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## **ANNUAL REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2018**

## **FORWARD PLAN AND BUDGET 2019**

**Barrow-upon-Soar Community Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
Registered address: Barrow Library, 33, North St, LE12 8PZ**

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## **Structure, governance and management**

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Membership of the Charity is open to all residents of Barrow-upon-Soar and the surrounding district on payment of a small subscription. The Charity holds an annual general meeting to which the public is invited. The Charity is governed by its Trustees (the Council) who meet on average four times each year. Trustees are typically long serving. They are appointed at the AGM each year and new Trustees are recruited either by self-selection or because they support specific aspects of the work of the Charity. There is a simple induction process and training is typically delivered during meetings of the Council.

A number of sub-committees organise specific activities and report to the Council. Full details of these subcommittees appear in the detailed reports, forward plans and budgets which follow.

The Charity uses the names Barrow Community Association, BUSCA, Barrow Voice, Barrow Panto Group, Barrow Youth Theatre, BUSCA New Community Building Committee, Barrow Heritage Group, Barrow Twinning Group and Barrow Library Management Committee.

## **Aims and Objectives**

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Barrow-upon-Soar and the neighbourhood ("the area of benefit") without distinction of gender, race, occupation, disability or political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the condition of life for the said inhabitants

(b) To establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre ("the Centre") and to maintain and manage, or to co-operate with any local statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the Association and its constituent bodies in furtherance of the above objects

## **Reserves policy**

The Charity pays its debts as they arise and there were no significant sums due to be paid by the Charity at the end of the year. The majority of the cash assets of the Charity are held as unrestricted reserves and hence are available to meet the liabilities of the Charity. In the short term, therefore, the Charity has little need of reserves.

However, the Charity has potential long term liabilities. These arise out of:

- a) The employment of two staff in connection with Barrow Community Library. The Charity must take account of the cumulative nature of the employment rights of its employees. At present these are insignificant in the context of the unrestricted reserves of the Charity.
- b) The lease of Barrow Community Library from Leicestershire County Council. As the lease is at a nominal rent and the Charity is not responsible for the fabric of the building, the potential liabilities are limited. However, the Charity has made alterations to the building and the licence authorising these contains a reinstatement clause. While it is unlikely that this clause will be invoked at the end of the contractual term of the lease or at all, the reserves policy of the Charity must, if the work is carried out, recognise this potential liability and take it into account in fixing future reserves policies.

## **Public benefit statement**

The Trustees have referred to the general guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when planning the Association's activities. This report looks at how the activities of the Charity contributed to public benefit in 2018 and how they will do so in 2019.

Signed

Date

## Chair's Annual Report 2019

During the year we have continued to address the issue of sustainability of BUSCA. We welcomed Nick Thomas as a new trustee and new Membership secretary. He is helping us to get members rather more engaged with what BUSCA is doing, by making sure that offers of help are passed on and followed up and information about our current activities are shared.

There is now a new section of the BUSCA website that houses the Role "booklet" which records in minute detail the methods and processes that Judith has employed to manage much of BUSCA activity (within Barrow Voice, Events, Panto Group, Youth Theatre Group, Website administrators and Trustees.)

Certain roles previously carried out by Judith have been successfully (or unsuccessfully) passed to others. This process is on-going. We also hope that the Panto accounts will be taken over by a member of the Panto Group, so beginning to parallel process of passing on treasuring knowledge.

We are well aware that there is much more to do including previously identified tasks (see Annual Report 2018) that we have not yet tackled.

We welcomed Diane Byrnes as a new Trustee and are delighted that she has quickly established herself as a good "doer"!

Highlights of BUSCA's year have included

- i) Splendid and entertaining performances of Dick Whittington by the Panto Group
- ii) Four sparkling editions of Barrow Voice, each, apparently, better than those before.
- iii) A very successful trip to Marans by a record number of Twinners.
- iv) A very well-received and fully-booked murder mystery, Death by Radio. We thank that group for continuing to feed the profit into the BUSCA General Account.
- v) A truly memorable production of Hairspray by the Youth Theatre, much expanded to include older young people.
- vi) A very full and successful year for the library where we achieved improvements in the physical surroundings of the premises as well as expansions to the services we offer. We are particularly pleased that the library is now seen as a viable space to hire.
- vii) A particularly successful dance season run by the Events Committee.
- viii) The creation of a new website for the library
- ix) An exhibition about the River Soar by the Heritage Group which was displayed in various places in the village.

