

“ We will share our brighter and better Braunstone with the rest of the world ”

**The Braunstone
Vision 2000**

BCA
Annual
Report & Accounts
2008-09



A new deal for
BRAUNSTONE

Thank-you to all our partners for their contribution over the last nine years.

Age Concern	Leicester Fire and Rescue Service
Braunstone Resource and Training Centre	Leicester Law Centre
Braunstone Voluntary Sector Forum	Leicester West Carers Cooperative
British Red Cross	Leicester West Primary Care Trust
Business Link	Leicester Witness Cocoon
CaSE-da	Leicestershire and Rutland Probation Service
Clockwise Credit Union	Leicestershire Constabulary
Connexions	LeicesterShire Economic Partnership
Countryside Agency	Leicestershire Education Business Company
Faith Groups	LHA-ASRA
Focus Consultants	Lighthouse Learning
Fulhurst Improvement Zone	Local community groups
Gardencare (Leicestershire) Ltd	Local Schools
Groundwork (incorporating Environ)	Money Advice
Inland Revenue	NACRO
Job Centre Plus	National Centre for Citizenship
Job Service Partnership	NCH (Sure Start)
Learning and Skills Council	Sport England
Leicester City Council	Turning Point Women's Centre
Leicester College	Voluntary Action Leicester
Leicester Community Projects Trust	

The Braunstone Vision

'Ten years from now, Braunstone will be a beautiful place to live. Local people will enjoy good quality housing, services and facilities. We will be confident, well educated and hard working. We will be fit and healthy and live without the fear of crime. We will be fully involved in, and own, the process of improving our estate, and will work with others who share our vision. We will share our brighter and better Braunstone with the rest of the world.'

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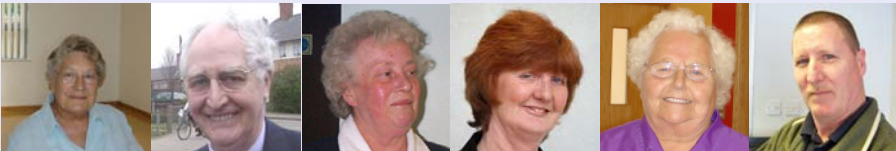
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The Board of Directors

The Directors who served the company during the year were:

GJ Abraham	
K Beaumont MBE	(Resigned as a director on 17 February 2009)
D Bentley	(Resigned as a director on 10 July 2008)
MP Bloice	
AP Cupkovic	
BA Gordon	(Resigned as a director on 24 September 2008)
PE Hurd	
EHG Inman	(Resigned as a director on 31 March 2009)
AF Russell	
T Sanders	
AL Smith	



Gwen Abraham

Keith Beaumont

Pauline Hurd

Di Bentley

Mavis Bloice

Antony Cupkovic



Bev Gordon

Henry Inman

Tony Russell

Andrew Smith

Toby Sanders

Many thanks go out to the Board Directors who had to resign over the year. They, along with current Board Directors, have provided their time and effort free of charge as volunteers, and played a pivotal role in developing us as a NDC body, which is regarded as one of the best in the country.

An Overview by the Chief Executive & Acting Chair



Gwen Abraham - Acting Chair

During 2008 - 2009 We continued to manage and deliver the New Deal for Communities (NDC) Programme.

We have provided another £4 million of investment this year supporting the physical development of Braunstone and improving service delivery to local residents.

Evidence shows that the crime and the fear of crime has reduced; there has been an increase in qualifications and in household income; there has been an increase in the number of people who are eating healthily, taking part in physical activity and are satisfied with GPs; Importantly, there is an increase in the number of local residents who are satisfied with Braunstone as a place and who feel a part of the community. Overall, there is a significant majority of local residents who feel that both the company and the NDC Programme has improved the quality of life in Braunstone. An extensive, impartial evaluation of our NDC Programme is being undertaken by Coventry University and the results will be available in late

2009.

The last year has seen continued development of an appropriate neighbourhood management approach for Braunstone. Residents and service providers have started to work constructively together on improving the way the estate is managed.

The Braunstone Neighbourhood Management Board, set up in December 2007, meets every 6 weeks and has the full input and support of local Service Providers, including Police, Children's Centre, Schools, Housing Service, Parks, NHS Leicester City, local GPs and a range of Third Sector organisations. It supports a Resident Network, which has over 150 residents involved and is becoming increasingly popular. The Residents Network is now the main vehicle for community engagement and participation and offers the "voice" of local residents.

