

WILTSHIRE TISBURY Campus Calling

New campus brings jobs and skills to Tisbury

Tisbury's new community campus, which has been given the funding green light by Wiltshire Council, is set to bring local jobs, skills and fantastic new sports, leisure, library and other community facilities to Tisbury.

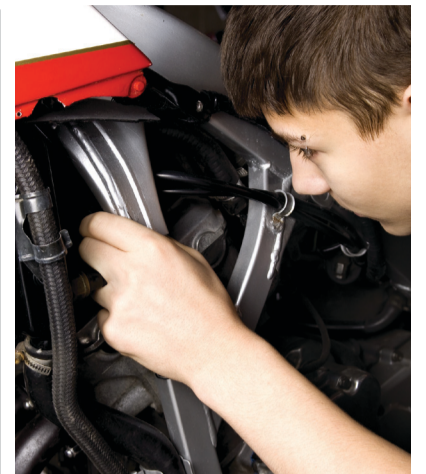
The project will see the transformation of the buildings around Nadder Hall with a new multi-use sports hall next to the renovated swimming pool, a learning and skills centre, start-up business units, a state-of-the-art library and many other activities. It will bring much needed local jobs, skills and other facilities to benefit the whole Tisbury Community Area.



'This is terrific news for our community'

It will reduce operating costs and give us a facility for the next 20 plus years.

"This is terrific news for our community," says Wiltshire councillor Tony Deane. "Over the years campus developments across the county will present significant savings to Wiltshire Council in the cost of running buildings and services. Not only will the Tisbury Campus dramatically improve services locally and save money by bringing them together on one site, but it will create local employment and improved, new sports and leisure facilities for everyone in Tisbury and the surrounding villages."



New youth centre

The already flourishing youth centre will move from the old Magistrates Court on The Avenue onto the Tisbury Campus. Young people from Tisbury and surrounding villages have been helping to plan this move which will offer better facilities more closely linked to the other campus activities. It will have a pool table, table tennis, computers, a music system and a kitchen, and there is potential for developing a workshop for both mechanics and woodwork. There will also be more scope for outdoor activities. Young people are keen to be involved in creating a straw bale building on the campus site – perhaps as part of the new community garden project and of course the new youth centre will be much nearer the new skate park

"Young people liked the idea that they would be able to access many more facilities in one easy-to-get-to location like the skate park, swimming pool, leisure centre, the motorcycle project as well as further education and training courses," says Jaki Farrell, Wiltshire Council youth development co-ordinator.

New sports centre

The existing Tisbury and District Sports Centre is housed in an unattractive and inefficient shed style building that's difficult to manage and lacks various key sports facilities. Under the campus proposal it will be relocated to a new purpose-built building much nearer the swimming pool.



Learning and skills centre

The former Middle School building offers a lot of very useful and adaptable floor space. The Campus team hope to see it used to provide a new learning and skills centre to make local people's lives better through education and training, arming them with skills they can use in business and in their personal lives.

The aim is to offer a wide range of courses for young and old including computer skills, vehicle mechanics, construction skills, catering and hospitality – and whatever else there is demand for.

The skills centre will be open to all from school-leavers to seniors. It will benefit the whole community and help to keep young people in the area.



Who's leading the project?

The Tisbury Campus is being developed by local people for local people to ensure that it provides the services the community needs in one easy-to-access location. The team includes Wiltshire councillors from the area board, the

chairman of Tisbury Parish Council and members of various community groups in the local area. The funding is being provided by Wiltshire Council. Contact details are at the end of this newsletter.

Radio station and recording studio

Other facilities young people would like to see included are a local community radio station.



Skate Park to open

'...a real asset to the Campus and community'

Tisbury Parish Council's fantastic new Skate Park could be open by early next year. The park, funded primarily from R2 development money from the Hindon Lane development, will include the refurbishment of the current Astroturf playing area.

"The new facility will provide another healthy activity centre for Tisbury and will be a real asset to the Campus and the community," says Peter Lacey, a member of the Skate Park Working Group.



Facilities for young children and families



The Sure Start centre will remain on site. Campus team members are in discussions with Fledglings pre-school to explore options for providing them with purpose-built accommodation within the campus and to understand how the campus project might bring additional

benefit to them. The campus team is strongly supportive of the need for facilities for young children as part of the campus and will collectively work with the pre-school and Sure Start centre to get the best outcome for young children and families in the area.

