

# ***Paulton Community Plan***

Paulton Village Hall Farrington Road Paulton Bristol BS39 7LW

**TO ALL RESIDENTS OF PAULTON**

12 April 2008

Dear Resident,

## **Paulton Community Plan**

### ***THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT LINKED TO ANY POLITICAL PARTY***

In November 2000 the Government published a White Paper on Rural Communities, whereby help was promised for over 1,000 rural communities to prepare Town and Village Plans to shape their future.

In 2007 it was Paulton's turn to respond to this challenge, and attached to this letter is a questionnaire that has been developed by a group of volunteer Paulton residents. The questions have been constructed from consultation with residents during the past 9 months, to ensure that they represent the issues that matter to the people of Paulton. The questionnaire is a very important document that will enable us to produce a report, and more importantly, an **Action Plan** that will clearly inform local and central government what the people of Paulton want to change in our community. Changes that will make the community stronger, vibrant and better now and in the future.

Please do take the time to contribute your thoughts and ideas by completing and returning this questionnaire. Every person has a part to play and something to contribute. The councillors and planners **MUST** take note of what we say, as required by the White Paper. Local Authority planning will need to reflect the outcome from this report, and the long term future of Paulton can only benefit from your input.

It may seem a daunting document, and you may feel that some sections are not relevant to you. If you feel that this is the case, then PLEASE ONLY COMPLETE THE SECTIONS THAT MATTER TO YOU. Your thoughts are equally important, irrespective of how much of the questionnaire you complete.

We will arrange for collection of completed forms, although you may wish to make use of one of the collection points listed overleaf. If you need assistance with completing any part of the questionnaire, or you need clarification of any section or question, please do not hesitate to contact us. The contact details of your local co-ordinator are shown in the questionnaire. See also some dates when you can come along to the Village Hall to meet the members of the Steering Group and get assistance with your questionnaire.

Please do let us have your completed questionnaires back by 18 May 2008 **at the very latest**. Should any member of your household prefer to complete their own questionnaire, please contact your local co-ordinator, or go to our website at [www.yourpaulton.org](http://www.yourpaulton.org) where an electronic copy can be downloaded.

Thank you in advance, and please remember that this is **YOUR** questionnaire for the future of **YOUR** community.

Yours faithfully,

**Kerr Stirling**

**Chairman, Paulton Community Plan Steering Group**

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## **Additional Assistance**

Members of the Steering Group will be available to assist you with your Questionnaire enquiries in person at the Village Hall in Farrington Road on the following days

**24 April 2008 at 3-7.30pm**

**28 April 2008 at 7-9.30pm**

Come along and get your questions answered.

***Refreshments will be available***

**£25**

## **Prize Draw**

Remember - if you return your details in the contact sheet at the back of the Questionnaire you will automatically be entered into a prize draw for a cash prize of £25.

***Please be assured that your contact sheet will be detached from your questionnaire and your answers will remain confidential and anonymous***

## **Volunteers Still Needed**

Our work in Paulton has only just begun. Over the coming months, there will be many occasions when we will need local people to help with the many activities that will be taking place. Perhaps you have a skill to offer that will assist us to deliver this important piece of work. If you do, please contact :

Kerr Stirling – 01761-470161

## **You may deposit your completed Questionnaire at:**

Paulton News

Post Office

Elm Hayes Surgery

Dentist

Top Fry Fish & Chip Shop