As well as managing the NDC Programme, we have built on its track record of delivering projects and key services in the locality and adjacent areas. A number of new contracts have been won, and we have now accessed a number of new income and grant regimes that will ensure that some of the

critical services that are currently being delivered will be enhanced and continued beyond the end of the NDC Programme in 2010.

These contracts enable us to:

Meet a real need in nearby communities and neighbourhoods;

Share the expertise and new ways of working to other parts of the City;

Benefit from economies of scale and cost savings;

Raise our profile across the City; and

Ensure that a net income is re-invested into Braunstone.

Along with increasing service provision, we have consolidated and enhanced our asset base, through the development of a investment programme (to be implemented in 2009) and the acquisition of industrial property on Oswin Road. The asset base and the income generated will form the foundation to the future development of the company and its role as a Community Anchor organisation for the locality, ensuring the long-term, community regeneration of Braunstone.

"b-inspired has a sustainable future."



Dave Brennan - Chief Executive

Key Achievements

Community Clean Up

The Neighbourhood Management Board meetings and the residents' get-togethers have been extremely well attended and have spearheaded very positive improvements to the area.

As a result of the NMB several sub-groups have formed to do targeted work outside of the meetings. These groups included a clean-up group which has undertaken several clean-ups in and around the Six Streets, Highway Spinney and Church Fields area. A poster competition was launched to get publicity materials designed by local children in the area. The designs were judged by the Bishop of Leicester. Future clean ups will use the posters to encourage local residents to take part.



“The project supports residents of all ages.”

The Feeling Good Project

The Feeling Good project was delivered by a consortium led by Turning Point Women's Centre. The project supports residents of all ages who suffer from symptoms such as stress, anxiety, depression and low self esteem by enabling them to access a range of interventions.

Families in Focus

Families in Focus is about bringing family learning to Braunstone. This is delivered by Turning Point Women's Centre through a variety of methods, one is to offer one to one support in the home, and supporting people to attend family learning sessions delivered in schools and community venues.

Highway Spinney

The Highway Spinney – Access for all project has formed part of a wider strategy supported by Leicester's environmental charity Groundwork Leicester with funding from the Onyx Trust and Lottery Heritage Initiative. The project has focused specifically on conservation work carried out by volunteers within the Spinney and improvements to public safety and ease of access. Highway Spinney is of enormous value to wildlife in this urban environment and offers refuge for an array of wildlife from birds to bats, fungi to bluebells. The project came to an end in January 2008 however the wonderfully committed and energetic Friends of Highway Spinney group will continue their support on an informal basis.



Key Achievements

Sports Action Zone Consultation

Following a consultation of 1472 local residents a presentation of the key was held at Braunstone Leisure centre with an opening presentation from Sport England.

From the findings there were a number of future focus areas including the need to establish a "Sporting Braunstone" partnership network

The Sporting Braunstone Partnership network now has 16 members "Sporting Braunstone" is the first of its kind, acting as a neighbourhood arm of the City's Local Sporting Alliance.



Braunstone Carnival

Braunstone Carnival was once again a hugely successful event with the Residents' Network actively promoting and recruiting new residents to support Neighbourhood Management.

The Carnival now incorporates Braunstone Sports Fest and attracts over 20,000 visitors to Braunstone. The event celebrates sport and physical activity, and offers local residents the opportunity to take part in new activities ranging from ice skating, to climbing, to arm chair aerobics.

Braunstone Bonfire

The Bonfire event was extremely successful and attracted to biggest crowd to date at 7,000. The event gave an opportunity for the community to come together and to take part in an activity for the whole family.



Key Achievements

Achievement Project

The Achievement Project creates a single route way for residents to access volunteering, training and employment opportunities, making it easier for people to progress in the field of sport. The project was predominately for residents of Braunstone and all courses and opportunities were available free of charge.

The project supported 105 people, with 62 coming from the Braunstone area and the other 43 coming from other various areas of the city; including New Parks, Highfields, Beaumont Leys and Saffron. People engaged in training, mentoring or volunteering and some managed to enter employment.



