

BA13+ (Westbury) Community Area Partnership

Annual Workplan 2012/13

In order to show how the community area partnership aims to meet the commitments set out in the Community Area Partnership Agreement 2012/13, please complete the form below.

CAPA commitments	Proposed initiatives and activities
<p>Partnership Development <i>"To establish and maintain a Partnership, Steering Group and Thematic Groups, as necessary"</i></p>	<p>Quarterly public meetings of the Partnership are held, whilst Steering Group meetings continue on a bi-monthly basis.</p> <p>Steering Group members are elected at the AGM in accordance with the Partnership's Terms of reference (based on the WfCAP Model).</p> <p>There is close partnership working between the CAP and the Area Board through regular reporting at Area Board Meetings and liaison with Area Board Members and the Community Area Manager.</p> <p>Theme Groups are continuing to emerge and issues being addressed in the current year include Restorative Practice ('Restorative Westbury'), Community Transport, Health and Westbury Area Wellbeing. Where possible the CAP works with existing groups and networks to avoid duplication of effort.</p> <p>The CAP employs a part-time Administrator (self employed) to support the organisation of meetings, publicity, maintain a database, liaise with press etc.</p> <p>The Partnership is represented, where practicable, at WfCAP meetings and events. The Administrator also attends the WfCAP network of CAP Coordinators.</p> <p>The Partnership's main objective during the current year is to strengthen partnership working following revision of the Community Plan, and move to forward resulting issues arising.</p>
<p>Accountability <i>"To be open to and inclusive of the wider community and to account to and seek affirmation from the wider community for its actions, activities and forward plans on an annual basis."</i></p>	<p>Partnership working in the BA13+ area has a mixed history, not least in reflecting the complex mix of town and smaller parishes. The CAP is continuing to seek engagement with, and build on, existing networks.</p> <p>The regular BA13+ Partnership meetings are publicised widely to the public and held at venues across the community area to engage more with people. However attendance can be disappointing and needs to be reviewed constantly. There is still a risk that the Partnership is seen as a small off-shoot of the Area Board, which does attract a good attendance.</p> <p>Efforts are continuing in this current year to engage more with people where they are, rather than expecting them to attend more public meetings. Such a process is slow, with working relationships being developed across a wide local</p>

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	<p>network of individuals and organisations.</p> <p>Creative use of the local free press is on-going and public engagement exercises will continue in the town and villages to engage the wider population in the updated Community Plan.</p>
<p>Communication</p> <p><i>"To engage and communicate systematically with all sections of the community and to maintain a contacts register of key organisations and volunteers."</i></p>	<p>The CAP Please uses the local free paper, 'The White Horse News', to publicise its activities. Posters and electronic communication are also used extensively to reach the wider community. Database contacts are shared with the Community Area Manager if required and the Area Board's networks are used, as appropriate.</p> <p>During the current year the Partnership is more actively engaging with existing groups and networks in moving forward issues flagged up under the updated Community Plan.</p> <p>A new community web site is being developed for the CAP via the free CommuniGate site hosted by This is Wiltshire.</p>
<p>Consultation</p> <p><i>"To consult widely on a range of socio-economic issues including the holding of public engagement events and activities."</i></p>	<p>The revision of the Community Plan involved consulting on the 8 major themes of Arts, Culture & Leisure; Children & Young People; Community Safety; Economy, Jobs & Skills; Environment; Housing; and Transport.</p> <p>Public meetings will now focus on interactive engagement on each of these themes with a wide range of stakeholders in the community, organisations, schools, churches etc.</p>
<p>Community Planning</p> <p><i>"To prepare and regularly review a community plan that takes into account major issues affecting the area and to develop an action plan and identify projects to address these issues. This will be done in consultation with the wider local community, in order that it properly represents their concerns and aspirations"</i>.</p>	<p>This work is on-going, led through the Steering Group and the Partnership to identify key issues and begin to seek ways of addressing them for the well being of the community.</p> <p>Delivery on actions will be by partnership working across the statutory, private and community and voluntary sectors.</p>
<p>Local action</p> <p><i>"To champion local issues and help with the planning and delivery of priority projects, including fundraising and community volunteering where appropriate."</i></p>	<p>The above focus and living nature of the Community Plan will contribute towards developing and delivering local projects to meet identified local need, as far as possible through joined up community working. It is recognised that volunteers within the community already contribute significantly to the wellbeing of the area. Local groups already raise funds and attract them from statutory and charitable grant making bodies. We hope that this trend is able to develop further in the current economic climate.</p>

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