



# Face TO goaf

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## Phase 2 under way

**Twenty more Miners' Welfare Schemes**

**National education programme for trustees and managers**

The success of Phase I helped ensure that funding for Phase II of the initiative, from the Community fund followed. This has allowed a further 20 Miners' Welfare Schemes to be included in the programme which will run until April 2005.

The project is commencing two new major areas of work that will run to December 2004. The first is an external evaluation of the project which is to be conducted by Centre for

Regional Economic and Social (CRESR) at Sheffield Hallam University. This will look at lessons learnt regarding coalfield regeneration, and how these might be applied to other initiatives alongside the positive outcomes of the programme and areas that were least successful.

The second initiative is a national education programme to be undertaken by the Coalfields Learning Initiatives Partnership. This will provide training to the

Phase 2 One Stop Shop trustees and management committees. The results of both pieces of work will be reported to a national conference to be held in 2005.

### ONE STOP SHOP UPDATE

BOLD - refurbishment started  
FLORENCE - opened 2003  
ARLEY - sadly closed September 2002  
LEA HALL - opened 2002  
WEST CANNOCK - building started  
NORTON - ready to open  
FERNHILL & BLAENRHONDDA - building work almost complete  
ABERCRAVE - opened in 2002  
TYLORSTOWN - planning afoot for heritage  
PONTYATES - opened June 2003  
MAERDY - sadly closed January 2003

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## The history

**£10 million attracted to coalfield areas since March 2000**

The One Stop Shop Project was born out of the Coalfields Taskforce Report in 1988. The Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation (CISWO) embraced the challenge to develop One Stop Shops and successfully applied for a grant from the Community Fund to employ seven staff to develop 25 One Stop Shops across the UK.

Tremendous achievements have been made in Phase I. The refurbishment or rebuilding of welfare schemes has allowed a wide range of new services to flourish. Provision ranges from IT classes, keep-fit, boxing, line



The One Stop Shop team.

dancing, advice surgeries, council services, Welsh language, literacy and numeracy, and local history to name but a few of the many activities on offer.

Well over £10 million has been brought into coalfield areas since March 2000 through this programme.

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### PHASE II

AUCHINLECK - community consultation well underway  
DENBEATH - planning community links  
BLANTYRE - new staff member appointed  
PONTEFRACT - funds in place for refurbishment  
BEIGHTON - partnership with local development trust established  
NOSTELL - applications ready to go  
NELSON - opened 2002 - services to be developed  
BLACKHALL - services ready to go  
JACKSDALE - business plan complete  
CALVERTON - new services developing  
CLOCKFACE - consultations underway  
LLAY - new lift already funded  
AMINGTON - feasibility study complete  
ABERTILLARY - new lift installed - redecorating started  
RESOLVEN - refurbishment already commenced  
LLANDYBIE - consultation well under way.

# Western Area

## Phase I

## Arley Miners' Welfare Hall

**Arley Miners' Welfare Hall, North Warwickshire, was a successful 'One Stop Shop.'**

**The Welfare Hall provided for the local community a Credit Union collection point, College Courses, Age Concern Lunch Club, a very successful Volunteer Car scheme funded by Rural Transport Partnership, CAB Outreach Service, Council for Voluntary Services, etc.**

**However, the financial position of the Welfare meant that the scheme could not be sustained and sadly closed in September 2002 despite best efforts to keep it open. Due to the closure all the service providers were reallocated to other venues and a steering committee is supporting the organisations in the area.**

## Florence Colliery Social Welfare Centre

Florence Colliery Social Welfare Centre is situated in the south of the city of Stoke on Trent and is surrounded by a former Miners' estate on one side and a new housing development on the other. The local authority are working in partnership with the Trustee's for dual usage of the sports facility having built a junior school with no playing fields for sports activity. Because of this the welfare will have new changing facilities and an all weather multi use area. The centre has recently been fully refurbished to the extent of £198,000 from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust providing disabled access, new toilet facilities, kitchen, full rewire, and roof renewal. The Trustee's are working in partnership with the

job centre by providing training for young people who are unemployed, Sure Start, Workers Education Association, etc. The welfare was officially opened as a 'One Stop Shop' in April 2003.

## Norton Cricket Club and Miners' Welfare

Norton Cricket Club is situated in the north of the city of Stoke on Trent. The Welfare is at the very heart of the local community and has a long tradition of community provision going back to the 1930's. Due to the layout of the centre the Trustee's needed to provide access to the first floor facility. An application to Coalfields Regeneration Trust was successful for £145,200 which enabled the centre to build an

extension which could house a lift to the first floor, disabled toilets and office space. The Trustee's work in partnership with the North Stoke Live at Home Scheme to provide activities for the over 50's, other schemes include educational courses, women's health activities, benefits & pensions advice and indoor bowling. The welfare also supports very pro active sports sections for all ages.

