

A Learning Place

Helping you to reach your potential

Our Vision: Improve learning opportunities, skills and aspirations for the whole population of Bassetlaw.

It is our aim to make learning attractive, affordable and accessible to everyone in Bassetlaw – whatever their age or background. We are working to help ensure our schools, colleges, and voluntary groups have the support they need to provide a positive environment for learning. Our Learning & Skills Sub-Group is championing this area.

Our Goals:

- u Make lifelong learning open to everyone in Bassetlaw
- u Raise the ambition and achievement of young people
- u Develop the skills needed by existing and future employers

Our Progress: Key Achievements 2003/2004

Sure Start West Bassetlaw – Billy the Bat From Bassetlaw

A group of young mums at the Sure Start Centre in Langold have written and illustrated a delightful book for young children, which is to be published in time for Christmas!

The idea evolved when a couple of years ago the Sure Start Centre at Langold could not be built because the derelict school on site was home to several species of bats. Bats are protected by law and so a special “Bat Barn” had to be built to re-home these little creatures.

The parents became interested in the small mammals and with the help of Pip Beasant, Learning Co-ordinator for Sure Start, they decided to make a book for their children. Margaret Mantaj, from North Notts Bat Group, inspired the young women when she brought in two of her rescued bats and explained why Langold Lake and the Woods are so important for the survival of these special creatures.

The parents also worked with an artist funded through Nottinghamshire County Council’s Next Stage and two designers to turn their work into a printable format, and the end result is stunning!

In recognition of their achievement, commitment and enthusiasm the group recently received medals at the Bassetlaw Learning Community launch.

For more information contact Pip Beasant on 01909 731805.



Skills Fair 2004

The Learning & Skills Sub-Group of the BLSP organised Bassetlaw Skills Fair 2004 to coincide with National Adult Learners Week 15-21 May 2004. This year's theme was 'Learning Together', and showcased education and training opportunities across all theme areas of the BLSP, and was held on the 20th May, at Retford Town Hall.



The day included a Business Breakfast meeting organised in partnership with Nottinghamshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry, featuring sessions on Exel and B&Q, and the PFI scheme developing the District's secondary schools. In addition the BCVS facilitated a meeting of voluntary organizations within the District to discuss how they can provide training opportunities, support training providers and promote the take-up of learning and employment opportunities amongst their members. It also provided an occasion where they could share information on schemes already in place.

Throughout the day there was an exhibition open to the public and schools where training providers, universities, careers guidance services, adult education specialists, employment advisors and local businesses provided stands and interactive displays, giving information and advice on the education and training opportunities they offer.

The climax of the day was an Awards Ceremony highlighting the many and varied achievements of Bassetlaw people and organizations. As last year, those nominated received Bassetlaw Lifelong Learning Awards, in their respective categories. Categories for nomination included:

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| u | Personal Achievement Award | u | Families Learning Together Award |
| u | Learning Together (Group) Award | u | Learning Together at Work Award |
| u | Schools Personal Achievement Award | u | Employers Investing in Learning Award |
| u | Learning Together in Schools (Group) Award | u | Learning Together as Volunteers Award |

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Adult & Community Learning Service – Manton COG

The Adult & Community Learning Service is part of the Nottinghamshire County Council Culture and Community Department and provides funding and support for adult learning in targeted areas across the county. Within the Bassetlaw area, there are 5 COGs (Learning Communities Operations Groups) covering Langold, Carlton, Misterton, Worksop, and Manton. The COGs are made up of local education service providers, agencies working within the local area, and community representatives.

A number of BLSP partners from the Learning & Skills Sub-Group are involved in the Adult and Community Learning Service's Manton COG. The group has recently taken on a broader remit and agreed to be the Education Theme Group for Manton Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder. The group brings partners together to explore innovative and fresh ideas for delivering learning to the Manton community. Members of the group have been working for the past few months to produce an Action Plan, which will directly feed into the overall Delivery Plan for the Pathfinder. The actions and objectives of the Pathfinder Action Plan will link closely with the BLSP Learning & Skills Sub-Group, and where required both groups will work in partnership on projects.

For more information on the group please contact Helen Goldsbrough, Local Learning Manager, The Adult and Community Learning Service, 01909 474029, helen.goldsbrough@nottscc.gov.uk



**Bringing Neighbourhood
Management to Manton**

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Key Targets

The table below outlines the five key targets agreed by the Sub-Group, as outlined in the Community Strategy Summary that will be used to measure educational achievement levels within the District. Although it is not possible to isolate the actual impact of the BLSP on these indicators, the level of partnership working across the District will naturally impact upon improvements in the majority of cases. These are monitored closely throughout the year and reported on annually.