Low-cost offices to help new business



Local start-up businesses in the Tisbury area could benefit from the creation of up to a dozen new business incubator units on the new campus. The new units will aim to accommodate and offer support to new businesses during the critical early stages of their development.

“These would be fully provisioned offices or space offered on a short-term lease basis to small, start up businesses. The support services would include full technical

and logistical support as well as business advice and expert mentoring.” says Tisbury resident and member of the campus team, Isobel Scott-Clark. She adds: “They will also be very useful in supporting start-up businesses coming out of the new Tisbury Learning and Skills Centre.”

Anyone interested in applying for one of these business incubator units should contact Tony Deane, their local Tisbury councillor, as soon as possible.



Refurbished swimming pool

The campus team are well aware of the community’s wish to see the pool kept in use and improved and so are working with the Tisbury Swimming Club to ensure that the refurbishment of the pool

goes ahead as quickly as possible and in co-ordination with the development of the campus. The aim is to share facilities with the campus to improve the offering and to reduce costs wherever practicable.

Summary of proposed campus facilities

Shared spaces

- Main reception and single point of contact,
- Multi-purpose meeting and activity spaces
- Office accommodation for council, community police and partner staff
- Community kitchen and catering facilities
- Medical room
- Changing facilities
- Community ICT provision, linked to the skills centre

Community educational facilities

- A learning and skills centre
- Tisbury pre-school

- Sure Start Centre,
- Learning disabilities facilities provision
- State-of-the-art new library facilities linked to the skills centre

Leisure facilities

- New sports hall
- Youth drop-in centre
- Community garden
- Community radio, recording and dance facilities

Other

- Business start-up units for new and growing local businesses
- Neighbourhood Policing Team

Reception and shared areas

The existing site is a rather random collection of buildings with a poor road layout, muddled parking and no obvious ‘front door’. The new campus will sort that out and will also have a proper reception area with many shared facilities. This will create a single, more sustainable building complex, enable improved opening hours of all services and provide many more opportunities for operational staff and volunteers.

This sharing of resources and expertise will save taxpayers’ money, while helping to give people access to what they want, where they want it. The aim is to make maximum and efficient use of the buildings on the site – both new and existing – and create a community campus that delivers more for local people in one easy-to-access site.



New and improved library

Following extensive public consultation, the proposal is to move the public library up onto the campus. The new library, which will serve the whole community area, will have more space, offer more services, particularly providing reading and storytelling areas for children, and book clubs. It will offer much easier parking and will complement and benefit from the other campus facilities.

Getting there

Access to the site will be via Weaveland Road and through the new Hindon Lane development. The team is also talking to Tisbury about the possibility of a shuttle bus from the village centre. There will be plenty of parking on the site and cycling facilities.

Facilities access for St John’s School

St John’s School is not itself part of the project. It will stay where it is and continue to develop in its own way, but of course the campus team will maintain close liaison with the school to minimise the disruption during construction work and to offer the school full access to the resulting facilities and parking.



Police to move in

The police hope to move up from The Avenue to purpose-built accommodation within the Campus.

Design and layout

It’s important that the campus facilities are designed to meet both the current and future needs of our growing community as people’s requirements – and technology – change. The community agrees the priority is to make sure there are attractive

and efficient buildings which look right, are well laid out and are environmentally sustainable with low running costs. At this stage all this is to play for – but the team is now moving into the design stage so looking for everyone’s input.

Where are we now and what’s next?

The Tisbury Campus Team has carried out extensive consultation in the local community and has held discussions with all the stakeholder groups likely to be involved in the operation of the campus. The funding is in place. A point has been reached when an architect can be engaged to work on an initial design, likely to include a blend of renovation to existing buildings, some new

construction, and a completely revised layout of internal roads, landscaping and parking areas.

But fixing the buildings is only part of the project. The follow-on stage will be to see Wiltshire Council working alongside the Tisbury Campus Team, the stakeholders, and the wider community of local people, businesses and organisations to ensure Tisbury Campus

is managed effectively and with maximum community involvement. There will be a number of stakeholder workshops in the coming months to ensure that local interested groups can get involved in the process.

The planning application will be submitted in the spring/summer of 2013

If you would like to discuss the campus proposal or would like to get involved in the design process you can get in touch with the campus team at campusconsultation@wiltshire.gov.uk
Tel: 01225 718350.

Further information is available on the Tisbury Campus website – Google **Tisbury Campus**.