

## **Better Barrow Community Project**

### *Working to make our village even better*

Better Barrow was formed in January 2012, following a public meeting in the Village Hall the previous December. The purpose of the group is, through community involvement, to improve and enhance the environment of the village and raise awareness of its heritage. Its particular focus is the Market Place, which we would like to see refurbished and enhanced, taking account of its key position within the Conservation Area.

The group has a legal constitution, a committee and a bank account. We have recently been awarded a Community Grant which is helping us with administration costs and initial fees for landscape designs. We have a membership list and invite anyone who supports our aims to get in touch and add their name to it. We regularly email our contacts list with updates and publish them in the Missing Link. Our website is: [betterbarrow@gmail.com](mailto:betterbarrow@gmail.com)

In our first year of activity we have concentrated on:

- Liaising with and obtaining advice from a wide range of people and organizations, including the Parish Council, North Lincolnshire Council, VANL (Voluntary Action North Lincolnshire), Barrow Meridian Rotary, English Heritage, the National Maritime Museum, the Longitude Foundation as well as designers and architects. We have also hosted a visit and lecture from Andrew King, the authority on John and James Harrison.
- Increasing our knowledge of Barrow's history, especially the life of John Harrison. We intend that the refurbishment of the Market Place should reflect the importance of the Harrisons and become a focal point for anyone with an interest in their work.
- Gathering views and suggestions from the community. This has included a questionnaire to every household in the village.
- Fund-raising and awareness raising, including a Wheelbarrow Trail around the village for the Jubilee, raffles, cake stalls at the car boot sale and Christmas Fair.

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