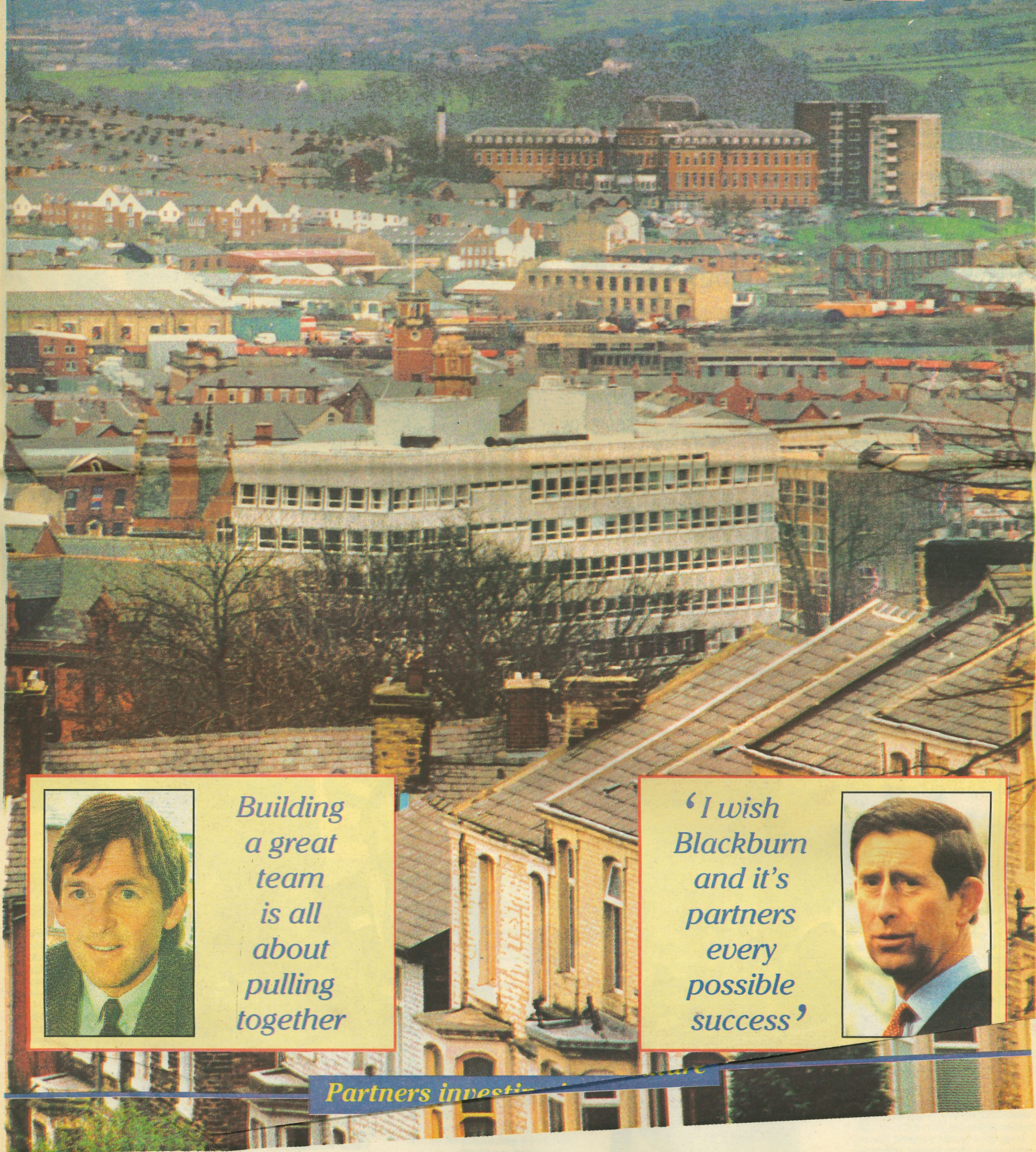


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# Blackburn

The town where partnership began



*Building  
a great  
team  
is all  
about  
pulling  
together*

*'I wish  
Blackburn  
and it's  
partners  
every  
possible  
success'*



Partners investing

for you. Ask what you can do for  
the partnership.



# By Royal approval

**T**HE Prince of Wales launched Blackburn Partnership in 1988 by under the umbrella of his Business in The Community charity, of which he is president.

His commitment to the partnership ever since has been unwavering.

He commends it as a model to other communities on his travels abroad.

No-one in Blackburn doubts that his support has been behind the success of the partnership.

Sending his best wishes to the Blackburn Partnership, the Prince said: "I know that following your launch in 1988 a lot of work has been undertaken to promote the partnership and I do congratulate all the interested parties on this achievement.

"I am so much impressed by the structure you have developed, which includes equal representation from the private sector and the borough council.

"This could, indeed, be a pattern which might encourage other local authorities to participate in similar partnerships."

Julia Cleverdon, chief executive of Business in The Community, said that Prince keeps up to date with the progress of the Partnership.

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She said: "The Prince of Wales takes an annual report on the progress of Blackburn Partnership, which he is keen to encourage, and he receives lots of informal information to.

"When he was in Los Angeles, on his recent US trip, he mentioned the work done by Blackburn Partnership for schools in Roman Road.

"He was urging Los Angeles to have a look at what was happening in Blackburn."

When the Prince visited Blackburn in 1989 his first port of call was the town's Roman Road estate, the focus of a major Blackburn Partnership regeneration effort.

The Prince even took residents from the council estate to watch him playing polo in the parks of Cirencester in Gloucestershire.

In 1993 he was back in town, again visiting Roman Road estate but also looking at the next area of Blackburn to come under the partnership spotlight, Bank Top.

The Prince has taken a particular interest in the work of Blackburn Groundwork, the country's largest Groundwork Trust, and has just singled out its new headquarters for special praise.

