

Transforming alleyways programme

STEP 1

Speak to your neighbours



STEP 2

Contact the council

STEP 3

Organise a clean up



STEP 4

Transform your space

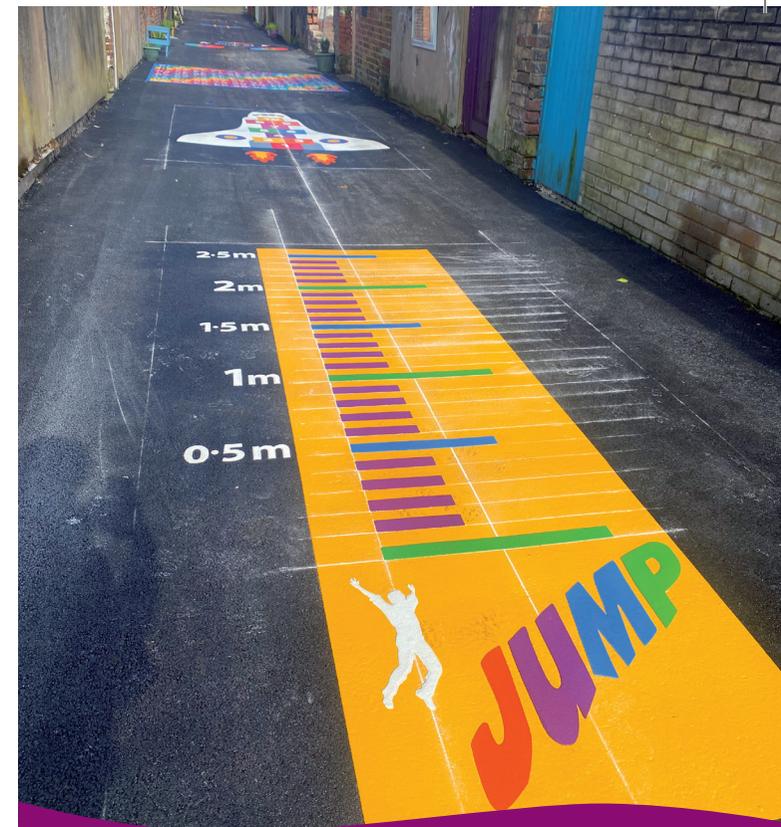


STEP 5

Share your success

Don't forget to take lots of pictures to document your journey!

We love to hear about your successes and share them with other groups for inspiration. If you'd like to raise awareness of your project, please email thirdsector@blackpool.gov.uk with a write-up of your activity and any photos.



ADOPT AN ALLEYWAY

Transforming unused and unappealing areas into community spaces

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We all want to live in a place that makes us feel happy and in a neighbourhood we feel proud of. Many areas in our communities could use some love and care. Perhaps there's an alleyway you've noticed, that you'd like to transform alongside others.

In Blackpool we want to work with our communities to support them to make the changes they'd like to see in their local area. There are numerous ways to turn your grey spaces into green ones. You might consider starting a community garden to grow food for sharing, planting a low-maintenance wildflower meadow to attract wildlife, creating a peaceful relaxation area, or simply filling the space with plants, trees, and green walls.

As part of Blackpool Council's empowering community's priority, this guidance has been developed to support communities, groups of residents, or local businesses to take ownership of shared community spaces. By following the guidance outlined in this document, you will be provided with the necessary information needed in order to transform your community's alleyway. Building a sense of neighbourhood at the same time.

Belle Vue Strawberry Gardens

In August 2016 a group of residents came together in the alley for cake tea and for a walk and talk about what we had in front of us. We wanted to bring back a sense of respect for the area we live in. We formed a community action group with a common objective, to clean up, nurture and re-love the strips of land.

Friendly relationships have now become the norm. People now meet, eat and socialise.

Angela Ogden, group representative



Barclay Avenue

What an incredible team! They turned the challenging task of clearing my late dad's un-adopted alleyway into something positive and valuable for the residents, something usable and beautiful. Everything was accomplished with plenty of tea, chocolates, and good-natured banter! This was a project transform the space

Kathryn Kay



St Thomas' Avenue

This project was a collaboration between Councillor Marshall and Councillor Thomas, St Thomas' Church and Enveco. Our goal was to create a safe area for children to play, especially during times when anti-social behaviour was prevalent in the neighbourhood. Fortunately, thanks to hotspot policing, incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour and crime have significantly decreased.

With limited green spaces in the vicinity, it serves as a valuable alternative for outdoor activities.

Cllr Laura Marshall



Thursfield Avenue

The alleyway alongside and round the back of our house, was impassable with brambles, thistles, nettles and other weeds. I am hoping that this year that my neighbours and I can start enjoying events in the alleyway and that I can get more people involved, but hopefully, what I have done can show anything is possible with a little hard work.

Jo Thomson