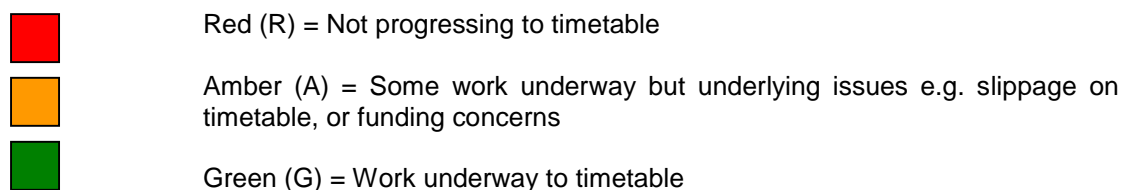
Our long term goal... to increase the percentage of 19 year olds achieving a level 2 qualification

BLSP Indicator	Definition	Method of Measurement	2003/2004 Performance
L&S 3	To increase the percentage of 19 year olds achieving a level 2 qualification ¹⁶	(1) LSC/ QoL 9(a) Baseline (Notts County 1999/2000) = 63.5% achieving Level 2 Target end 2004 = Additional 1060 achieving Level 2 (71.1%)	Performance for this year cannot be reported. 2001/2002 = 510 (48% of target) 2002/2003 = 577 (54% of target - Estimate Feb 2004)
L&S 4	Aim to achieve national averages at GCSE but attainment to be at least in line with the average for North Nottinghamshire	(1) BV 38 ¹⁷ / QoL 9(b) Baseline 2002/2003 = 47.2% (County Average) (2) Isolate Bassetlaw average from BV38 ¹⁷ / QoL9(b) Baseline 2002/2003 = 43.3% (3) Comparisons against National and North Notts average (a) Baseline 2002/2003 (National - DfES) = 52.9% (b) Baseline 2002/2003 (North Notts – NCC) = 40.2%	(1) 47.1% (2) 43.8% (3a) National average = 53.3% (provisional) (3b) North Notts ¹⁸ average = 40.79%

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L&S 5	<p>All schools to meet their statutory targets for Key Stages 2, 3, and 4</p> <p>(Performance shown as: Number of schools achieving/ Total number of schools for that Key Stage. 2 Retford Secondary Schools merged following 2002/2003 affecting total number of schools at Key Stage 3 and 4.)</p>	<p>(1) NCC monitoring of national BVPIs.</p> <p>Baselines 2002/2003 – No. of schools meeting Key Stage 2 targets = Level 4+ English 49/49 Level 4+ Maths 48/49 Level 5 English <i>Not Set</i> Level 5+ Maths <i>Not Set</i></p> <p>No. of schools meeting Key Stage 3 targets = Level 5+ English 2/8 Level 5+ Maths 1/8 Level 5+ Science 2/8</p> <p>No. of schools meeting Key Stage 4 targets = 5+ A*-C 1/8 5+ A*-G 2/8</p>	<p>No. of schools meeting Key Stage 2 targets = Level 4+ English 22/49 Level 4+ Maths 15/49 Level 5+ English 26/49 Level 5+ Maths 22/49</p> <p>No. of schools meeting Key Stage 3 targets = Level 5+ English 2/7 Level 5+ Maths 4/7 Level 5+ Science 1/7</p> <p>No. of schools meeting Key Stage 4 targets = 5+ A*-C 1/7 5+ A*-G 0/7</p>
L&S 6	<p>Increase progression into higher education through a variety of routes by 10% over the next five years</p>	<p>(1) Year 13 Leavers from a school 6th Form – data on progression to HE collated by Connexions</p> <p>Baseline 2002/2003 = Year 13 entering HE in 2002 – Data not available, Information collated not in a comparable form.</p> <p>(2) NNC data on progression to HE</p>	<p>(1) Year 13 entering HE in 2003 –165 out of 359 (45.96%)</p> <p>(2) Total figures for progression not available¹⁹</p>
L&S 7	<p>Target major employers and future employers to develop their workers' key skills</p>	<p>(1) Monitor number of businesses using NNC Create</p>	<p>(1) Performance against this indicator cannot be measured via the method originally identified. Alternative methods of monitoring this indicator will be examined in 2004/2005, and reported on within the 2004/2005 Annual Report.²⁰</p>

Learning & Skills Action Plan – Our Performance

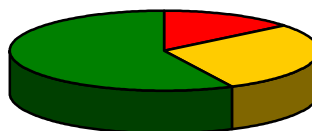
The charts below indicate how the Learning & Skills Sub-Group is performing against the 'Actions' within their Action Plan. The key for the charts is as follows:



This 'traffic light' system was piloted by the Health Sub-Group in October 2003 and January 2004. This was then rolled out to all the Sub-Groups for April 2004, and included in the Interim Report May 2004.

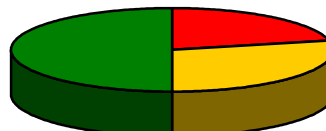
April 2004

R = 4 (14.29%)
A = 8 (28.57%)
G = 16 (57.14%)



July 2004

R = 6 (21.43%)
A = 8 (28.57%)
G = 14 (50.00%)



October 2004

R = 5 (17.86%)
A = 8 (28.57%)
G = 15 (53.57%)