2018 has been an exceptionally frustrating year for the New Community Building Committee. Having put in a planning application for a site on Fishpool Way following apparent encouragement from the Parish Council, the application had still not been heard by February 2019 and meanwhile, the Parish Council withdrew its offer of a peppercorn lease of the land. This remains "unfinished business".

## Forward Plan 2019

- i) To continue to work towards sustainability of BUSCA
- ii) To engage members as much as possible so that we can tap new reservoirs of help towards the future
- iii) To maintain a full programme of activities on all fronts and ensure that Barrow residents are aware of the extent of BUSCA's involvement in the life of the village.

## Treasurer's Annual Report 2018

During the year, unrestricted, undesignated reserves increased from £26,307 to £26,467, an increase of £160. Net income from our dances increased significantly from £2784 in 2017 to £3728 in 2018, plus another £548 from raffles (£400 in 2017).

This increase was offset by a decrease in bar profit from £2303 in 2017 to £1384 in 2018.

The Panto Group's "Murder Mystery" performance made a substantial profit of £859.

The Panto production of Dick Whittington made an equally substantial profit of £2048 and the Youth Theatre's impressive production of Hairspray made a profit of £833.

These surpluses have again enabled the Panto Group to invest in new equipment.

Barrow Voice in 2017/18 made a surplus of £74.

The Community Building Designated Fund decreased by £18,157 to £11,330. This decrease was the result of £20,776 being spent on the preparation and submission of a planning application for a proposed community hub on Fishpool Way.

The Community Library's restricted fund reduced by £2244 during the year. To understand this figure, we need to look at revenue and capital separately. In terms of revenue, the Library continues to be on a very sound financial footing. This is because of

- the financial support given by Barrow Parish Council and, for the time being, the County Council
- the support from individuals in the form of donations
- a significant increase in the income from hiring fees during the year - £3014
- and last, but by no means least, because of the enthusiasm and effectiveness of our team of volunteers.

In terms of capital, significant improvements to the building were completed during the year and, although these were mainly funded by grants, a contribution also came from other funds.

At 31 December, the Library's total funds stood at £15,553.

John Beaumont assumed the role of our independent examiner for the year 2017 and I am pleased to report that he is continuing in that role for 2018.

David Rodgers. Hon. Treasurer

### **Community Centre at Humphrey Perkins**

In October 2018, Humphrey Perkins School became part of the South Leicestershire-based Lionheart Trust. This was a consequence of its being identified by Ofsted as a failing school placed in Special Measures.

We have had two meetings so far to discuss how this will impact on BUSCA's use of the facilities. We are assured that it is Lionheart's policy to encourage community use, which is reassuring. However, we will lose our 40% discount on hire fees when new rates and policies are put in place.

There will inevitably be changes in rules and requirements as the school adopts the policies etc of the Trust.

We are hopeful that BUSCA will continue to use its facilities and will have a voice in how community use at Humphrey Perkins will develop.

## **GROUPS**

### **Reports and Review of Forward Plan 2018 and Forward Plan 2019**

#### **Barrow Voice**

##### **Annual Report 2018**

Once again, although the magazine has retained its popularity with its readers, advertising worries have been to the fore. Income from adverts fell dramatically when it was learnt that Judith was withdrawing as advertising manager. This resulted in advert pages for Autumn 2018 falling to nine from the previous edition's twelve. Fortunately, Judith took up the role again for Winter 2018 and with the help of colourful rate-card flyers, donated by Shaun Horrocks, and an article on Christmas Fayre aimed at generating income from Barrow's pubs, advertising income revived and this improvement has continued for the Spring edition.

Our core writers have been remained the same but our long serving Subscriptions Secretary Ann Higgins decided to retire and we lost a young writer, Rachel Perry, to the demands of A levels. The housing growth of the village has been recorded especially noting the consequences it may have on drainage. BUSCA events have generated many articles especially the library's improved facilities and IT courses, Centre Stage, the Panto Group, Youth Theatre, Murder Mystery and the Twinning Group's trip to Marans. As 2018 was the centenary of the end of WW1 there were special remembrance articles. 2018 was also the year of the World Cup which was celebrated with a centre spread

even though England failed to win! The short story competition begun in 2017 was judged and the best three stories were published over the year. One article, by Ginnie Willcocks, on the overgrown state of Barrow's jitties, brought about the formation of a new Parish Council supported group to remedy the problem.

