



## CALNE COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

### **Calne Area Board Update for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. April 2011**

#### **Genera**

- It is hoped to produce a leaflet to publicise the Partnership in the near future
- The Culture theme group has met again to foster a closer co-ordination and promotion of the many cultural events in Calne during the year.
- The Community Plan Update has now been distributed widely and if anyone would like to receive copies of the Plan Update please contact the Chairperson.
- The Partnership is promoting the sale of Fairtrade products in the Calne Community Area and there will be motions of support put to the Calne Town Council and Calne Area Board in April. Fairtrade gives the original producer a fair price for their produce in developing countries.
- The reduction of the use of non recyclable plastic bags is another Partnership promotion with an environmental theme.
- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle is also a Partnership promotion. This has led to the establishment of a collection point at SES Cycles in Wood Street in Calne for the collection of bikes that would otherwise be scrapped. The bikes are collected by a charity Joel Rider and taken to be repaired before being shipped out to the Gambia in West Africa and given to schools in rural areas for the use of students to enable them to get to school more easily.
- Calne Community Cycle will take place on June 18<sup>th</sup> based at Calne Leisure. There will be an afternoon of fun for all the family and encourage people to "Get on their bikes" It has the support of the Partnership, Sustrans, Calne Town Council, the John Bentley School and the Calne Area Board
- The Education and Lifelong learning group held a meeting to promote and co-ordinate adult education in all venues in the community area including the Community Hub in the future. The positive meeting included representatives from the John Bentley School, the Learning Curve, Wessex Community Action, the Calne CAP and the Community Hub.
- Calne Area Transport volunteers have been working hard to map the various routes in and around Calne to suggest more off road paths which connect footpaths for walker's wheelchair users and cyclists. A report will be presented to the Calne Area Board for action to implement safer routes and maps will be produced.

#### **Calne Community Hub**

##### **1. Documents**

- Various documents have been produced to monitor and evaluate the use of the Hub as well as a long term business plan required for funding applications.
- Public survey forms have been developed.

##### **2. Funding / Sponsorship**

- A local printer has agreed to sponsor 1000 copies of a Hub publicity leaflet
- The total sponsorship has reached £4,500

### 3. Other

- February Hub usage by individuals increased by 40% and by 78% for organisations since November
- The BBC's 'First Click' programme was extended to 6 weeks for 10 participants
- SureStart would like to have Basic IT courses for young mums offered at the Hub and further training possibilities were identified for anger management and preparation for work. SureStart will provide a 'Working Together' agreement and provide a crèche
- Opportunities for training at the Hub have been investigated with Wessex Community Action the Workers Education Authority and the Learning Curve to provide training at the Hub in the future.
- 2 volunteers have been recruited with skills in research and consultation and in IT
- An inaugural Calne Business Jelly event was held at the Hub and will held monthly
- Funding applications are being made to support the Hub running costs.
- The current main Hub display is for the Calne Area Board for the rest of April

The Community Hub is available for voluntary and statutory organisations and groups to use. It has a good display of "what's on" and information about local groups. It is staffed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.00 to 4.00 (Telephone JR Dawson 01249 813747 or [thehub2010@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thehub2010@hotmail.co.uk) )

**If you want to find out about how to be involved the Calne Community Partnership drop into the Community Hub in the High Street in the centre of Calne or contact ([info@calnecap.org](mailto:info@calnecap.org) ) or check at the website ([www.calnecap.org](http://www.calnecap.org) ).**

David Evans  
Calne CAP Chairperson

### **Friends of Abberd Brook** (Thanks to Francis Bosworth for this report)

#### **The pond**

The smaller branches near the pond have now been cleared and many positive comments have been made about the improvement. The proposed reed bed plants will be planted later this month. The Friends are currently having plans drawn up to for steps down to the pond for planning consideration and it is hoped that the steps will be completed this summer.

#### **The boardwalk**

The extension to the boardwalk will be erected during the week commencing 16<sup>th</sup>. May.

#### **The underpass**

The drawings prepared by Priestley school children under the supervision of Local Artists Gill and David Reeves, have now been agreed a display of the designs are on display in Calne Library during April. The display will transfer to the Heritage Centre in May and workshops will be organised for the public. One of the children came up with the slogan "bringing life back into Abberd Brook together" and this is the slogan for the display.

#### **General**

The Friends had a community Spring Clean on March 26<sup>th</sup> by 18 volunteers who finished the task before 12.00 and the brook is now looking much cleaner

The Friends of Abberd Brook will have a window display at the Community Hub in May.

For more information about the **Friends of Abberd Brook** contact **Francis Bosworth** ([fbosworth1@hotmail.com](mailto:fbosworth1@hotmail.com) ).