

PACT Annual Report 2011/12

It has been a busy year for PACT with some notable highlights

- The Story Giants of Eden project reached its climax on the May Day just before last years AGM. However since then a DVD and a book have been produced capturing highlights from the event. The DVD is for sale at £3 and some copies of the book are still available for those who were involved in the project. The book was also nominated for the Lakeland book of the year and got a runners up award in the category Illustrations and Presentation.
- Cob oven building activity continued in a number of locations and there is on-going interest in this initiative both from communities and private individuals. Watch our "Events" pages to see where and when there will be a firing of one of the ovens and go along to sample the cooking and the comradeship.
- PACT championed the Greening of Penrith project with planters being placed in key locations throughout the centre of town. These have been planted up with quality trees and plants. We have also taken the opportunity to paint some of the street furniture in the centre of town thus improving the general ambiance of the town. Feedback has been very positive. The next phase of this project, funds permitting, is to upgrade facilities in St Andrews Square. This includes relaying some paths, putting in additional seating, painting the railings, signage and replanting the slightly tired flowerbed that runs from Mansion House to The Parish Rooms.
- Joan Robinson established Penrith's first community garden at the bottom of Sticklandgate. This was followed up with an inspiring talk by Pam Warhurst about Incredible Edible Todmorden at the Methodist Church on the 30th April. A visit to Todmorden is arranged for Saturday 9th June. If you are interested please be in touch a.s.a.p. (maureen.ward@hotmail.co.uk). We hope this will be the start of a community initiative to colonise unused and unloved areas of land in Eden. Follow the "Garden of Eden" links on the website.
- A number of litter picks were arranged throughout the year the most recent being just before Easter 2012. Further litter picks are planned for later in the year although EDC's enforcement of contracts with Enterprise has resulted in a cleaner town centre.
- Finally PACT has been very active in seeking to develop close working relationships with the Council. This has borne fruit as demonstrated by the Greening Project and we are hopeful that there will be plenty of opportunities for joint working in 2012/13.

Looking forward into 2012/13 PACT has three key objectives

- a) To develop closer working links with other community group in and around Penrith. PACT has some skills within its membership, which it is happy to share with other organisations. These include business planning, IT, film and fund raising skills.
- b) To make the greening project totally sustainable through a sponsorship initiative.
- c) To find ways to extend the concept of community gardens. It is hoped that the Council might be able to assist with the provision of land.