

Community Audit – New Bilton

No	Issue	Potential Impact / Risk	Activities being undertaken to tackle issue	What community can do to tackle issue
1	<p>Increase in multi occupancy housing, short term tenancies, overcrowded homes and an increasingly transitory population.</p> <p>Large private rented sector and a range of different nationalities/ethnicities.</p>	<p>Increasing pressure on community resources, e.g. parking conflicts, bin collections, noise pollution, etc.</p> <p>ASB</p>	<p>Issues to be included in RBC Private Sector Housing strategy.</p>	<p>NBCA to link with Private Sector Officer.</p>
2	<p>There is a desire from the community to see projects that Integrate newcomers when moving into the community to make the best use of local resources.</p> <p>New Bilton has the 2nd largest Non-British ethnic population in Rugby - 1191 (WO 2012)</p>	<p>Reduced community cohesion</p> <p>Social isolation</p>	<p>ESOL and digital access courses at NBCA, Hill St and Warwickshire College.</p> <p>Regular community newsletter deliver to all households in the area</p> <p>Stay Safe and Stay Healthy pamphlet in English and Polish delivered to every household in New Bilton.</p> <p>Ready Steady Tenancy, pre-tenancy workshops delivered by RBC.</p>	<p>Identify what information relevant to people moving into the area can be included on NBCA website and Facebook page.</p>

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3	How can community organisations practically tackle racism issues?	<p>Reduced community cohesion</p> <p>Poor community relationships.</p>	<p>12/13 Race awareness training and combating extremism delivered at BPC.</p> <p>Multi-cultural project stand at Rugby Food Festival 2013.</p>	<p>WREP can deliver Race Awareness training for members of the community.</p> <p>WCC Area Team organise Inter-Cultural Awareness meetings to develop inter-culture projects.</p> <p>Community groups can get support from WCAVA to apply grants for culture and inter culture projects.</p> <p>Encourage a diverse range of activities at the Festival of Culture, Rugby Music Festival, Rugby Food Festival and other local cultural programmes.</p>
4	<p>Perception of significant number of empty properties in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>This is a historical view as the numbers of empty properties in New Bilton have dropped from 53 in March 2014 to 30 in December – though a new Empty Properties list is due in Jan 2015. So the percentage of empty properties is less than 1% of the total no's of</p>	<p>Neglected properties give a negative perception of area</p> <p>ASB in properties/ gardens</p>	<p>Working with owners of specific properties, e.g. Bell House, Stephen St alms houses.</p> <p>A mail out was sent to all empty property owners in October 14 with advice on dealing with empty properties, including how to look after them in winter so they don't deteriorate and impact negatively on the neighbourhood.</p> <p>October 2014 – An agreement has been brokered between the existing owners of Bell</p>	<p>Community can report empty properties that are causing problems in the neighbourhood via the council website: http://www.forms.rugby.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?ebz=1_1419870986819&ebd=0</p> <p>Advice available from RBC Sustainable Homes Officer.</p>

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	properties in the area.		House and a Housing Association to redevelop the site as affordable housing.	
5	Lack of health and leisure facilities New Bilton is adjacent to the town centre and therefore a short distance from health and leisure facilities.	Increased need for other health & social care services Poor health outcomes	2014 – development of edible garden projects in Pavilions Park and Oswald’s Way open space. NBCA has organised an edible garden project with Midland Heart Housing Association.	NBCA to post health and leisure activities on Facebook site. Community to expand edible garden project.
6	Rubbish & littering problems, e.g. - fly tipping in alleyways - dog mess on streets and in Addison and Jubilee parks - Noise pollution and litter from Industrial Estates. - Waste bins kept on streets.	Negative perception of area Increased ASB	2014/15 - environment services deliver Community Pride projects. From 2014 NBCA and local councillors have established a programme of litter picking events, organised in partnership with Environmental Services and Midland Heart Housing Association. Once the area is litter picked Environmental Services will monitor the area with the possibility of pursuing prosecutions.	Raise issues at Community Forums. Report problems through RBC website. NBCA to continue working partnership with Councillors, Environmental Services and local housing associations.

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			<p>Improved ways of reporting dog fouling incidents, including through social media.</p> <p>16 voluntary dog wardens have been recruited in Rugby.</p>	
7	<p>Traffic congestion due to high level of HGV traffic on main roads</p> <p>Residential parking conflicts due to high density on-road parking.</p>	<p>Certain streets being used as rat runs and short cuts</p> <p>Damage to and theft from parked cars</p> <p>Accidents</p> <p>Conflict</p>	Not known.	NBCA and the wider community to raise and monitor issues at Community Forums.
8	<p>Lack of social activities</p> <p>New Bilton is adjacent to the town centre and therefore a short distance from social facilities.</p>	Lack of community connectivity.	Not known	NBCA to post social activities on Facebook site.
9	Lack of learning opportunities	Low educational attainment	NBCA provide job clubs two days per week.	NBCA to attend Job Club Steering Group to strategically plan job club service delivery in all priority areas.

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		Increased unemployment.	<p>NBCA provides digital inclusion projects, ESOL courses and drama classes</p> <p>Homework club stopped June 14 due to lack of funding and changes to school priorities.</p>	<p>NBCA to compile annual action plan and attend six monthly SLA reviews, updating on pre job club, job club, digital inclusion delivery and other learning opportunities.</p> <p>NBCA to make presentations about service delivery at AGM, RBC to attend.</p> <p>NBCA to deliver an activities and learning programme that have been identified as needed through the social prescription project.</p> <p>NBCA to post learning opportunities on Facebook site.</p>