

## **Warminster Area Board Issue update 24 June 2010**

### **Broadband:**

- Upper Deverills Broadband Action Group unsuccessful in their application to South West Regional Development Agency.
- They continue to explore options as BT has indicated that they have no plans for improving the service to the Upper Deverills in the immediate future.
- They are looking at what communities in other parts of the country have been doing and seeing whether they can replicate these successes.
- They have asked what initiatives Wiltshire Council propose taking, following a county-wide interim report prepared December 2009.
- UDBAG have passed on their thanks to the Area Board for interest in the bid.
- They are considering next steps over the coming months and particularly look forward to learning more about the Coalition Government's proposals.

### **Anybody can Cook:**

- 18 sessions funded by the area board
- 12 sessions done (7 in town, 5 in villages)
- Open Session held 23/6
- 12 nurseries have so far taken up the offer out of 19 who were asked
- 1 further session booked = 14 sessions committed
- Catherine Maxwell has been approaching toddlers groups to 'sell' the remaining 4 sessions and has interest from 2 more pre-schools so far. Ultimate aim is to hold 11 in the town and 7 in villages. The majority held within 3 months of funding award, but the last 4 will be later.
- Health and Social Care Group working on ways to make the initiative more sustainable.
- Also interested in running cooking sessions for older people (e.g. newly bereaved/coping with disability).

### **Dog fouling:**

Simon Cleaver keen to try out some new ideas in Warminster (education/awareness raising) and has committed to delivering enforcement outside office hours. Communications Officers are keen to run an article in the Wiltshire Council Magazine, which will go into all households in the county.

### **Litter Pick:**

For a number of years, a small group of residents in Chapmanslade have carried out a monthly litter pick (see photographs overleaf). In doing so, they are making a statement that they are proud and protective of their environment.

Last autumn they carried out a special exercise, in co-operation with staff from different departments in Wiltshire Council, to tidy up part of the A3098 on the fringe of Chapmanslade. With support, the volunteers covered an area where the traffic conditions had previously prevented them carrying out this task. The venture was extremely successful and they hope to repeat it in the future.

They hope that other communities in the Warminster area maybe inspired to do something similar (Corsley already does).

### **Community Payback:**

The project was awarded a performance reward grant and is in the process of purchasing the trailer. There will be an official launch 19 July, although they are able to take bookings now (unable to deliver until equipment in place).

Litter Pick Volunteers in Chapmanslade  
Working alongside a team from Wiltshire Highways - October 2009