Business change was chronicled: one being welcomed in one edition (Meadow Feeds) only to have ceased trading in the next! New businesses were written about, such as Skidaddles and also those being taken over, Tyler's Flower Shop, Ultimate Pizza, or refurbished, the Co-op. And the Barrow Voice website off-shoot 'A Year in Pics' continued to flourish.

### **Forward Plan**

- To find a new advertising manager and, through increased number of advertisements, keep the magazine financially sound.
- To encourage new members to join the team.
- To produce both print and web versions.
- To support BUSCA and other village organisations: to support Barrow Parish Council through the inclusion of Barrow Focus.
- To produce at least six 'Feature' articles each edition: they should be wide ranging reflecting national as well as local events and be well illustrated. They should cater for different demographics e.g. young /old, new residents / long established, men/ women.
- To reflect the changing housing provision and businesses in the village.
- To celebrate the achievements of Barrow people.

### **Events Committee**

#### **Annual Report 2018**

- We achieved most objectives laid out in last year's Forward Plan including four dances.  
We continued to sustain the increase in profits from the dances by doing in-house catering.
- We staged three Centre Stage productions which made little profit but which were well received.
- We staged a one-man Musical Comedy in March.
- We assisted Nicola with the organisation of the Christmas street market with the Parish Council's Switch on of the lights and provided entertainment at this market and at the summer street market.
- We assisted with the Panto Group's Murder Mystery evening by doing the in-house catering.
- We committed 100% of the profit from the raffle to the General Fund and 75% of the profit from the dances to the New Building Project.

#### **Forward Plan 2019**

- We will run four dances.
- We will sustain the increase in profits from the dances by continuing to do the in-house catering.
- We may stage further Centre Stage performances despite changes to the hire charges at Humphrey Perkins.
- Nicola will continue to organise the street market at the switching on of the Christmas Lights and the Events team will provide entertainment for the summer and Christmas street markets.
- We will assist with the Panto Group's Murder Mystery evening by doing in-house catering.
- We will continue to look at events that will interest a younger age group.
- We will look at ways to involve a younger generation to help run events.

### **3. Heritage Group**

#### **Annual Report 2018**

We continue to meet about once a month. There are usually seven of us.

We have continued our work on the history of primary education in the village using the log books of the church school, the Board school and the minute book of the school board.

We have made some progress in deciding what form a publication might take, the biggest problem being to decide what to include from the large amount of information we have accumulated.

The work on the 1939 register has taken second place for the time being; partly because we were asked to contribute a display to the Open Garden's Autumn Watch. The theme was the canal and river. After the event the display was put in the Library for a couple of weeks and then in the Beveridge Club.

We continue to answer the enquiries that come through the web site and had a more intriguing mystery this year. We had a phone call from a man in Doncaster who, with a metal detector had found the dog tag of an airman killed in a crash near Barrow during the war. He wanted to find the airman's family and return the dog tag to them. One of our group was able to track them down and has put them in contact with each other. The meeting has now taken place and the dog tag returned to the family, who have also visited the airman's war grave at Burton on the Wolds and the area where his plane crashed near Walton.

#### **Forward Plan 2019**

1. Make some serious progress with the school project.
2. Have another look at the 1939 register
3. Update the web site where necessary.

We were saddened by the death of Michael Gilbert who had been a member of the Heritage Group since it was first set up by Arthur Gardner. He could always be relied on to answer questions about the village: if he didn't know the answer himself he knew someone who did. We won't be able to replace him easily.

#### **The Natural History Heritage Group**

At present there is no interest by other people getting involved in new natural history projects.

#### **4. Library Management Committee**

##### **Annual report 2018**

Barrow Community library has continued its development as a value added service during 2018 with all main Key Point Indicators (KPIs): members, book issues and footfall were maintained at acceptable levels.

There is, in addition to books provided by the county council a growing number of books provided free to the library from volunteers and the public as an Independent Book Service for free borrowing.

The cohort of about 50 volunteers has been maintained. The majority carry out frontline duties whilst others provide support through maintenance and building security duties.

