

BLACKWOOD TOWN CENTRE AUDIT – AUGUST 2015

DATE	ISSUE	DEPARTMENT	PROGRESS UPDATE
02/10/13	<p><u>Poundstretcher Site High Street</u> Officers continue to work with Poundstretchers in an attempt to rebuild the store and enable the retailer to return to the town centre.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>5/6 An update was provided to the TCMG. 16/6 The building's owner is working with an architect to look at the option of residential on the first floor, with retail on the ground.</p>
16/05/14	<p><u>Toilet Block Enhancement High Street</u> At the TCMG, it was agreed that proposals would be developed to try and improve the appearance of the disused toilet block on High Street. Should the proposals be approved, the Area Forum Budget may fund the scheme.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>14/4 No money is available and the building is privately owned. Options continue to be looked at. 5/6 An update was provided to the TCMG. 16/6 No funding has been identified as the building is in private ownership.</p>
04/09/14	<p><u>Rat Problem ASDA, Cliff Road</u> The ASDA store manager has complained of a rat infestation on the Council-owned steps leading from the Miners' Institute to the retail park.</p>	<p>Environmental Health <i>Lyndon Ross</i></p> <p>Parks Services <i>Derek Price</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>14/4 Baiting and monitoring is ongoing. 5/6 An update was provided to the TCMG. 16/6 No further problems have been reported. Issue Closed 16/6</p>

23/01/15	<p><u>Choose the High Street – Past & Present Town Centre</u></p> <p>The next phase of the Choose the High Street campaign will start in 2015. Entitled 'Choose the High Street - Past & Present' the campaign will aim to reconnect people with their local town centre.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>PLEASE SEE PREVIOUS AUDITS FOR A FULL HISTORY OF THIS ISSUE</p> <p>5/6 An update was provided to the TCMG. 16/6 This element of the campaign will continue over the summer. The Library exhibitions have been well-received to date.</p>
04/02/15	<p><u>Street Sign Resetting Gordon Road</u></p> <p>A street sign on Gordon Road is damaged and one of its legs requires resetting.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>14/4 A repair will be carried out in due course. 16/6 The repair is due to be done within 10 days.</p>
04/02/15	<p><u>Cleaning of Artwork Gordon Road</u></p> <p>The artwork outside the Library has mould forming on the glass panels and the surrounding area requires cleansing.</p>	<p>Urban Renewal <i>Allan Dallimore</i></p>	<p>14/4 The artist has been asked to advise on how to clean the artwork. 5/6 An update was provided to the TCMG. 16/6 NCS will be completing some basic cleaning, but the artist has asked to do the more complex aspects himself.</p>
04/02/15	<p><u>Repainting of Benches and Bollards Woodbine Road</u></p> <p>The paintwork on the benches and bollards on Woodbine Road is worn and damaged, which requires repainting.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>14/4 The work has been added to the summer repainting schedule. 5/6 An update was provided to the TCMG. 16/6 The work has been done. Issue Closed 16/6</p>
20/03/15	<p><u>Retailer Security Briefing Maxime Cinema, High Street</u></p> <p>Gwent Police Officers are arranging a security briefing for retailers on 14th April. The briefing is being delivered by Special Branch and will make retailers aware of potential terrorist activities.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins Williams</i></p> <p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>14/4 The event is taking place on 14th April. 16/6 The event was well-attended and informative. Issue Closed 16/6</p>

15/04/15	<p><u>Removal of Road Closure High Street</u> Police Officers are in the process of reviewing the Thursday night road closure of High Street that was introduced to deter car cruisers. As part of the review, the views of CCBC Officers, Local Members and the Town Council will be considered.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins Williams</i></p> <p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p> <p>Transportation <i>Clive Campbell</i></p>	<p>15/4 A meeting was held at Blackwood Police Station on 14th April where all parties were given an opportunity to express their views. After discussion, it was agreed that the Order would remain in place but that a review would be undertaken in 6 months. 16/6 The road closure will be ongoing over the summer, but will be subject to another review in the future. Issue Closed 16/6</p>
15/05/15	<p><u>Banner Changeover Town Centre</u> The banners on the street lighting columns will be installed during May throughout the town centre.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>16/6 The changeover has been carried out. Issue Closed 16/6</p>
20/05/15	<p><u>Programme of Painting North of the Town Centre</u> A programme of works has been agreed for the Highways “Two Man Team” to repaint the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The railings outside Blackwood Miners’ Institute; • The railings/steps linking ASDA with High Street; • The railings by the “Dragon Circle” near ASDA. 	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	<p>16/6 All of the work has been completed. Issue Closed 16/6</p>
05/06/15	<p><u>Damage to The Marketplace Town Centre</u> At the TCMG, it was reported that an incident had taken place in The Marketplace, which involved a vehicle damaging street furniture and the Peacocks store.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins Williams</i></p> <p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>16/6 The bollards do not belong to CCBC, but have been ordered by The Marketplace.</p>

05/06/15	<p><u>Underage Drinking</u> <u>The Marketplace/Gravel Lane</u> At the TCMG, concern was expressed in relation to young people congregating on a bench at the top of Gravel Lane whilst drinking alcohol and taking part in antisocial behaviour.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins Thomas</i></p> <p>Community Safety <i>Kath Peters</i></p>	16/6 PCSOs and CSWs are regularly monitoring the area.
17/06/15	<p><u>Repainting of Double Yellow Lines</u> <u>Bus Station Pay & Display Car Park</u> The double yellow lines alongside the car park are worn and require repainting.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	
22/06/15	<p><u>Damage to Properties</u> <u>High Street</u> During the weekend period, some young people gained access to the flat roofs of several properties, which subsequently caused internal damage to some of the properties.</p>	<p>Regulatory Planning <i>Tim Stephens</i></p> <p>Community Safety <i>Kath Peters</i></p> <p>Police <i>Ins Williams</i></p> <p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	
24/06/15	<p><u>Antisocial Behaviour</u> <u>The Marketplace/Gravel Lane</u> A number of complaints have been received in relation to a group of males congregating on the bench at the top of Gravel Lane. The men are drinking and being intimidating to passers-by. There have also been reports of suspected drug use.</p>	<p>Police <i>Ins Thomas</i></p> <p>Community Safety <i>Kath Peters</i></p> <p>Licensing <i>Myra McSherry</i></p>	

06/07/15	<p><u>Litter Problems</u> <u>Blackwood Retail Park</u> Cllr. Rees has received complaints in relation to Blackwood Retail Park. The bins on the park are overflowing and a large amount of litter has started to accumulate on the site.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	<p>14/7 Contact has been made with the new owners of the retail park, who have agreed to start cleaning the site regularly again.</p>
10/07/15	<p><u>Repainting of Bollards</u> <u>High Street</u> The paint on the bollards in the car park access lane next to New Look has become worn and damaged.</p>	<p>Highways <i>Gavin Barry</i></p>	
03/08/15	<p><u>Banner Changeover</u> <u>Town Centre</u> The banners on the street lighting columns will be installed during August throughout the town centre.</p>	<p>Town Centre Management <i>Andrew Highway</i></p>	
04/08/15	<p><u>Japanese Knotweed</u> <u>The Marketplace Shopping Centre</u> Japanese Knotweed has started growing in The Marketplace at the top of Gravel Lane, which needs treatment.</p>	<p>Countryside Services <i>Phil Griffiths</i></p>	