

Partner Update for Warminster Area Board

Name of Partner: Warminster and Villages Community Partnership (WVCP)

Date of Area Board Meeting: 8th May 2014

Headlines/Key Issues:

- 'What Matters to You' event, co-hosted with Wiltshire Council, was held in April. The latest Joint Strategic Assessment data evidence of the local population was discussed to identify plans and actions to address needs. The outcomes will be used by the Partnership to update the Community Plan.
- The Partnership AGM was held on 22nd April 2014.
- The Community Plan is a living document subject to ongoing updates and maintained on the Partnership's website.
- Work is in progress to publish an additional Community Plan appendix of funding opportunities, both local and national.

Projects:

- 'Your Community Plan 2013-2026' is published and available to download from our website. Copies are also available in the Library.
- Community Plan appendix for fundraising opportunities. This will enable efficient dissemination of intelligence and signposting to support local clubs and organisations when seeking grants.
- The Partnership completed a project to map local assets as part of the new culture chapter for the latest Joint Strategic Assessment.
- Volunteering opportunities in the Warminster area can be accessed via the website www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk/
- Economic and Tourism Group – monitoring of town scene and empty buildings; benchmarking; media contact list. The group has developed projects to enhance the townscape, and was recently awarded an Area Board grant to provide a photo-mural in the central car park. Their work on signage de-cluttering in Warminster is now being taken up by the Town and Wiltshire Council.
- Health and Social Care Group – monitoring and information sharing between organisations and the community. In partnership with Age UK the group will consult older people about day-time activities in Warminster; this follows the demise of some groups and closure of the Beckford Centre.
- Establishment of a theme group focusing on environmental and green recycling issues is ongoing.
- Job Club/Fairs – now to be part of Cornerstone, due to operate from May.
- WVCP website www.westwilts-communityweb.com/site/Warminster-and-Villages-Community-Partnership/
- Follow WVCP on Twitter twitter.com/warminstervcp

Future Events/Dates for the Diary:

- WVCP Management Committee meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at the Organ Inn, Warminster.

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