for housing. The Physical Development Vision will be particularly looking at addressing this issue and informing the LDF process. Planning applications have continued to be submitted to LDC despite the difficult economic climate.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group - The NSN Infrastructure Action Group is working with multiple partners and consultants to ensure development planned for Newhaven includes **adequate and appropriate housing to accommodate both existing and new residents.**

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 154 - Net additional homes provided.

National Indicator 155 - Number of affordable homes delivered (gross).

National Indicator 156 - Number of households in temporary accommodation.

National Indicator 159 - Supply of ready to develop housing sites.

Local Priority: Reduce the number of local people on the housing waiting list.

24 (3.2) Ensure that sufficient and appropriate services are available to residents wherever they live in the town and when growth occurs to ensure that existing services are augmented through the application of developer contributions policies.

In 2006 - Developers have been asked to consider the infrastructure of the town when submitting plans.

In 2007 - NSN was successful with a grant application, to engage consultants BBP Regeneration, to write a Physical Development Vision for Newhaven. This document will look in detail at the appropriate infrastructure and how to deliver what is required for the existing and future community.

In 2008 - The Physical Development Vision will be particularly looking at maximizing the impact of section 106 contributions.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group - The NSN Infrastructure Action Group is working with multiple partners and consultants to ensure development planned for Newhaven includes **sufficient and appropriate services.**

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 136 - People supported to live independently through social services at all ages.

National Indicator 192 - Household waste recycled and composted.

Local Priority: New builds have high sustainability specifications and infrastructure services meet the needs of all members of the community.

25 (3.3) Promote riverside development by working with landowners to realise high quality housing and leisure development in key areas near the river in order to attract new residents and stimulate economic growth.

In 2006 - Phase 2 of West Quay was proposed to be built to include an extension of the riverside walk. Plans for phases 3 and 4 (the Marina and Railway Quay) were submitted but then

subsequently withdrawn. The proposals included an extension of the West Quay riverside walk and a new riverside walk at Railway Quay. Developers were considering a project in Robinson Road which included extending the riverside walk.

In 2007 – 105 high quality riverside apartments were completed as part of Phase 2 of West Quay, called The Cape. Plans were submitted and approved for 331 units for Phase 3 -The Marina. Further riverside development is being considered in conjunction with the Physical Development Vision for Newhaven, in Robinson Road and on the East Quay. Flood risk remains an issue with future developments. The Infrastructure Action Group is looking at bringing developers together to have cohesive approach to riverside developments and has identified a need for some urban designing for the town.

In 2008 - The Physical Development Vision has been working on a whole town approach to town development.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group – The NSN Infrastructure Action Group is working with multiple partners and consultants to ensure development planned for Newhaven includes **high quality housing and leisure development in key areas near the river.**

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priority:

National Indicator - 136 – People supported to live independently through social services at all ages.

Local Priority: Ensure social housing is integrated into all new development schemes with appropriate support for vulnerable people.

26 (3.4) Bring forward the sports village enhancement to Fort Road recreational area to provide sport and physical activity facilities.

In 2006 - Detailed plans were drawn up for the proposed sports village. No new home for Newhaven Town Football club was identified, following the first choice of Eastside recreation ground meeting with opposition. It was hoped that LDC will be taking the plans forward through alternative means.

In 2007 – NCDAs, Wave Leisure and LDC worked together to try to develop Fort Road and increase physical activity opportunities, as well as provide better facilities for existing groups. The PCT worked with relevant partners to increase opportunities for local residents to take part in physical activity, as part of their overall strategies to Reduce Obesity, Improve Diet & Nutrition and Increase Physical Activity. NCDAs established an after school physical activity club at Southdown Junior School funded by a Pfizer grant.

In 2008 - NCDAs coordinated a meeting of the InPact group for LDC to explain the next proposed steps after the failure of the bid for Fort Road. LDC and Wave Leisure still reporting on plans for Fort Road. Wave Leisure is developing a five year plan aimed at increasing the number of local residents involved in regular physical activities.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Groups – A variety of action groups meet regularly to address this priority, including the LPC, Sports and Health groups. **Recreation and sports facilities** for Newhaven need to be developed to promote participation in regular **physical activity** to improve the health of local residents and reduce obesity.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator 4 – Percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality.

National Indicator 8 – Adult participation in sport and active recreation.

National Indicator 110 – Young people’s participation in positive activities.

Local Priority: Raise the quality of the offer to residents and visitors with sport and recreation activities.

27 (3.5) Establish an Open Spaces Trust, to provide high quality open spaces to the residents and visitors to Newhaven.

In 2006 – NSN Development Manager rewrote the draft bid which led to NCDAs being successful in their bid for a £49,900 Heritage Lottery Planning Grant, to employ an Open Spaces Development Worker. The Open Spaces Development Worker engaged the local communities to develop conservation plans for Bollen’s Bush, Meeching Down (The Union), Riverside Park and Valley Ponds. The Open Spaces Action Group proposed to establish an Open Spaces Trust for Newhaven.

In 2007 – NSN Development Manager liaised with the Environment Agency which led to their support of the Open Spaces work in Newhaven with a £3,000 grant for 2007. Newhaven Town

Council also agreed a grant of £3,000 to support the project in 2007. Findings from the habitat surveys, site management plans, an Audience Development Plan and Educational Research Plan were drawn together to inform a substantial bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The focus of the bid was upon developing learning, training & volunteering opportunities, enhancing accessibility and promoting social cohesion through cultural & social activities in the open spaces. The Open Spaces Action Group reappraised the Open Spaces Strategy for Newhaven. The group then considered a portfolio of open spaces around the town, aiming to develop the existing strategy into a framework of priority areas, actions to address social need and funding opportunities. They explored how open spaces might contribute to eco-therapies for physical and mental well-being, growing local food and unstructured safe play.

In 2008 – The bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund was submitted at the end of March 2008. The Open Spaces Action Group found training providers in conservation skills. They adapted their courses to target groups who were either excluded from the open spaces or felt they had little relevance. They explored the possibilities of using the open spaces as venues for family learning and raising the status of learning in the town. Newhaven Town, Lewes District and East Sussex County Councils, as landowners, worked together to create a joint working protocol that, in essence, established a commitment to the sustainability of the Open Spaces Project. NSN Development Manager liaised with the Environment Agency which led to their support of the Open Spaces work in Newhaven with a further £5,000 grant for 2008. A successful application to Breathing Places resulted in a grant of £9,600 to deliver family learning and conservation projects in Riverside Park. An outline proposal to the Access to Nature programme was submitted in July 2008. The Open Spaces Development Worker continued to network with the Environment Agency, Brighton Business Community Partnership, Community University Partnership and other NCDAs service areas. This maintained the profile of the Open Spaces Project and led to the development of imaginative new ideas, linked to the draft Physical Development Vision. The Heritage Lottery bid was unsuccessful so alternative funding is being sought to take forward Open Spaces Strategy.

Ongoing and Next Steps:

Action Group – The Open Spaces Action Group is working with multiple partners to ensure **high quality open spaces** are available **to Newhaven residents and visitors**.

East Sussex County Council Local Area Agreement Priorities:

National Indicator - NI 175 – Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling.

National Indicator 192 – Household waste recycled and composted.

Local Priority: Maximise the potential of the Ouse Valley Estuary through activities and events.

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