The library is successfully managed by a Library Management Committee of around 10 members which meets monthly with Minutes recorded.

The library reduced its opening hours during the year from 21.5 to 21 hours per week following monitoring of the later Wednesday evening closing.

The library operation is financially sound and continues to receive grant support from Barrow Parish Council and Leicestershire County Council, the latter on a tapering funding model which will expire in March 2022. Other revenue income comes from hiring out of the premises and a various fundraising initiatives organised by the library Operations Team eg open days, quizzes, talks & demonstrations, book sales etc. During 2018 the library received significant non-revenue income from corporate and individual donations which support a library development fund. During 2018 the library received a grant of £15,238 from the Tarmac Landfill Communities Fund and carried out alterations and refurbishment of the library building to provide an accessible toilet, a hygienic kitchen, additional storage and replacement of the boundary fencing.

The library digital inclusion project provides IT support outside the library using portable computers and aims to provide assistance to those who are not accessing IT.

##### **Forward Plan 2019**

- To maintain a sufficient cohort of trained volunteers for front line and support services
- To maintain, and improve where possible, the services and facilities offered by the library, for both adults and children

- To have robust financial management, improving revenue for recurrent costs and capital projects including the promotion of hiring to aid sustainability.
- To maintain, through liaison, good relationships with the Parish and County Councils.
- To work with Leicestershire County Council to bring forward plans to increase the size of the library, funded by S.106 and grant funding to improve facilities for children and space for independent books and hiring.

## 5. New Community Building

### Annual report 2018

**In the light of the Parish Council's resolution to support the project to build a Community Building on the picnic site at Fishpool Way, and to offer a lease at a peppercorn rent:**

- The committee worked closely with professional advisers. Surveys and reports necessary prior to designing the Community Building were commissioned. All of these were positive and indicated that the project was feasible on that site.
- The committee worked closely over many hours, in consultation with architects to specify the identified requirements for the building both in terms of space and sensitivity to the environment.
- An outline, provisional business plan was produced.
- Grant funding was researched, as indicated in last year's forward plan One was identified which looked so promising that we decided to apply for full planning permission speedily.
- The final design was very exciting and incorporated features for energy efficiency. The sports facilities complied with requirements of Sport England. The building was designed to be constructed in three phases to allow parts to be built as funding was available.
- An application for full planning permission was submitted.
- Meetings with CBC planners were held. Early indications were very positive.
- Further surveys were commissioned as required by CBC planners.
- The committee asked the Parish Council to confirm their original resolution. This was given.
- The committee reported progress to BUSCA Trustees.
- At the end of 2018 the PC withdrew its offer to grant a lease on the land. It now objects to the application. This was reported to BUSCA Trustees at an extraordinary meeting.
- **We again thank all the Events committee for all its very hard work in raising funds. The efforts of this group have enabled the commissioning of all the surveys and reports and fees in connection with application for planning permission. Particular thanks to Mike and Christine Collins**

### Forward Plan 2019

- We await the result of the Application for Planning Permission.
- An extraordinary meeting of BUSCA Trustees will be called to discuss the outcome of the application and devise a way forward.

- BUSCA will invite the Parish Council to a meeting to discuss how BUSCA and The PC could work together to provide a Community Building for the benefit of the whole Community.

## **5. Pantomime and Youth Theatre**

### **Annual Report 2017**

\*The pantomime Dick Whittington was performed in March making a very good profit.

\*The Murder Mystery in October was 'Death by Radio' directed by Helen Sadler and was the usual sell out event. The substantial profit all went to the BUSCA General account.

\*The Youth Theatre produced outstanding performances of "Hairspray" in November thanks to the tremendous talents of Abi, our Director as well as of the cast. This raised the bar in many areas: the cast was nearly 60 strong and included 8 – 25 year olds. As a full-scale musical it presents many challenges, particularly musical and we were extremely grateful to the commitment and skills of Jo Dring as Musical Director and her husband. The production made a small profit.

\* We purchased a Panto/BYT laptop to be held by Abi, to enable her to take on more of an admin role. This has proved really useful.

\*Tower training was carried out by three members of the tech team, as required by school.

\* Participation in Salute to Panto was met with success

\* Teckie equipment had to be removed to a new, more convenient store cupboard so that the bar store can become a fire route.

