

Leigh Neighbours PROJECT

History of Leigh Neighbours Project

- Leigh Neighbours Project started out as a six month funded project to encourage more people to get involved and work together to improve community spirit and the area where they lived. The funding came via 'Connecting Communities' from the Department for Communities and Local Government.
- The area was chosen because of the many issues facing the community here. In a recent survey, 78% of residents said they were not satisfied with this area as a place to live, work or visit. There may be lots of reasons for this so Leigh Neighbours Project is here to give support to help tackle the things that concern people most (everything from rapid turnover of residents to low house prices, as well as environmental issues like litter, graffiti, and fly tipping).
- While the Project was funded originally for six months the Council, residents and their partners knew it would take longer than six months to bring about the major changes required to improve the quality of life.
- The Project area attracted the attention of the National Lottery and chosen as one of 50 'Big Local' areas to receive investment of at least £1M over a ten year period – this funding is anticipated to be accessible in 2012.

