



THINK TANK SPRING UPDATE

TARGET ONE

Decrease traffic speed on Old Row and enhance safe crossing options for children.

Year 5 took part in a two day course learning how to safely ride a bike on the roads.



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Mrs. McArdle, Mrs. Porter, and representatives from the Junior Leadership Team attended the Convention in the North to present and discuss concerns affecting Barrow. Councillor Rupert Swarbrick listened attentively and responded with the following letter. See below.



19th March

Each year group took part in a road safety session learning how to safely cross road.



Mrs Nicola McArdle
Sent via email:
nmcardle@barrow.lancs.sch.uk

Phone: 01772 532306
Email: rupert.swarbrick@lancashire.gov.uk
Your ref:
Our ref: CCRS/86304
Date: 20 March 2025

Dear Mrs McArdle

Request for a Pedestrian Crossing outside Barrow URC Primary School

Thank you for your email dated 27 February 2025, regarding your request for a pedestrian crossing outside of Barrow URC Primary School.

Highways officers do consider and support additional pedestrian crossing facilities (formal and simple) where a specific problem/need is clearly identified. These decisions are based on reported traffic incidents or where there is additional demand as a consequence of a new development or forming part of a wider strategy.

In this case, pedestrian crossing demand is generally only needed during school start and finish times, Monday to Friday, during term time. If a crossing was provided in 'isolation' could result in drivers becoming accustomed to not stopping as they do not normally encounter pedestrians on the crossing outside of the relatively short school start/finish periods. With this, at the time of writing the highway authority would not provide a pedestrian crossing outside of Barrow URC Primary School to satisfy the limited school demand.

Notwithstanding the above from a highway authority position based on current need, as part of a wider movement and traffic management strategy promoted and funded by others, non-demand based changes could be considered as long as they satisfy objectives that the highway authority support. The highway authority does work with parish councils, district councils and developers, where they promote and fund such schemes, should they wish to enhance particular areas. There are many examples of this in practice within Lancashire. This approach would also apply to Barrow in the future if opportunities exist.

In addition, the highway authority is also responsible for the setting and assessing of speed limits. We also ensure that the correct signage and legal orders are in place to make them enforceable. However, we are not responsible for enforcing speed limits or addressing driving offences. Only the police can do this.

We do work closely with the police to target locations where casualties and speeds are higher. If there is an evidence-based speeding issue, we will look at introducing appropriate mitigation measures. Our overall approach being to encourage speed compliance.

At our recent meeting, you disclosed that speeding was a concern in the area. As such, we did investigate the casualty and speed data on Whalley Road, Barrow. We now plan to install temporary signage here to help remind drivers to think about their speed. We will install these between April and June 2025 initially. We will then re-deploy them between October to December 2025 to help maximise the effect of their message.

We also plan to utilize one of our temporary Speed Indicator Devices (SpIDs) later this year. This will be added to the schedule and be deployed in due course subject to an on-site evaluation.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



County Councillor Rupert Swarbrick
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
County Councillor for Longridge with Bowland

cc: County Councillor Ged Mirfin, Councillor David Birtwhistle, Councillor Lee Street



TARGET TWO

Minimise litter in the village



Introduction of a litter picking station outside our school for all to use.



Lots of opportunities for children to litter pick inside and outside of school

CLEAN UP BARROW LITTERPICKING COMPETITION

WHAT TO DO
Over half term week (Monday 17th February - Monday 24th February) we are wanting you to head out litterpicking with your families. Try to safely collect as much rubbish from our local area as possible and then dispose of this properly in the correct recycling bins at home.

SHOW US
Once you have collected your rubbish, take a picture of you with your bag and ensure you count how many pieces of rubbish you have helped remove from our community. Send a picture and your total amount of litter collected to office@barrow.lancashire.sch.uk

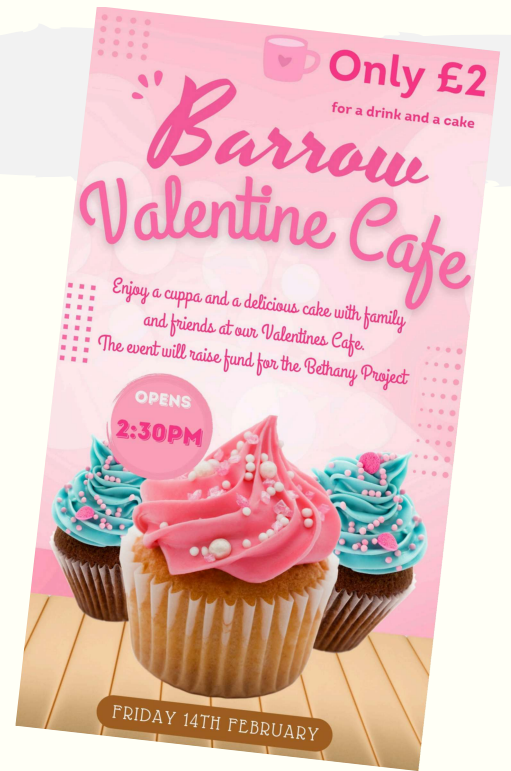
PRIZES
The class that has collected the most rubbish will win a class treat. The individual that collects the most will be rewarded with a £20 Amazon voucher to spend on a treat of their choice.



TARGET THREE.

Community events

Official opening of our Outdoor Gym



Meeting and touring the new Care Home ready for its open day in May. We have shared lots of ideas with the manager and hope to do monthly events starting in July.



Barrow Community Garden

Barrow URC School are looking for donations of compost and plants for our new community garden.

This will be a shared space for local residents to come and help us garden and try to reduce the carbon footprint of the road.

If any residents or local businesses could donate any bags of compost, we would be very grateful. These can be dropped off in the garden area at the front of school. They could be full bags or even partially used bags that have been sitting in sheds. If parents could donate any plastic bottles too, these can be used as a base layer in some of our larger planters.



Clitheroe URC Family Services