

## Gutted!



**Gutted!** It was disappointing to find we weren't in the first round of Portas Pilots but after watching the news today I'm beginning to think it might not be such a bad thing. One or two were getting some pretty unhelpful coverage from the TV reporters. (Up until today I knew very little about Nelson in Lancs; I now know that it has rows of empty shops and is right off my list of places to go shopping!)

There is a list of winning towns and their project ideas on the Communities website. I was struck by how many of the ideas seemed to be for things that Abingdon is already doing. We have been told that we will be automatically entered into round two and another 15 towns will be chosen in June/July.

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