



## **MARSDEN OF THE FUTURE** **And your part in shaping it**

**PUBLIC MEETING: 19.00 on 17 October 2023 in the main hall, Marsden Mechanics  
BAR WILL BE OPEN!**

I am delighted to invite you to attend or send a representative to this really important meeting, introducing the next chapter in the exciting story of how Marsden people are shaping their own place. The meeting will consider the following big issues:

### **WHAT MATTERS TO MARSDEN**

What Marsden people said in the 2022 Questionnaire  
& further feedback opportunity

### **POSITIVELY MARSDEN**

Relaunch of the campaign brand  
& discussion on how it is hosted

### **MARSDEN MASTERPLAN**

Introducing a funding pledge by Kirklees Council  
& discussion of how to form a Town Team to manage a design programme

## **Background**

People of Marsden have demonstrated remarkable capabilities in recent years, by taking over a neglected Mechanics building from Kirklees Council and getting it into shape with a series of grants from the National Lottery and elsewhere. **MARSDEN COMMUNITY TRUST** is the mechanism used by the community to achieve this - a registered charity and limited company run exclusively by local inhabitants with election open to all.

It is now time to 'go up a gear' and think about the whole village. **WHAT MATTERS TO MARSDEN** provides vital evidence to guide ambitions for change, both physical and economic. The clarity of these results and the way that Marsden groups have worked together has given Kirklees Council the confidence to elevate Marsden in its programme of regenerating key settlements. Funds will be available early in 2024 for a Town Team (led by MCT but comprising other groups, businesses and Kirklees Councillors and officers) to commission professional designers in developing a long term masterplan.

Coinciding with these exciting opportunities the Government has pledged a grant from its Levelling Up Fund to assist John Edward Crowther in its desire to redevelop sensitively the New Mill on Brougham Road. The masterplanning exercise would inform the mill project to the mutual benefit to owners and community.

**MARSDEN COMMUNITY TRUST AGM:** The event will include brief formalities of signing off accounts and electing Trustees. (Voting restricted to members)

Please come along to the meeting and find out about **PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES** and ensure your voice is heard.

Tom Lonsdale, Chair, Marsden Community Trust