

Manton Community Alliance, Worksop, Nottinghamshire

A Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder (NMP) which aims to explore new ways of working at a neighbourhood level so that local services are better, more efficient and relevant to the locality.

Residents Building a Better Neighbourhood



Manton Community Alliance is made up of local people working together with the organisations and agencies that provide services in Manton. It helps local people influence what's going on in their community by changing the relationship between people and providers; moving it from one of blame to one that stimulates collaboration and trust.



“The aim is for residents and service providers to work together for better services and a better area to live in. It's very much about local people getting involved and helping take the decisions to make sure we get what we need and want in our area,” says Sarah Bowskill of Manton Community Alliance and a local resident herself.



“A play park, for example, was a big priority for residents because there were no facilities for children. Residents got together with Manton Community Alliance to raise funds and now we have a park, which is great. That's why I got involved in the first place.

“Relationships with service providers like the council, housing, health and the police and so on are much better now. We can discuss priorities and there is a much greater feeling of understanding and trust than there was before. That means both sides are more likely to help each other.

“Residents vote on what they think is important- it's about their priorities and it's a bottom up rather than a top-down system.



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“Six years ago, when I first joined Manton Community Alliance, I wouldn't have talked to a service provider or gone to the sort of meetings I go to every day now. I've learnt a lot and I feel more confident because I know now that I can make a difference.”

Results

- New community engagement model means that by March 2009 and after three years 47% of the area's population are engaged, 2008 saw an increase of 66% compared with 2007
- Independent Impact Assessment reported that:
 - 55% of those surveyed said that things have changed because of Manton Community Alliance, whilst 17% said there been no change because of Manton Community Alliance
 - 56% of those surveyed said that Manton had got better over the past two years, whilst 10% thought that it got worse
 - 41% of those surveyed said they thought they could “influence” what happens in Manton, whilst only 26% said that they can't “influence”.