



CALNE COMMUNITY  
AREA PARTNERSHIP

**Update – July 2008**

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**Introduction**

This update has been compiled to inform the Calne Area Committee (5) about the current activity of the Calne Community Area Partnership. It will be presented on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008 by Jill Martin.

The Calne Community Area Partnership (CCAP) held its last steering group meeting on 2nd July 2008.

**Theme Group Projects/Updates**

**CULTURE**

**CAIAC – Calne Area Initiative for an Active Community**

- **Calne Town Carnival** – A partnership project involving CAIAC and Calne Town Council's Events Working Group. CAIAC were able to run a number of Community based float building workshops as a result of a Community Area Award granted by North Wiltshire District Council's Calne Area (5) Committee.

*Progress: The Carnival took place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June Calne with 24 stalls, approx. 4,000 spectators, £500 collected in donations and one of only a few sunny Saturdays so far this year!*

*The 2009 Carnival is already booked, with full Town Council support and CAIAC has been asked to think about the 2010 carnival, as it is a tripartite twinning year, which could influence themes for the carnival.*

- **CAIAC – other projects** – The group is now beginning to look at fundraising events and planning for the Christmas lantern parade in conjunction with the Calne Town Council Events Working Group.

**TRANSPORT**

**CAT- Calne Area Transport** - This theme group of CCAP is involved in researching, promoting and developing awareness and projects around sustainable transport issues.

Progress:

- **Go Between Project** – CAT have recently published the latest report of this project. The report recommends:
  1. A new green route to avoid congestion at A4/Curzon Street junction
  2. A transport hub in the town centre, including waiting area, travel information point, car/cycle/wheelchair hire etc.

Further information and an electronic version of this report are available at [www.gocalne.org.uk](http://www.gocalne.org.uk).

## ENVIRONMENT

- **Plastic Bag Amnesty** – The Partnership does not yet have a specific ‘environmental theme group’. However encouraging the community to reduce the use of plastic bags has been an ambition for some considerable time.  
The Partnership has been invited to work with several existing environmental theme groups from other Community Areas across Wiltshire to run a ‘plastic bag amnesty’ during September 2008. It is hoped that the Partnership will engage with local environmentalists in the Calne Area as well as local shopkeepers to deliver this project.  
This project addresses a recurring topic for the Full Partnership and the Steering group as it links to Environmental issues in the Community Plan around litter, pollution and the reduction of waste.

**CARP – Castle House Gardens Project.** - On November 26th 2007 the Castlefields Project was awarded a grant of £68,600 towards the restoration of part of the park, Castle House Gardens, by the National lottery 'Big Lottery Fund'.

*Progress: Ongoing – Much of the work has been completed. This includes tree surgery and removal of scrub. Drainage has been laid and new paths constructed. An art feature paid for by the Calne Artist festival has also been incorporated into the path. Some seats have been positioned in the park. Railings are being installed over the next two weeks also picnic tables. Funding has come from The Big Lottery (Peoples Millions), Aggregate Fund. Land Fill tax credits and S106 agreement.*

*CARP is going to hold a Party in the Park on 13th September 2008 12noon till 6pm. This is to say thank you to everyone who voted for the project in the lottery competition last year. Attractions will include a Fun Dog Show, Bouncy Castle, Archery, jazz band, side shows and refreshments. All groups will be invited to have a stall either selling or just display.*

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

**CCCPG- Calne Community Care Planning Group** - This theme group of CCAP is involved in researching, promoting and developing awareness about health and social care issues in the Community Area.

*Progress: CCCPG have most recently been attempting to address the following issues:*

- **Access for wheel chair users, particularly:**
  - i. Transport to hospital
  - ii. Northlands Surgery in North Street
  - iii. Calne Leisure Centre
- **The Closure of Black bridge on Sustrans cycle route 4 at Chippenham.**
- **Disabled Parking problems at**
  - i. Lloyds Bank
  - ii. Woodlands
- **The obstruction of access in Curzon Street caused by Parking on Pavements.**
- **People being discharged from the Great Western Community Hospital without sufficient support at home.**

CCCPG will meet next on 29/07/08 at 10am - James House, Calne.

## EDUCATION AND LIFE-LONG LEARNING

- **The E-Calne Project** - The Partnership does not yet have a specific 'education theme group'. However the E-Calne project is working to bring Internet and IT access to the community, currently E-Calne points at James House, Colemans Farm Community Centre and the Calne Drop-In Centre.

*Progress: A new Community Agent has been recruited and work is underway to extend the project and make it more accessible to a wider number of people in the Community by creating an internet point at the Lansdowne Strand Hotel in the centre of the town.*

## OTHER PROJECTS

- **Community Database** – The full Partnership has identified the need to update the current database.

*Progress: Ongoing – It is hoped that the new administrator will commence this piece of work in the near future*

- **Website**– The steering group aims to develop its own website presence on the internet.

*Progress: Ongoing – The District Council Officer has set up a basic information page on the Wiltshire Community Website. However this needs to be added to and updated regularly. It is envisaged that this will be a role for the new administrator.*

## UNITARY ISSUES

- **WFCAP**

The Wiltshire Forum for Community Area Partnerships has recently conducted an assessment of all Community Partnerships in the County. The Steering group worked with the Forum's consultant Jim Lynch to explore the strategic health of CCAP. Jim's report has very recently been received.

The Steering group intend to discuss this report at their next meeting and will use it as a basis to develop the Partnership over the next 6 months, in order to be ready to take a meaningful role in the new Unitary Authority through the Community Area Board.

- **WCC – Community Area Survey**

The Steering group understands that the results of this survey are currently being assessed by WCC and await a summary of the findings to feed into plans to review and update the Community Area Plan.

- **Community Area Boards Development Project**

Following the start of this project and the appointment of the District and County Council officers to Project Manager roles, the Partnership have been granted additional support by North Wiltshire District Council through 10 days development support from Community First and £2000 for administrative support between now and March 31<sup>st</sup> 2009.

The Steering group aims to use this additional support to enable the Partnership to be ready to take a meaningful role in the development phase of the Area Board for the Calne Community.

With Community First the Partnership intends to embark upon a phase of consultation events aimed at identifying current issues, which are relevant to the well being of everyone in the Community. It is hoped that this work will culminate in a Community event in the early autumn that will provide an opportunity for the Partnerships findings to be publicised and agreed by the whole community. The agreed issues will form the basis of a revised Community Plan, which will be published in January/February 2009, and will help to inform the Community Board of areas of concern that it needs to focus upon.

**Other Issues:**

- **Partnership Structure** – The Steering Group has been looking to review the structure of the Partnership. This will enable it to reach out to as broad a range of Community Groups and Organisations as is possible. This work is ongoing.
- **Calne Town Council and the Parish Councils** – The steering group hopes that opportunities for engaging with the Town and Parish Councils through the Area Boards Project will help to strengthen links across the Community Area and that together they will be able to provide a joined up approach to addressing the real needs and aspirations of everyone who lives, works and visits the Calne Community Area.

**Future meetings:**

- The next meeting of the steering group - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2008