



Report of the BA13+ Partnership Meeting

The BA13+ Partnership has been selected to lead on the introduction of the Safe Places initiative in Westbury. The project, funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner's Innovation Fund, seeks to enable members of the public to visit participating businesses and organisations to seek help and advice or somewhere to take refuge if they feel vulnerable. Each business is issued with a sticker and helpful information. A steering group has already met, and the intention is to roll the scheme out across the town in the coming weeks.

We are hoping to expand this scheme in Westbury by becoming a Dementia Friendly Town as well. There has also been a recent public request to join a campaign to tackle unnecessary street clutter to help those who are partially sighted or blind to access our town centres. So all in all, we have the makings of a very exciting project for Westbury and the surrounding villages to help improve our high street and business/shopping areas for our communities.

The Partnership is also restarting the Restorative Justice steering group in Westbury, which is about offenders putting right some of the harm they have done by making amends to the victims. The new training on offer is simpler and the emphasis on the practice is around prevention and a lighter touch. The plan is to find six voluntary groups to agree to participate in the training initially. Tim Mason will join us from Community First as he is leading in Restorative Justice for Wiltshire Council.

Finally, a great deal of work is being put into updating the Community Plan in order to reflect the outcomes of the What Matters to You event held earlier this year. It's hoped that the Plan will be finalised and republished in time for the next Area Board.

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