



DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

Update for Devizes Area Board March 2011

DCAP has been creating two questionnaires, one for school pupils and one for every household in the Community Area, both of which form part of the consultation on the new Community Area Plan. The questionnaires will be distributed during the second half of March, with the closing date for the return of completed questionnaires being 30th April 2011. There will also be a facility to complete questionnaires online. Focus groups will be formed to build on the feedback received from questionnaires. Support and advice from Andrew Jack (Wiltshire Council), and Stephanie Davis (Extended Schools Co-ordinator) has been gratefully received.

There have been meetings of the Parish Council Forum and the Transport thematic group, as well as DCAP's full quarterly meeting.

The Parish Council Forum will continue beyond its present pilot phase. A constitution will be formalised and a Chairman appointed in May. At the recent meeting there was a useful and creative discussion with David Dawson of Wiltshire Heritage Museum and John Gaca of Devizes Development Partnership as they presented the latest options for the future of tourist information resources in the area.

The Parish Councils are also looking forward to learning more about the Localism Bill in the coming weeks.

DCAP was pleased with the positive feedback after Tony Sedgwick's presentation of the Transport group's Cycling Strategy at the January Area Board meeting and looks forward to a joint Area Board / DCAP working group to take this project forward. It is also requesting £5,700 from the Area Board to be used in the first phase of this project.

Thanks has been expressed to Mitch Roberts for his committed work with DCAP as Chairman of the Economic thematic group. We wish him well for the future as his contract as Town Centre Manager comes to an end.

Cllr Rick Rowland has been welcomed as the Chairman of the Housing & Built Environment group.

DCAP is pleased to be working alongside British Waterways and other partners as proposals for enhancing the visitor experience at the Caen Hill flight of locks are developed.

DCAP is currently completing funding request forms for the next financial year and will submit a request at the May Area Board meeting.

The next DCAP meeting takes place on Monday 6th June at 5.30pm at Browfort.

This report – March 9th 2011