

The Forum's vision has always been to enable and empower residents to play a full part in the development of an integrated strategy to create vibrant, diverse and sustainable communities in the Valley.



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# the ore valley forum

creating a vibrant and sustainable  
community in the Valley

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The Ore Valley Forum was established in 1993 to address the problems in the area by bringing together residents with representatives of the local authorities, housing associations and service providers, both statutory and voluntary.

Members shared, then as now, the desire to improve the quality of life for all who live and work in the Valley in ways which are inclusive, sustainable and environmentally sensitive.

Neighbourhood Renewal initiatives are now enhancing the ability of the Forum to hold service providers in the Valley to account and are providing the Forum with a budget to widen its membership and implement resident-led projects to achieve its aims.

The Forum has a Steering Group that comprises a wide range of residents and tenants from across the Valley together with

Councillors, both Borough and County. This Steering Group is involved in the process of drawing up an Ore Valley Local Action Plan identifying key issues of concern in the Valley and setting priorities for action for the next year in a rolling programme. The Local Action Plan goes out

for consultation with residents and also with the service providers working in the Valley. The long-term aim is to bend mainstream services in ways that meet the needs of the diverse communities in the Ore Valley.

The short to medium term aims are to enable residents to shape quick-win projects which make a real and tangible difference to the lives of people living and working in the area. An illustration of this would be fear of crime as a key issue with a long-term aim of achieving appropriate levels of neighbourhood policing across the Valley. One of the linked priorities for immediate action is to improve the street lighting and make the pathways safer.

In addition to the Steering Group, the Forum operates a series of Special Interest

Groups where residents and workers can focus on particular areas of concern. These include Community Safety, Education, Children and Young People, Health, Housing, and the Environment. The Groups will be assisted by specialist advisors who will help them gather the information and skills they need to ensure the priorities for action are delivered.

The Valley is home to large social housing estates, much green space, some of which is designated a Site of Nature Conservation Importance, a business park, industrial facilities and a large brownfield site designated as a Millennium Community development area.

