

## BA13+ Partnership Report

The BA13+ Community Area Partnership's steering group met most recently on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The key point raised was that Cllr. Gordon King stated that he was promoting the establishment of a wellbeing centre on the former hospital site. The project would hopefully have the buy-in of the STOP group, as well as Town and Wiltshire Councillors, the CAM, the BA13 Partnership, the White Horse Surgery and other key stakeholders. Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to contact the BA13+ Administrator at [ba13plus@outlook.com](mailto:ba13plus@outlook.com)

The next meeting is to be the Partnership's Annual General Meeting, on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August starting at 7pm. The venue is the Baptist Mission Chapel, Stormore, Dilton Marsh.

As usual a particular theme from the Community Plan will be considered, and for this meeting it has been decided that the theme is TRANSPORT, with particular reference to the Key Issues identified in our current Community Plan:

Key issue & aspirations	Suggested action from consultation	Actions since last publication	Partners involved
1. React to local transport and business issues.	Campaign for First Hour Free parking in Westbury. Coordinate with Community First about feasible community transport scheme for all ages. Encourage use of Public Transport.	Westbury Link scheme is one of the most successful in Wiltshire. BA13+ working with other CAPs.	Community First, Link, Wiltshire Council, BA13+
2. Address the issue of traffic congestion on A350 Warminster Road and other routes.	Better town traffic flow to encourage people to shop here. Extend Mane Way around town with new bridge.	Community speed watch in Bitham Park and Lorry Watch on Station Road.	
3. Encourage cycling for health and to reduce congestion	Improve, enhance, increase availability of cycle routes in and around Westbury.	'Connecting Wiltshire' includes cycle routes. 'Our Community Matters' encourages car-sharing.	Town Council, Wiltshire Council
4. Encourage effective use of the Railway Station.	Improve links between station and town, Westbury train station to provide a gateway presence and welcome for the town.	Town Council's 'Vision for Westbury'	Town Council, Wiltshire Council
<b>Other suggested priorities for action</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish whether the community would be interested in discussing the options for by-pass. Wiltshire Council should be considering ALL of the options</li> </ul>			

Guest speakers on the night include Mr Lee Fletcher from the Trans Wilts CiC who will speak on public transport issues with a particular focus on bus services, and Mr Graham Ellis from the Community Rail Partnership who will share the secrets of the success of the improved rail services between Westbury and Swindon.

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