

# Ryedale Voluntary Action

## Factsheet

### **Ryedale Strategic Partnership (RSP)**

The Ryedale Strategic Partnership (RSP) is a formal body, which brings together the public, business, and voluntary and community sectors. It was formed in response to the Local Government Act 2000.

The role of the Ryedale Strategic Partnership is to:

improve the quality of life for the people of Ryedale

help bring together local partners to improve the services we receive

shape the places where we live.

The Partnership is accountable to local people. The Partnership Board, which manages the whole RSP, holds its meetings in public and the minutes of those meetings are published on the ImagineRyedale website [www.imagine-ryedale.org.uk](http://www.imagine-ryedale.org.uk).

The Chair of the Partnership is County Councillor Clare Wood.

The RSP built a vision for Ryedale with Ryedale people. This is expressed in the sustainable community strategy: Imagine Ryedale 2003 – 2013.

When the plan was developed a wide range of individuals and groups across Ryedale were involved using a process called 'Imagine', or appreciative enquiry. This approach helped the RSP to identify what the priorities were for creating and maintaining a sustainable community.

The RSP understood from the start that the responsibility for decisions about how public services are to be delivered ultimately lies with the statutory partners. However, for those decisions to be sustainable and essentially 'owned' by the people who are going to live with them, the wider community has to be involved at the very heart of the process of community planning.

The RSP makes decisions in the context of the shared vision of what people have agreed as their desired future for the area.

- Vibrant Communities
- Strong Safe Communities
- Access and Communication
- Health and Wellbeing
- Landscape and Environment
- Developing Opportunities

Since its formation the RSP has supported projects which will help to make this shared vision a reality.

The RSP has adopted 4 priorities for action for 2007-2010; these provide strategic direction and focus for the Partnership and are reported on to the Board at their quarterly meetings.

The priorities were chosen following an analysis of local conditions in Ryedale, research on trends for the future and through on-going conversations with partners and the communities of Ryedale.

The RSP's priorities for action are:

### **Healthy Weight (formerly called Obesity)**

To achieve obesity prevention and weight management, promoting healthier and more active lifestyles, for people living in Ryedale.

### **Basic Skills**

To improve Literacy and Numeracy skills in the adult population (16+)

### **Community Transport**

To increase the use of community transport in Ryedale

### **Community Engagement**

To provide real opportunities for people who live, work and visit Ryedale to be involved in issues and decisions that affect them by using approaches that are proactive, inclusive and appropriate.