

A Conversational Place.

Last year, our Year 5 children completed an Archie Bishop Award as part of their PSHE curriculum. The award encouraged children to 'be the change they want to see' within their communities. Part of the award required children to take a walk round their local community and identify places that were in need of change.



The children looked at a variety of different places within the community and discussed how they could improve these areas.

Write down or draw the 'hubs' in your local community as you notice them?

Write down or draw the areas in your community where you notice things which could be changed or improved? How could you serve your community?

Walk Activity Sheet

Our walk

the Common

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the quarry

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The walkthrough

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the Ermin Station

- 1. Benches
- 2. wider path
- 3. flowers

- 1. paint
- 2. more bins
- 3. create a path
- 4. Council to maintain it

- 1. path to be made Safer
- 2. remove graffiti
- 3. litter

- 1. Create community garden
- 2. more Seating
- 3. make it aesthetically pleasing

Name: [REDACTED]

Go: To take a walk around the local area to identify hubs of change in the community and places that need of

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Finally, the children voted on the idea that they would like to fulfil. The winner was making Town Green Station more aesthetically pleasing by putting up art work, created by the children, and transforming the piece of derelict land next to the station.

Miss Stone got in touch with Mersey Rail to see if this would be possible. They were delighted by the children's idea and gave us their full backing and support.

To ensure the art work produced was of a high quality, Miss Stone and Mr Clare decided to ask professional artists to assist us. We had a meeting with West Lancashire Borough Council Arts Service, who were very excited by the project and advised us to apply for an Arts Grant. Due to the size of the project, we also decided that we wanted to get the community involved and invited St. Michael's Church, Pavilion Nursery, Dimples Childminders and Springfield Nursing Home to support us.

Miss Stone and West Lancashire Borough Council Arts Service worked hard over the next 7 months writing the bid and in July we found we were successful in securing a grant of £15,000 from the Arts Council. The Arts Council advised us to use a collaborative artistic group called We Make That.

Updates of the project will be advertised in the local press as well as on the school website (www.aughtonstmichaels.co.uk) and on the following blog <http://towngreenconversations.tumblr.com/>