## Clock Face Colliery Miners' Welfare Club

Clock Face Colliery Miners Welfare is situated in St Helens, part of the North West Coalfields. The welfare is at the heart of the local community and has a long tradition of community provision. Due to the layout of the centre the Trustee's need to provide access to the first floor facility by providing a lift, also the centre requires a refurbishment to provide the facility with disabled toilets, office space, and kitchen, costing in the region of £640,000. The welfare also provides very pro active sports sections for all ages, which include, Rugby league, Football, Bowls. Clock Face Colliery Miners Welfare have set up a Steering Group to oversee the development of the 'One Stop Shop' project.

## Llay Miners' Welfare

Located in Wrexham in North Wales, this Miners' Welfare Scheme has been successful in accessing funding of £50,000 for the installation of a lift to the first floor. The welfare is currently in the process of accessing further funding to refurbish the a conference facility, meeting rooms, office space, kitchen and disabled toilets. The local community has used Llay Miners Welfare since the 1930's with activities for all ages. They currently provide a training facility for British Gas on a formal basis

## Amington Band Welfare Institute

This is situated in the ward of Amington on the outskirts of Tamworth and was built by miners in 1928 for the local colliery band. It was the hub of the community for many years. The scheme has been successful in accessing just under £5000 from the Staffordshire Coalfields Community Chest which has enabled the production of a feasibility study and business plan. The present, poor physical condition and "dour" appearance of the centre has, in recent years, limited the demand for its usage but has still maintained a regular income. The trustees are in the process of applying for funding to the extent of £200,000 to refurbish the centre.

### Phase II



## West Cannock Social Welfare Centre

**West Cannock Social Welfare Centre is situated in Pye Green, South Staffordshire. The local authority is working in partnership with the Trustee's in developing a Community Association to provide services identified in the feasibility study. The welfare centre has recently been successful in accessing funding to the extent of £198,000 from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust. This will enable the Trustee's to refurbish the derelict Youth Centre, by providing disabled access, new toilet facilities, kitchen, full rewire, and roof renewal. The focus of this One Stop Shop will be much needed Youth Services in the area. However, the scheme also accommodates a Women's Group, Aerobics classes, the Workers' Education Association and a crèche. Work is due to be completed in July 2003.**

## Lea Hall Sports and Social Centre

**Over £1.4 million accessed for major improvements and refurbishments.**

Located in South Staffordshire, this Miners' Welfare Scheme has been successful in accessing funding for the refurbishment of the pavilion, the building of new changing rooms, resurfacing of the tennis courts, the conversion of the old changing rooms into an IT suite, access for disabled people, meeting rooms and a CCTV system.

The total cost of this work is in the order of £263,000. The local community has used Lea Hall Sports & Social Centre since the 1950's with activities for all ages. The IT suite provides training on a formal basis or drop-in access. After school coaching is available for tennis and football provided by professional coaches.

The social centre provides a venue for retired miners, the



Workers' Education Association and Cannock College, a Medical Health Assessment Centre, health outreach workers, and bowling. Lea Hall Sports &

Social Centre was opened as an official "One Stop Shop" in April 2002.

## Bold Miners' Neighbourhood Centre

**Major works due to be completed in November 2003.**

Bold Miners' Neighbourhood Centre is located in St Helens, part of the North West coalfields. Work on this £1.4 million refurbishment started in February 2003 and is due to be completed by the end of November 2003. This project is a flagship for the St Helens area and has the support of many partners. The funding for this project comes from a cocktail of funders which include Single Regeneration Budget round 4 and 5, European Regional Development Fund, Neighbourhood Renewal, Coalfields Regeneration Trust and Bold Miners. The building has deteriorated over the past twenty years since the closure of the pit in November 1985. When the refurbishment is completed the centre will provide a community café, two bar areas, IT learning resource centre, conferencing facilities, office space for outreach services. All these facilities are available for use by the whole community.



### Where are we now?

#### PHASE I

- CROY - building work commenced on rebuild
- COALBURN - building work commenced on refurbishment
- MACMERRY - phase I complete opened 2003
- LOGANLEA - work to commence in August
- EASINGTON - work started
- ASHINGTON - rebuild to start any day
- PEGSWOOD - plans afoot for heritage
- VANE TEMPEST - negotiations underway for a completely new trust and centre
- STAKEFORD & BOMARSUND— plans being developed
- CHOPPINGTON - open since 2000
- CORTONWOOD - phase I complete, phase II recently started
- BENTLEY - agreement with Doncaster College and Sure Start
- BRODSWORTH - commencing Heritage application process
- SILVERWOOD - opened in 2002
- HILCOTE - applications ongoing
- DONISTHORPE - opened in 2003
- BESTWOOD - refurbishment commenced
- MASTIN MOOR - applications at the ready
- OLD WHITTINGTON - community consultation under way