

# Landscape and the Environment

## The Issues:

Maintain and enhance the villages' natural and historical characteristics.

## Background:

Local people regard the natural and historical character of the villages as very important and want to see it remain as a semi-rural community, 56% of questionnaire respondents wanting it to stay as it is and 92% replying that the surrounding countryside is very important or important to them. They do not want to see the village character swamped by large housing developments.

Recycling provision is not consistent throughout the parish as plastic recycling is limited to households served by the roadside box scheme.

Local residents want to see enhancement of the area with planned tree planting, protection of existing trees, maintenance of dry stone walls and the cleaning out of watercourses.

There is a perennial problem with inconsiderate dog owners allowing their animals to foul the footpaths and grass areas.

Most people feel that the parish is clean and well maintained but there are litter and flytipping problems in some areas that need to be addressed.



## Partners:

Parish Council, BMDC Planning, Cleansing, Parks and Landscapes, Visible Services, Tree Team and Dog Warden Departments, Environment Agency, DEFRA, Forest of Bradford organisation, Local landowners.

## Action:

- 1) Encourage BMDC to provide community wide recycling facilities for all materials.
- 2) Encourage landowners to plant more native species trees and repair and maintain dry stone walls.
- 3) Plant native species trees within the parish.
- 4) Encourage dog owners to clean up after their dogs and support the enforcement of penalties for those who do not.
- 5) Provide adequate litter bins.
- 6) Deter flytipping with penalty notices and the appropriate management of common areas.
- 7) Monitor the protection of trees with TPOs.
- 8) Ensure that water courses are cleaned out and maintained to allow the free flow of water through the village.
- 9) Monitor the enforcement of the current UDP and Conservation Area legislation.
- 10) Participate in consultation regarding the LDF for Bradford.

## Timescale:

All actions are ongoing except 10 which will take place 2008-2009.