

Partner Update

Update from	 Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan	Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan
Date of Area Board Meeting	24 th January 2017	

Headlines/Key Issues

Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan (MANP) - Summary

In the last 18 months, a Steering Group has been formed made up of representatives from Marlborough, Mildenhall, Preshute and Saverhake to bring together a Neighbourhood Plan. Wiltshire Council has formally designated these parishes as the geographical area to be covered by the Plan. The Steering Group meets monthly and its Chairman is Councillor Mervyn Hall.

Work is also carried out through the following Working Parties:

- Housing Needs Working Party
- Business & Employment Working Party
- Traffic & Parking Working Party
- Countryside & Recreation Working Party

A number of consultative events have been held in all parishes over the last few months and feedback is being collated. Grants have been obtained to cover part of the work.

Housing Survey

Early feedback made clear that a key area to be covered was housing need and in early January households in Marlborough, Mildenhall, Preshute and Saverhake all received a housing questionnaire. This is an important part of the work towards the Plan and will help in finding out about the housing needs of our communities - an exercise which hasn't been undertaken in this area for many years. We'd like to hear from as many households as possible after which the information will be analysed by independent researchers and will help to provide evidence of what housing is really needed. This will all add weight to the Plan itself and influence the way Marlborough and its surrounding parishes develop in the future.

The survey can also be completed online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Marlborough-NP-Housing-Survey>

Surveys should be completed by Friday, 17th February 2017

All those completing questionnaires have the opportunity to enter a prize draw to win a first prize of £100 or one of two second prizes of £50 each.

A Business Survey has also been issued alongside this and will also be sent to retailers and other businesses in the MANP area.

More information about the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan and details about membership of its Steering Group is at www.manp.co.uk