

MID YEAR REPORT FOR TIDWORTH COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP (TCAP) IN ORDER TO RECEIVE 1ST TRANCHE OF AREA BOARD FUNDING 2012/13

TCAP has been extremely busy over the last six months and the work of the TCAP coordinator has proved essential to the continuing success of the Partnership. The three monthly TCAP meetings are well attended every time by the following individuals and organisations:

Tidworth, Netheravon and Bulford Garrison
Wiltshire Council
Youth Services
Wiltshire Police
Aspire Defence Ltd
Castledown Radio
Castledown Business Park
Tidworth Extended Services Co-ordinator
Tidworth & District Chamber of Commerce
WFCAP
Plain Action
NHS Trust Wiltshire
Wiltshire Police
Wiltshire Fire and Rescue
HQ 43 (Wessex) Brigade
Wellington Academy
Clarendon Junior School
Ludgershall Town Council
Netheravon Parish Council
Enford Parish Council
Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council
Tidworth Town Council
Everleigh Parish Council
Aster Communities
British Red Cross
Members of the public chairing each Thematic Group

The TCAP Coordinator has organised a number of events for the local community so far this FY. All events are advertised using the local radio stations and publications and are also advertised on TCAP website. They are as follows:

Blue Light Day – this was held at Tidworth Leisure Centre and was a very successful day. TCAP worked together with Wiltshire Council at the Leisure Centre and the army, utilising the bomb disposal team and the Military Police. The other two police forces in the area, Wiltshire Police and the MOD Police were also there displaying their cars and some equipment. The Blue Light Day incorporated a public Health Fair ran by Army Primary Health Care Services and the NHS and will do so for future events. The Health and Social Care Thematic Group provided a health stand and had a very positive response from the public. TCAP Coordinator also arranged for members of the public to provide entertainment, enjoying performances by a steel drums band and local youth dancers. There were approximately 500 people attending throughout the day, enjoying the facilities provided by the Leisure Centre and the events put on by TCAP. The feedback was extremely positive from members of the public.

Over 50s Concert – this was held at the Garrison Theatre, which was provided by Aspire Defence Ltd. Over 50s in all town and parish councils in the community area were invited to the concert and approximately 470 people attended. The Band of the Prince of Wales Division provided the entertainment.

PROMS Concert – this was also held at the Garrison Theatre and again the Band of the Prince of Wales Division provided the musicians and singers. This concert was open to the whole of the local community area and wider. This was very well attended with over 550 people buying tickets. The army provided extra security staff on the day in order for the public to get into the barracks.

Community Area Awards – this was a hugely successful event which was open to the whole of the community area. Wellington Academy provided the venue, their theatre with tiered seating, and it was attended by about 350 people. Information about the awards was published on the website and as well as from the usual places, forms were available on the website to download for the first time. It was obvious from the number of awards given on the night that community spirit is very high in Tidworth Community Area.

School's Christmas Concert – this was held at the Garrison Theatre, which was provided by Aspire Defence Ltd. Schools in the community area were invited to the concert and approximately 700 children attended. The Band of the Prince of Wales Division provided the entertainment and the children had a fantastic time. TCAP provided drinks and biscuits and each child went back to school with a little bag of sweets from Santa! Funding was received from the Area Board in order to help schools with transport costs. This financial assistance to schools was extremely gratefully received.

Red Cross First Aid Course – TCAP Coordinator organised a Red Cross First Aid at Home course. It was held in Ludgershall and was attended by 20 members of the community area. All parish and town councils were emailed the details of the courses as well as it being advertised on the TCAP website.

The above mentioned events proved very useful to gather the views of the community. TCAP Coordinator handed out the first version of the community area survey at the Over 50s Concert. The majority of those attending took the time to fill them in at the event. During Blue Light Day, TCAP Coordinator took the opportunity to consult with local community at the Health and Social Care stand. This provided much needed information about the opinions of the local community with regards to health matters. Mr Pickernell is in constant consultation at events and meetings that he attends. The head teachers of the schools in the community area, along with representatives from the army, gathered at a meeting, which was originally hosted at Tedworth House, to consult on schooling in the community area.

A great deal of work has already started to update the community plan, which runs out in 2013. The CPCG has been reinvigorated and members at this meeting have developed a plan of action for the way forward. Thematic group meetings continue and most groups have now produced initial opinions of what priorities should be kept within their sections and what priorities can be removed as they are no longer applicable (or have been dealt with) or what needs to be added. With this in mind the thematic groups have now worked together to produce a comprehensive questionnaire which has now been distributed with the community area in order to obtain the opinions etc from the local community. It was identified that a new thematic group 'Youth and Young People' would be extremely beneficial to the local community area and it was agreed at CPCG and then at TCAP that this group should be formed. This has happened and is now in the process of identifying its TORs and membership. TCAP Coordinator has identified, through the youth services, young people to attend this meeting.

The need for a Community Area Forum was identified at TCAP and progress has been made to reinstate these. Ludgershall has agreed to host the pilot forum and it is hoped that this will take place there in early February 2013. All members of the community area will be able to attend and not just those in Ludgershall. It will be well advertised, using local radio and publications and also the TCAP website, in order to bring in a wide audience from the community area.

TCAP Coordinator has been very proactive in attending meetings for all town and parish councils. It is essential that these councils know what TCAP is and how it can work for them. These

meetings have proved very successful and Mr Pickernell has a very good working relationship with councils. He ensures that they always receive information of events in a timely manner and is encouraged that town councils and parish councils are using his services more and more. They are also using the website a lot more to advertise their own events. He liaised closely with all town and parish councils and the local Youth Development Officer to bring youth activity events to the Parish during the summer. Mr Pickernell has formed excellent relations with the Youth Services and has worked very closely with them, including recently helping them get funding from the Area Board towards equipment for an event the Blues and Zues were putting on after their provider let them down at the last minute. TCAP Coordinator has also liaised with the Army Welfare Service regarding youth activities and the needs of all army dependants. The Coordinator also attends events at the local schools and regularly attends the meetings of Tidworth and District Chamber of Commerce. Mr Pickernell attends the meetings of the Thematic Groups in order to take back information to members of TCAP and the public. Mr Pickernell has attended meetings of commercial ventures in the local community area, such as the public consultations by Persimmons and Zog. WFCAP meetings are attended by the TCAP Coordinator. Mr Pickernell attends meetings of the NPT and local police in order to gain information that he can pass on to the members of the community and also to town and parish councils.

As well as representing TCAP at all the parish/town council meetings and others such as Community First, Health Watch, Accelerate, overseeing benchmarking for Ludgershall Town Council and other presentations organised by Wiltshire Council and other organisations, Mr Pickernell represents TCAP on the following committees:

- Plain Action
- Tidworth and District Chamber of Commerce
- Clarendon Junior School Governors
- Castle Primary School Governors
- Castledown Radio Board member
- WFCAP

This has been a very successful period for TCAP and members of the community area and the TCAP Coordinator has been instrumental in coordinating a Community Area Partnership that continues to thrive.