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Braunstone Awards

The resident’s network worked with the Neighbourhood Support Team to host the biggest Braunstone Awards to date. This event attracted over 250 residents with over 130 individual awards given out. The categories were Good Neighbours & Carers, Working with Young People, Services to the Community, Workers in the Community, Overcoming Difficulties.

Business Box

The new Business Box, a managed office-space and incubation centre, opened in April 2008 and within the year had achieved a 75% occupancy level of tenants, with additional tenants being provided with a “virtual tenancy” service. Its first anniversary was formally recognised by the Minister for Europe, Caroline Flint MP. At the time of writing Business Box has no vacancies.



Key Achievements

Braunstone Skills Centre

The Braunstone Vocational Skills Centre, a new vocational training centre for 14-16 years and adult learners, was completed and opened in April 2009. Delivered in partnership with Fullhurst Community College the centre runs predominantly vocational courses and is part of the New Diploma scheme.

“the centre will support local residents”



Getting Residents Into Work

b-working continued to provide Matrix accredited high quality employment support services to local residents, delivering a “one-stop shop” to job brokerage, training and information advice and guidance (IAG) provision.

b-working has worked in partnership with Leicester’s City Strategy to support recruitment for the High Cross Quarter shopping centre. The service has now been identified as city Multi Access Centre and will continue to host services for other advice agencies, including the Community Legal Advice Centre; Clockwise Credit Union; Leicester Money Advice; and Age Concern.

Final Programme Evaluation

An extensive, impartial evaluation of our NDC Programme is being undertaken by SURGE (the Applied Research Centre in Sustainable Regeneration) at Coventry University and the results will be available in late 2009.

The overall aim of the Final Programme Evaluation is to assess the NDC programme’s delivery and identify lessons which might inform future interventions for Braunstone and beyond.



b-inspired

we're changing...



In the summer of 2009 **b-inspired** was established to carry forward the ground breaking work undertaken by the Braunstone Community Association (BCA) over the last decade.

Since 2000, we have worked in partnership with local residents to change our community for the better, and together we have achieved a great deal. Working with the community, we have gained a unique insight into the real life issues close to the hearts of our residents.

In identifying these issues, we have built active relationships with a huge number of organisations over a wide spectrum and have successfully delivered products and services for local people.

We are dedicated to continuing this improvement, which is why we have launched **b-inspired** together with:

b-working – Practical help and guidance for employment

b-enterprising – Help in building a business and working for yourself.

b-connected – Supporting local groups, events and activities

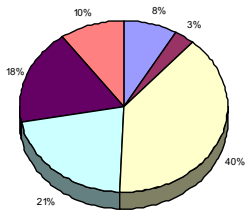
b-creative – Enabling residents to learn and build confidence through realising their creativity

b-active – Promoting health and well being for everyone

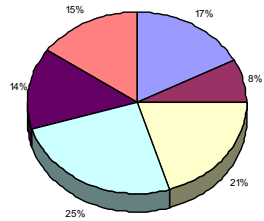


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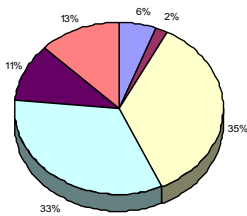
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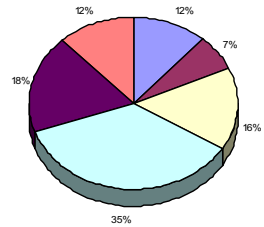
NDC Expenditure 2000-09



