

East Central Rochdale

The Housing Market Renewal team will receive £90 million over the next three years across Oldham and Rochdale. This is a vote of confidence in the future of local communities including East Central Rochdale.

What this means for East Central Rochdale?

In 2008-09 there will be investment of around £8 million in ECR, continuing the transformation taking place.

- More sites will be obtained for new homes by the purchase of commercial premises and property.
- New homes will be completed at the Nelson Place and Dale Mill sites.
- More new homes planned on the Central Wardleworth Site (Kitchen Street).
- Refurbishing more homes across the neighbourhoods
- Financial support to all residents affected by clearance activity to purchase new homes
- Improvements the environment in the area to complement this investment.

Here is just a taste of what is planned or has been achieved

- **Environmental Projects**

The Eafield Road play facility will serve the local neighbourhoods of Cloverhall; Bellshill and Hamer.

Newlands and Pennine Edge Forest (PEF) are taking advantage of the natural beauty of the River Roch Corridor. Groundwork Trust and BTCV continue to contribute to the area with clean up campaigns and community projects.

- **Health**

From 2009 a wide range of popular health services will be provided from a purpose built centre on the Croft Mill site.

- **Economy**

Alongside new homes local people need the opportunity to work and earn money to invest in their futures. Key projects to help with this are the Unique Enterprise Centre, offering training and managed workspaces for new businesses, and Belfield Business Neighbourhood attracting new employment to the area.

- **Community Safety**

Housing Market Renewal has ensured that Police Community Safety Officers were funded for the neighbourhood. The Community Safety team works across all neighbourhoods to help residents feel safer in their local community.

- **Community Support**

A revitalised Wardleworth and Hamer Panel meet every six weeks to discuss a wide range of issues affecting the lives of local people.

Cloverhall, Bellshill and Hamer residents meet regularly to discuss issues that impact on their community too focusing on young people and facilities and activities needed to help them.

All of these projects, alongside Housing Market Renewal investment will bring lasting change to the ECR neighbourhoods. Next year will see the visual change of the new homes complemented by the work to support people in the area. After all – **“Where we live matters”**

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