



## CALNE COMMUNITY AREA PARTNERSHIP

### **October 2013 Update**

Normally, the summer period is often regarded as a quiet period; when hard-working volunteers take time off to holiday with their families. Although this undoubtedly happened, I am pleased to say that this has run in parallel with some great community initiatives.

#### **Joint Strategic Assessment (2013)**

With the publication of the Joint Strategic Assessment (JSA) for Wiltshire (2012/2013), CAPs across Wiltshire have been asked to assist the writing of the chapter on 'Culture' for the community version of the JSA. As part of this exercise, it is anticipated that CAPs will play an important role in mapping out the cultural activities within their areas, including physical assets as well as developing a full list of all the community groups active in the area. It is expected that the community versions of the JSA will be published in early 2014.

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#### **Calne Tourism Strategy**

A draft Tourism Strategy has been produced by CCAP with the specific aim of generating discussion in order to understand and therefore implement actions that will improve tourism within the community area. It is intended that this work will be community led but will rely heavily on the expertise of those organisations and businesses already engaged in this area of activity. To a large extent, this work dovetails extremely effectively with the ongoing work to generate the Culture chapter of the JSA and the work of Calne Springs.

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#### **Calne Transport Strategy**

At a previous Area Board meeting, CCAP presented a draft Transport Briefing document for the community area that was intended to promote discussion on finding a better way of managing traffic in a more efficient and sustainable manner.

As a consequence, at the last Calne Area Board meeting in August, CCAP were tasked with developing the transport briefing paper into a transport strategy for the Calne Community Area. Upon provisional acceptance of this tasking, CCAP asked that appropriate objectives, aims, timescales etc should be provided by the Area Board to enable this work to be undertaken. To date, this information has not been received.

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### **Community Hub**

This is going from strength to strength, in terms of the footfall using the facility as well as the numbers of new volunteers being attracted by the presence of the Hub. Following on from the unofficial agreement to extend the existing Hub lease arrangements, discussions are underway with Wiltshire Council to formally extend the lease arrangements for a further 2 – 3 years.

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### **Time Credits**

As reported previously, this scheme for rewarding volunteers is being ‘rolled out’ in the Calne community area by CCAP through the Community Hub. The number of ‘earning’ organisations continues to grow and currently there are nearly 1,000 Time Credits in circulation. Work is in hand to sign up more ‘spending’ organisation to the scheme and I am pleased to report that the Calne Library has now joined in this capacity. It should also be stated that, for the first time, this scheme is being rolled out by the local partnership group and will be copied to all other Wiltshire towns who want to participate in the scheme.

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### **Wiltshire Online**

Again, another success story for this scheme which supports communities, through the use of volunteer ‘digital champions’ (DCs), to provide hands-on support for improving digital literacy. There are now sufficient DCs who have been trained and vetted and are already helping out a growing number of learners. Whilst the scheme is aimed at assisting learners in their own home or any mutually agreed public (wifi enabled) place, the Hub remains available for those learners who would prefer to use it and there is already a group who meet there on a Monday morning. Arrangements are underway to add another session in the Hub at a different time.

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### **Post Office Community Enterprise Scheme**

The Post Office has launched a nationwide competition for Post Office branches to play a bigger role in bringing communities together. The idea is that sub-postmasters work with local communities to develop exciting and creative schemes to meet the specific needs of their local communities. There will be 15 – 20 schemes selected from across England.

CCAP, in partnership with a number of local organisations including Calne Post Office, Wiltshire Online, Calne Town Council and St. Mary’s Church is working up the relevant

scheme. The broad concept of the proposed scheme is to provide computers to as many parts of the community as possible, with particular emphasis on the parishes. The computers will be available for the local community to access the Post Office On-line service as well as being available as a free internet access point. Venues will be identified where an internet enabled computer can be sited with on-going computer usage training being provided by the Wiltshire Online Digital Champions. If successful, the scheme will be funded in early 2014.

### **Literacy Initiative for Young Parents and their Pre-schoolers**

This initiative is still in its very early stage of development and is aimed at young parents from Calne and their pre-schoolers. This initiative will, amongst others, encourage and foster a love of books/reading in the children as well as increasing young parent's confidence in reading/sharing a book with their children.

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