Total Investment 2008-09

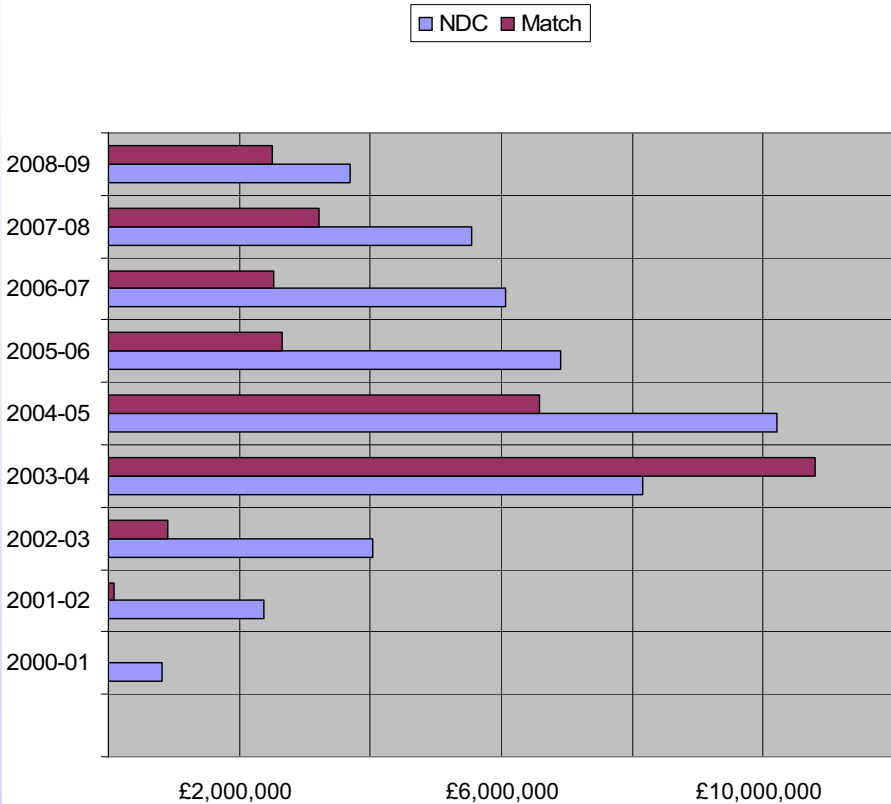


Total Investment 2000-09



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| Community Development & Inclusion | Crime and Community Safety |
| Education and Family Learning | Health and Wellbeing |
| Housing and Environment | Employability and Enterprise |

NDC Investment



Main Outcomes Achieved to Date

- ◆ Unemployment has steadily reduced from 8.2% in 1999 to 5%
- ◆ Over 60% of working residents now have some form of NVQ or related qualification, with only 38% with no qualifications (compared to 47% in 2002)
- ◆ The number of residents on low incomes has gone down from 17% to 8%.
- ◆ Crime has been dramatically reduced, with burglary reduced by 61%; car crime by 35% and arson by 50%.
- ◆ Illness rates have declined and the proportion of residents feeling "downhearted and low" has reduced from 40% to 36%. There has also been a reduction in the number of residents who smoke and 83% of residents are satisfied with their family doctor / GP.
- ◆ More residents are now engaged in some sport or physical activity with 89% of adults taking physical activity for at least 20 minutes at a time.
- ◆ Over 95% of the housing in Braunstone now meets the Government's Decent Homes standards and 89% of residents are satisfied with their homes.
- ◆ Over 80% of residents are now satisfied with the area as a place to live; an increase of 33% compared to 2002.
- ◆ A sustainable Bus Service now links Braunstone with the City Centre and 93% of local residents feel that poor public transport is not a problem.
- ◆ Over 50% of residents have a home computer compared to just 29% in 2002.
- ◆ More people now feel part of the community, closing the gap with the national figure by half, with an increasing sense of "neighbourliness".

In conclusion, most residents feel that they have benefited from the NDC Programme.

Financial statement— year ending 31 March 2009

Balance Sheet	2009	2008
	£	£
Fixed Assets (see note below)	0	0
Current Assets		
Debtors	345,426	305,053
Cash at bank and in hand	1,049,489	1,262,982
	1,394,915	1,568,035
Creditors	(1,234,044)	(1,334,814)
Net Current Assets	160,871	233,221
Reserves	160,871	233,221

Note:

In each financial year since 2000/2001 expenditure on fixed assets has been matched by grant funding and is, therefore, shown as nil value in the Balance Sheet. The breakdown of the expenditure on fixed asset purchases up to 31st March 2009 is seen below:

Land and Buildings	£4,600,540
Improvements to Leasehold Buildings	£ 53,848
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	£ 479,438

£5,133,826

Financial statement— year ending 31 March 2009

Profit & Loss Account	2009 £	2008 £
Summary		
Grants receivable	4,190,512	4,228,903
Rents receivable	84,225	0
Contract income	84,399	0
Other income	16,595	28,846
Project costs	(4,154,331)	(3,644,470)
Management and administration	(342,898)	(546,626)
Interest receivable	62,191	118,892
Interest payable	0	(218)
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(59,307)	185,327
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	(13,043)	(23,778)
(Loss)/profit for the year	(72,350)	161,549



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