



CALNE COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

December 2012 Update

CCAP held its AGM in October which outlined the review process that CCAP had undergone that had resulted in a new way in which CCAP will work. It was accepted that CCAP doesn't meet all the original (2002) objectives as it has outgrown the original model. Essentially, the Localism Bill and consultation reports such as the Joint strategic Assessment (JSA) have changed the way that CAPs operate.

As a result, the (CCAP) Steering Group would change its way of working from 'silo' based to an 'issue / discussion' based meeting, focusing on 1 or 2 issues until a conclusion is reached. Additionally, CCAP would make better use of electronic means, generate newsletters, reorganise the website as well as making use of social media sites to increase community awareness of issues and solutions.

At the first meeting of the SG after the AGM, Malcolm Gull was elected as the Chair for a period of 3 years and Paul Ogden (President, Calne Chamber of Commerce) was elected as the Vice-Chair.

The Crime & Safety, Transport, Health & Social Care and Environment Theme Groups have continued to provide an extremely good platform for social engagement within specific areas, however, groups such as Housing, Education and Economy still had to find momentum.

Overall it had been a successful year for the Community Hub with more volunteers being attracted and more recognition from within the community. The original 12 month lease has now been extended to 2013 and we are in the process of negotiations to extend the lease further to come into line with Calne Community Campus coming on stream.

As you are aware, the Calne Area Board nominated the Community Hub for an award for 'best community initiative nominated by an Area Board' and received a runners-up award of £250. All Hub volunteers received a cheque for £25 as a thank-you for their hard work. The remainder of the money was used to fund the Christmas Open Day on 7th December 2012. The Open Day was a celebration of the 2 years that CCAP has been in existence.

Theme Group Reports

Health and Social Care Forum (David Evans)

During the year the group have met regularly in the James House lounge to discuss local health and social care issues with attendance by GP Practice Managers, NHS Wiltshire staff, Wiltshire Council Adult Social Care and voluntary sector professionals as well as local residents and representatives from voluntary organisations. Short presentations have been given by statutory and voluntary organisations working in health and social care in the Calne Community Area to understand how the changes in health and social care will impact on local residents. Issues of concern are taken up with the relevant organisation.

Transport (Anne Henshaw)

This group is working on a number of projects with the community area that include the following:-

- Working with the Section 106 group to determine how the funds can best be used on transport issues
- Working with the Campus WG on discussions relating to transport linkage between the 3 Campus sites
- Working with Town Council to get transport boards sites given permission
- Discussions through Campus, Neighbourhood Plan and with Town Council on a Calne Community Bus
- Working towards a bike event next summer.

Crime & Safety (Ross Henning)

This group has initiated the Calne Community Safety partnership and provides an excellent forum for partnership working between the Police and relevant community organisations. In fact it is recognised as the most successful community safety partnership in Wiltshire.

It is currently initiating community support with the police, resulting in members of the community as well as officers from Calne Town Council accompanying police patrols on specific nights.

In addition, this group is developing the Calne Emergency Plan in conjunction with all the relevant officers from the Town & Wiltshire Councils and with input from the community.

Environment (Peter Knight & Sue Wallace)

This group carries on from the good work that was started by Francis Bosworth with the Abberd Brook clean up campaign. Peter and Sue have now amalgamated their own environmental group (Calne Environmental Network – CEN) into this group. It continues to

make a very positive impact on the Calne community area with initiatives such as litter picking and a plastic bag amnesty.

Francis is still an active member of the group and was recently presented with a certificate on achieving level 3 of the RHS "It's your neighbourhood" scheme at the RHS Britain in Bloom award ceremony.