

## Trowbridge Area Board – Thursday 8 September 2011

### Chairman's Announcement

#### Screen Me: A celebration of storytelling in film

White Horse Pictures in association with Wiltshire Council is developing a new festival of film. Screen Me will launch in October 2011 and will run for six months, showing a diverse range of films in venues across Wiltshire. The festival will culminate in March 2012 with a rich programme of films, talks and other participatory events.

The festival is a celebration of storytelling in film. The Festival will launch in October 2011, coinciding with Black History Month, and will run for six months, working to engage new audiences in Wiltshire. The festival is being organised by a project group comprising representatives from the **See Me** project group (an Oral history project involving the Archives Service and representatives from various Community Groups in Wiltshire) and the **White Horse Pictures** project group (a new release film project in Wiltshire).

The festival will work with community groups to programme and present a range of new release films as well as thought-provoking older titles. The Festival will recruit a body of volunteers to be trained in technical skills such as film projection, as well as softer skills such as film programming. The festival will also host a series of seminars and workshops to explore film and the artist, social and political aspects of film.

#### **When will it happen and what will it look like?**

The Festival will launch in October 2011 with an evening event culminating in a film screening at the Arc Theatre in Trowbridge. Throughout October there will be other films presented at venues across Wiltshire to engage additional communities. Between October and February the Festival will continue to present screenings in partnership with the venues and community groups. The Festival will culminate in March 2012 with another programme of films and participatory activities. The intention is for this final set of screenings to be organised and delivered by the volunteers, with support from White Horse Pictures.

For more information or if you would like to get involved in the project please visit: <http://www.whitehorsepictures.co.uk/community/screen-me>