### **Forward Plan 2018**

\*Panto Group to put on Peter Pan on March 8th – 9th directed by Abi Crossley.

\*Peter Pan will be entered for the Pantomime Alliance Awards evening.

\*Annual Murder Mystery performance Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October will be The Final Act

\*Youth theatre production in November will be Oliver.

## **7 Barrow and District Twinning Association**

### **Annual Report 2018**

The village of Barrow upon Soar is officially Twinned with the Community of Marans in the Charante Maritime region in south west France. The Twinning Association was formed at the instigation and is recognised by Barrow upon Soar Parish Council

2018 was a busy year. We were fortunate in recruiting several new members and in June a party of 34 members, a record number, spent a very enjoyable 5 days in Marans. During the exchange we visited l'Île d'Aix by ferry and had an enjoyable lunch at Les Paillotes restaurant. We visited the Chateau de la Roche Courbon, followed by a picnic in the grounds. We were shown round the lowland marsh area known as the Marais Poitevin and had a tour of the home of the Master of the Dikes. The final trip was a guided tour of the commercial port of La Rochelle known as La Pallice which included going into the WWII German submarine base which is within the port complex.

One of our new members visited Marans as part of a school visit many years ago and was reunited with her original exchange partner and family.

During the year we also ran our usual two quizzes which are always very popular and well supported together with a garden party and attendance at village events. Our thanks go to those who give so freely of their time to make these events possible.

### **Forward Plan 2019**

In May/June 2019 Barrow will host a visit by our friends from Marans. A series of visits is currently being planned and we would welcome expressions of interest from members of the Community Association and the Parish Council. We shall continue to fund exchanges via a series of social events which are open to all. The first of these, a 50s and 60s Night by local band "Juke Box Live", will be in early February. Further events will follow. We shall continue to welcome new members and endeavour to expand our range of activities with the community of Marans.

## **Miscellaneous Projects and Activities**

### **8 Bar**

The profit from the bar decreased by £919 for the year, from £2303 in 2017 to £1384 in 2018. This was partly the result of there being no third party events in 2018, but also arises from us failing to pass on increases in the price of stock purchases arising from the new sugar tax.

The Murder Mystery supported a very satisfactory bar and additionally the income from dances held up well. Challenges for 2019 include the need to improve our compliance with health and safety requirements. This may entail ceasing to serve draft beer and lager.

### **9 Fossil Trail**

#### **Annual Report 2017**

There have been no evident incidents involving the fossils. Both the junior and the adult Fossil Trail leaflets are well used. The Parish Council's extending of the fossil theme included the installation of the much smaller model of the Sibley Road ammonite on King George V playing field and the completion of the whole refurbishment of King George V playing field with a strong fossil theme in the children's play areas.

#### **Forward Plan 2018**

- Maintain the sculptures
- Keep the trail leaflets topped up
- Produce a new edition of the Junior Fossil to include these additional fossils.

**10 Website administrators for :** [www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk](http://www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk) and [www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk](http://www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk) and [www.busca.org.uk](http://www.busca.org.uk) and [www.barrowvoice.co.uk](http://www.barrowvoice.co.uk)

#### **Websites Annual Report 2018**

- We continued to develop all four sites by helping to keep individual pages up-to-date and by encouraging individuals and groups to do their own editing. It is most difficult to keep the business pages up to date. We often don't know when a business ceases trading.
- An analysis of the Village website statistics enables us (ie Keith) to focus on pages that are particularly worth up-dating eg on the Village website [www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk](http://www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk) the local Events page has most monthly hits, then Home Page, then Metal Detectors page. The BUSCA website [www.busca.org.uk](http://www.busca.org.uk) has more Home Page hits than the Village website. Google picks up the Village website very well and will get straight to a Googled page rather than going to the Home page 1<sup>st</sup>.

There has been a general trend for increased hits for all the sites.

