



CALNE COMMUNITY
AREA PARTNERSHIP

Update – October 2007

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Introduction

This update has been compiled from the verbal update provided to the Calne Area Committee (5) on 9th October 2007 by Jill Martin.

The Calne Community Area Partnership (CCAP) held its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 3rd October 2007 at Calne Town Hall. At this meeting the Chair and Steering group were elected for the next year.

The Steering group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month and at their next meeting will review the status of all current projects.

Projects

- **Patford Street Old Ambulance/Fire Station** – The Partnership is keen to see this historical building reinstated as one of the central community based buildings of the town.

Progress: This project has been delayed, the Partnership still believes that there is great potential in the community use of this building. However its ability to facilitate this as a project needs to be assessed.

- **Lower Compton Playing Fields** – CCAP offered to facilitate a consultation exercise with local residents to identify their needs and desires for the play area.

Progress: An update on the current status of this project is being sought for the next CCAP Steering Group meeting.

- **'Moviola' - Mobile Cinema** – A volunteer led, CCAP backed cinema scheme bringing movies to Calne Town Hall every month.

Progress: The CCAP backed Calne Moviola scheme continues to be well supported and completely self-financing. Discussions and work between this project and the community in Hilmarton may lead to the extension of the project beyond the town.

- **Leisure Centre** – CCAP wish to help facilitate a solution to the Leisure Centre crisis in Calne.

Progress: CCAP recognise that the Calne Leisure Action Group have made great leaps forward in their work to rescue the Leisure Centre. CCAP congratulate this group on their progress so far and offer their support of future work. The Partnership would welcome a representative of CLAG to attend a steering group meeting to build bridges between the

two groups and hopes that they may work more closely together in the future, in the interests of the Calne Community Area.

- **CAT** – Calne Area Transport is the transport theme group of CCAP and is involved in researching, promoting and developing awareness and projects around sustainable transport issues.

Progress: Calne Area Transport has been successful in drawing down funding of £15,560 from the Communities Aggregates Fund. This funding will be used to carry out the 2nd phase of their 'Go-between project' which is working towards community based Green Travel planning and a Travel Hub service.

- **Intergenerational Design Group** – A partnership project involving CAIAC, Colemans Farm Community and Learning Assoc. and the Ecalne project. This project is an arts-based project to bring people from across the generations together to produce an innovative artwork. The main aim of this project is to address one of the partnerships main objectives: to promote a sense of community cohesion. This will be achieved through the involvement of young people and older people working together creatively, by encouraging interactions and communication, the project hopes to foster longer lasting understanding and awareness between them. (If successful it is hoped that this may be go on to involve other groups of people in similar work)

Progress: This project is in its final stages of completion. It has seen people of different age groups from the Colemans Farm Community working together to produce a short animated film based around their ideas of living in Calne. The project has involved all participants in learning, developing and sharing new arts and IT based skills and, in the process has promoted positive interaction between generations. It is hoped that the first screening of the film will take place at the end of the month. In addition the film may potentially be shown at local and regional film festivals.

- **Community Database** – The full Partnership have identified the need to update the current database.

Progress: Ongoing.

- **Website**– The steering group aims to develop its own website presence on the internet.

Progress: Ongoing

- **E-Calne Project** – The e-calne project brings Internet and IT access to the community, with e-calne points at James House, Colemans Farm Community Centre and the Calne Drop-In Centre.

Progress: The project has reported that over 100 people have regularly used the computers at the various centres around the town. It has recently received Lottery funding of £4000 to upgrade its equipment and aims to broaden its limits through extending its reach out beyond the town to the villages.

- **Abberd Brook** – Westlea Housing Association are looking to work in partnership on enhancements to the Abberd Brook.

Progress: An update on the current status of this project is being sought for the next CCAP Steering Group meeting

Other Issues:

- Administrator

In the previous update it was reported that the partnerships administrator and treasurer had resigned. The partnership is grateful to David Evans and Sue Boddington for agreeing to take on the role of treasurer and minute's secretary respectively.

Future meetings:

- The next meeting of the steering group - 7th November 2007
- The next meeting of the full partnership – will be decided at the meeting of the steering group.