



## CALNE COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

Wellbeing through involvement, inspiration and action

### **Calne Area Board Update for Tuesday 14th. February 2012**

#### **General**

Calne Community Area Partnership exists to provide an opportunity for people to discuss and influence the way that public services are provided locally with local priorities. The Calne Community Area covers Calne and the villages surrounding Calne. Partnership involvement is for “everyone who lives or works in the Calne Community Area”. The Partnership is managed by a Steering Committee all of whom are local volunteers.

The [www.calnecap.org](http://www.calnecap.org) website has been revamped to make it easier for information to be updated. A consultation working group is developing a consultation strategy to update the Community Area Plan in 2012. Consultation as to what should be included in the updated plan will commence in the spring of 2012.

The partnership has supported the development of Fairtrade throughout the community area and a separate Fairtrade group has been formed to develop the Fairtrade campaign with support from both a Town and a Wiltshire Councillor. Fairtrade Fortnight starts on Monday 27<sup>th</sup>. February.

The partnership is co-hosting the Community Planning event on the 27<sup>th</sup>.February to determine community priorities for the future.

#### **Partnership Theme groups reports**

##### **Education and Life Long Learning**

It is planned to create a Virtual Prospectus for all education, training and skills provision within the community area in Calne and in the surrounding villages. It is planned to identifying urgent training gaps for employment as well as cooking healthily on a budget, adult literacy and numeracy and job application and interview skills.

Trevor Jenkins became the Chair of the theme group recently and plans to research the medium and long term educational and skills needs of the community

##### **Environment**

At the Jan 17 meeting of the CCAP Steering Committee, it was agreed that members of the Calne Environmental Network (CEN) would take a leading role in steering the Environmental Theme Group of Calne CAP. CEN founders Peter Knight and Sue Wallace were elected Chair and Deputy Chair respectively of the Theme Group. A very successful first meeting of CEN took place on Jan 18 when 20 people attended.

Clean-ups took place at Castlefields Park on Jan 15 and at Abberd Brook on Jan 21. Litter picking has been arranged for Feb 26 around the town centre, and a stream clean scheduled for March 25. Discussions will take place with Town Council regarding CEN taking a leading role in the management and clearing of the Bentley Wood.

Calne Town Council have awarded a grant for the use of the whole of the Town Hall for Green Calne Day. This will be an Eco Fair during the day, and in the evening the film Avatar will be

shown by Moviola in the Town Hall. The Calne Community Cycle event will be held on the same day on 23 June. The first of the monthly newsletters was sent by email to around 100 recipients.

### **Health and Social Care**

The recent Health and Social Care Forum heard from Emma Downey the Good Neighbours part time co-ordinator support for older and disabled people in the parishes of Hilmarton, Compton Bassett and Bremhill. The group discussed the Joint Strategic Needs 2011 statistics for the Calne Community Area and heard from Jan Morse the Neighbourhood Manager of Westlea Housing Association about their support for their tenants and drawing up a improvement plan.

### **Transport**

Calne Area Transport (CAT) are working with the Campus Team to create the Travel Plan for the Campus. CAT have submitted a bid for funding for Transport Maps to be displayed in several locations in the town. CAT are working with the Section 106 working group to discuss where money to be received from the developers of Sandpit Road development should bring improvements to the cycle and pedestrian access to the town and schools and also contribute to make crossings safer on the Oxford Road in Calne

### **Calne Community Hub**

The establishment of the Community Hub at 27, High Street in the centre of Calne had been a great success largely due to the dedication of the volunteers who have set it up and staffed it from Tuesday to Friday. The Hub is a welcoming place for people to get information, seek help in a friendly environment. Advertising of events provides publicity for the many events in Calne and the surrounding villages. Regular visiting surgeries are held by the Police, the Dog Warden, Calne Community Transport, the Area Board Manager, a Wiltshire Councillor, Connections, the Eating Disorder Support Group and Richmond Fellowship in the Hub. The Hub also hosts a volunteer Job Club to assist those seeking employment.

The Hub has had it's lease extended until June 2013 on the same conditions as for the pilot phase. The Hub Working Group is now planning how the Hub will develop and progress the community activities that proved so successful during this pilot phase.

The Community Hub is available for voluntary and statutory organisations to use. It has a good display of "what's on" and other information. It is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.00 to 4.00 -Contact JR Dawson - 01249 813747 or [thehub2010@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thehub2010@hotmail.co.uk)

**If you want to find out about how to be involved the Calne Community Partnership - drop into the Community Hub in the High Street in Calne or the visit [www.calnecap.org](http://www.calnecap.org).**

### **Friends of Abberd Brook update - February 2012** (Thanks to Francis Bosworth)

Following the Species Report, FAB are meeting representatives from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, and the Environment Agency in early February to implement a 5 year management plan.

Plans have now been submitted to Wiltshire Council for the placement of an interpretation board for the Abberd Brook near Doctors Pond.

Monthly Fixed Point Photography of the Brook and Pond has now started but fly tipping continues to be a major problem.

For more information about the **Friends of Abberd Brook** contact **Francis Bosworth** ([fbosworth1@hotmail.com](mailto:fbosworth1@hotmail.com)) Website; [www.fabrook.org.uk](http://www.fabrook.org.uk)