HELE AND LOWER BARTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Hele /Lower Barton

Pre Salisbury Ave, Winchester Ave, Windmill Estate, the area was farm land and playing fields. 1932 came the building of social housing in Salisbury Ave Winchester Ave Area and Windmill Hill. Which came first you may ask, was it the spirit, the Community or the Housing. Of course it was the Housing, then the spirit which built a strong community. Through the war Prefabs were built on Litchfield Ave for cheaper housing. They were re-developed and flats and housing went up to take their place. Windmill estate was knocked to the ground and new houses and flats were built, renaming it, the Pendennis Estate. There was a Pub, Schools were built, churches were busy, and shops were plentiful. The spirit of Hele Village was second to none.

We have moved on the shops have closed the pub has gone but that spirit still lives on two large social housing estates bring many challenges but we know that together we can do anything.

- We want our green spaces saved for our community and future generations to enjoy.
- We want to support the development our community centres.
- We want shops to be redeveloped to give the local people employment opportunities.
- We want to regenerate Hele Rd so the people living on the road will have a better quality of life.
- We want to nurture our young people into a sense of pride in the area they live.

What do we value?

- The green and open space:

  Windmill Hill
  Barton Down's Playing Fields
  Fort Apache
  Play Parks
  Acorn Centre
  The Windmill Centre

- The Play Parks.
- Community Spirit and the relationships with the Churches and Community Groups.
- Employment areas.

What are our Aspirations?

- To raise the self-perception of the community living in the village.
- Have a real deliverable re-generation of Hele Road and the area.
- To raise the life expectancy of those living in Hele/Lower Barton.

What are our Opportunities?

- Re-develop the Acorn Centre.
- Use empty buildings to drive employment opportunities.
- Highlight training opportunities for young people.
- The secret garden to be used as a community enterprise.
- Improve the environment of Hele Road.
- Utilise the open space on the estates for planting fruit trees.
- Protecting the employment space e.g. Havills, Herald Express, Broomhill Way and Woodland Industrial Estate.
- To have a cleaner area by providing suitable bins.