



DEVIZES COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

Update for Devizes Area Board May 2011

Community Area Plan update

10,000 questionnaires have been distributed to households in the Community Area as part of the DCAP consultation. At the time of this report approximately 2000 responses had been received. We are therefore anticipating a 20% return on the consultation questionnaires. The views contained within these responses are being entered into the online version of the questionnaire which will allow the replies to be analysed, and will be fed into the new Community Area Plan. The distribution process has revealed that the number of households within the Area is far larger than had been anticipated. A print run of another 2000 questionnaires (with an extended deadline for responses) has now been organised in order to hear the views of those not already consulted. Responses from school pupils (using a tailored questionnaire format) are also now being received and analysed.

Focus groups have also been set up to discuss some aspects of the questions and issues more deeply.

Thematic Groups

Since the last Area Board meeting there have been meetings of the Transport thematic group, and the Housing & Built Environment thematic group.

Parish Councils

The Parish Council Forum has grown in strength during its pilot year. One more meeting is needed to finalise its Terms of Reference for the future.

Community Area Board

DCAP is pleased to see a stronger working partnership with the Area Board, through participation in some of the thematic groups. It is also encouraging to see that the new Community Area Traffic Group is a joint venture.

DCAP is looking ahead to another year of fruitful work with many partners, responding to the needs and challenges revealed by the consultation across the Community Area. The workplan and funding request for the 2011-2012 has now been submitted.

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