- More links were inserted to social media platforms to extend the exposure of the websites to the social media population. However, this only happened to Facebook pages including Barrow Facebook and BUSCA Facebook (and Spotted Barrow?). We aren't aware of Barrow Twitter accounts.
- A separate website for the library was built by John [www.barrowcommunitylibrary.org.uk](http://www.barrowcommunitylibrary.org.uk) . This has necessitated big changes to the BUSCA website because the library was a very large part of the BUSCA Home page.
- We have kept the existing leaflet dispensers fully stocked with the website leaflet and Welcome Pack so that the public's attention is drawn to the village websites. There are not as many dispensers because of closure of several businesses.
- Anthea has continued to develop the content of the Heritage site [www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk](http://www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk)
- The Barrow Voice team has continued to look for opportunities to add extra items on the BV website [www.barrowvoice.co.uk](http://www.barrowvoice.co.uk) that do not appear in the paper magazine, including launching the photo diary of village life for 2017, 2018 and 2019
- John has worked on the compatibility of all 4 sites for mobile phone users, particularly the BUSCA and Heritage sites. There are still some pages that don't work so further tweaking is needed.

### **Forward Plan 2019**

- We will continue to update individual and group pages, partly by trying to get their editors to do the updating themselves and partly by testing functioning links to businesses
  - Stats analysis will be on going
  - Making links with Social media is ongoing. We need to establish if there are any village Twitter accounts (and others)
  - The new Library website will be continually updated and developed. The BUSCA website will also need improvements now it lacks the Library component
  - Leaflet dissemination: on going
  - Addition of data to the Heritage site is ongoing.
  - Barrow Voice website is improving the interactive nature of the advertisers. It is now possible to click on one advert in a page of adverts and be taken straight to its website. This is a selling point for getting new advertisers.
- Further development of the BV site is ongoing. It needs a more visible link to a Year in Pictures.
- Work on compatibility of all sites for phone users is ongoing
  - We will work to better integrate photos between the Village, Library and BV sites. It is not desirable to have galleries in all three that don't interlink. Should there be a Gallery on the BV site that has all the photos that appear in the mag?

## **11 Special Projects**

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- New Community Building: Trustees supported the activities of the New Community Building committee

- Continued effective management of Barrow Community Library with increasing success in terms of the range of activities undertaken in the library and in raising sponsorship, grants and fund-raising income.
- Create a new edition of the Junior Fossil Trail: budget range: £633 - £1000 (*postponed*)
- Create a new edition of Walks Leaflet No 1: budget range: £712 - £1500 (*Postponed until the issue of a replacement rail bridge is finally settled*)
- Created a professionally prepared leaflet about BUSCA which is now displayed all over Barrow
- Efforts continued to help BUSCA to become a sustainable organization by various means (*on-going*)
- BOSCAPS was underwritten up to £500 as usual (*Achieved but not needed*)
- Budgeted for Christmas Lights market and entertainment at £700 (*This was not needed and stall income more than covered the cost of the music stage etc*)

### **Forward Plan and budget for 2019**

- Underwrite BOSCAPS up to £500
- Budget for Christmas Lights market and entertainment at £700
- Create a new edition of the Junior Fossil Trail: budget range: £633 - £1000
- Create a new edition of Walks Leaflet No 1: budget range: £712 - £1500
- Underwrite Barrow Voice up to £1000
- Support the building of a community hub with a contingency of £10,000
- Underwrite Centre Stage events up to £250
- Budget for a Heritage publication at £500
- Continue effective management of Barrow Community Library
- Continue to focus on helping BUSCA to become a sustainable organization by various means

## **12 List of publications**

- Adult Fossil Trail leaflet (new edition)
- Junior Fossil Trail
- Street Map (New edition)
- Heritage Walks I (“Round the Edge” and “Barrow’s Jitties”) (Currently out of print)
- Heritage Walks II (Miller’s Bridge etc) (new edition)
- Heritage Leaflet III (The Wild life of Millennium Park)
- Places of Historic Interest (new edition)
- The Archaeology of Barrow
- “People and Places” by Arthur Gardner and Chris Bates
- BUSCA website: [www.busca.org.uk](http://www.busca.org.uk)
- Barrow village website: [www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk](http://www.barrowuponsoar.org.uk)
- [www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk](http://www.barrowuponsoarheritage.org.uk)
- <http://www.barrowcommunitylibrary.org.uk/>
- Barrow Voice (quarterly) (with its website [www.barrowvoice.co.uk](http://www.barrowvoice.co.uk) )
- Welcome Pack pocketed wallet
- Barrow websites flier (BUSCA, Village, Heritage, Barrow Voice, Parish Council)
- What is BUSCA (new flier)

## **13 Social media (Facebook pages)**

- BUSCA
- Library