Wilton Community Area Partnership

Annual Workplan 2010/11

CAPA commitments

Proposed initiatives and activities

Partnership Development

"To establish and maintain a Partnership, WILCAP Committee and Thematic/Work Groups, as necessary"

WILCAP Committee

Nominations to be sought from community groups, organisations and interested individuals. WILCAP Committee to be appointed at an AGM in September.

Action Groups

WILCAP will form Action Groups as and when they become necessary in consultation with the community. Initially these Action Groups are likely to include;

- Broadband in Rural Areas
- Rural Housing

New Groups

Through plans for more direct engagement in 2010/11, we will explore the degree of interest in setting up new Action Groups as issues arise or opportunities present themselves.

WfCAP

Wilton Community Area Partnership will continue to support WfCAP and will be appointing representatives to attend the new WfCAP Forum.

Developing the Partnership

During the next six months after relevant consultation with appropriate Council Officers we will be planning some community events to help gauge community feeling on a range of issues that will give WILCAP a specific direction in its first year—the results will help shape a further plan of action for the second half of the year and allow us to lay foundations for updating the Community Plan & identify new local priorities.

We have already established that a Website will assist WILCAP publicise itself and communicate with relevant stakeholders. A website will also help to raise the profile of WILCAP and provide a useful community resource. Work has already begun on this aspect of developing the partnership.

WILCAP to promote Wilton as the centre of the local Community Area. WILCAP needs to be seen as a genuine community. To do that it means promoting the facilities and services in Wilton to encourage residents within the CAP to think more about Wilton as their closest centre.

Accountability

"To be open to and inclusive of the wider community and to account to and seek affirmation from the wider community for its actions, activities and forward plans on an annual basis."

Community Accountability.

The WILCAP Committee recognises that the Partnership must become more visible and has to increase awareness across the Community Area.

WILCAP is visible and accountable through the Area Board and the Partnership would like to work with the Board and Community Area Manager to enhance the role and accountability of the Partnership in local decision making.

The WILCAP website will allow publication of minutes of meetings and greater transparency in work plans to further improve accountability.

Community Engagement

We intend to plan relevant stakeholder events when appropriate to connect with:

- The Wider Community
- Local organised groups-after consultation with County Officers.
- The Wilton Vision Group/other parishes contained within WILCAP.

The results will help us explore what's already happening and shape our plans for the future.

In addition we aim to use events already in the community calendar such as markets and festivals to promote the Partnership and to consult directly.

Promoting the Partnership.

Our aim is to increasingly promote the Partnership as the direct link to and from the community area for partner organisations and as a means of addressing and adding weight to local issues before making application to the Board and Council.

It is planned to establish a link with the local newspaper to both publicise events and achievements and the plans to create a community website will further increase awareness and interest.

Support of the local community.

WILCAP will strive to establish credibility with the Area Board, with Wilton Town Council, Parish Councils in the WILCAP area and with Wilts Council but we need to continue to raise the profile within the wider community by publicising successes and motivating local action.

Communication

"To engage and communicate systematically with all sections of the community and to maintain a contacts register of key organisations and volunteers."

Communication with the wider community.

We will continue to use occasional newsletters and to place articles in other local publications to provide an account of our activities to date and to encourage wider involvement.

We also plan to consider a WILCAP publicity pamphlet and to better use the media for press releases and placed articles. It might well be beneficial to offer a report about WILCAP to parishes at their annual parish meeting.

WILCAP Website

We may want to use some funding to develop a website that we intend to use as a community resource with links that can help the community help itself. For example, we want to encourage our community area to make use of the Issue Reporting system; and to encourage a wider spread of groups to access community grants.

Affiliated Organisations.

We do not claim to have any formal affiliations but we do have direct links with other organisations through the personal involvement of WILCAP Committee members and engagement of partner agencies on the Committee Notably:-

- Parish Councils
- Wilton Town Council
- Extended Schools Service
- Library Service
- MoD
- Wilton Estate
- Neighbourhood Policing Team
- NHS Wiltshire
- Wiltshire Council
- Wilts Fire Service
- All Faith Groups

Communications Database.

We plan to establish a data base of local organisations. We will use this as a starting point for establishing a genuine network of local organisations and groups, using more electronic means where appropriate and facilitating a two-way exchange of relevant information, skills and ideas.

We continue to use the offices of the Community Area Manager to distribute information.

We recognise though that personal networking on the part of the WILCAP Committee is still the most effective form of communication and means of soliciting involvement.

Consultation

"To consult widely on a range of socioeconomic issues including the holding of public engagement events and activities."

Consulting the Community

It is envisaged that future community events will bring WILCAP & Area Board Members together with the Town and Parish Councils and their planners and then with a wider Stakeholder Group. Events will be aimed at raising awareness, exposing issues and identifying opportunities.

Meetings with Partners

WILCAP will look to attend meetings at each of our Parish Councils to both promote awareness and to consult directly. Other meetings will be arranged to pursue a more active dialogue, further partners and co-ordinating forums (e.g. schools)

Community Planning

"To prepare and regularly review a community plan that takes into account major issues affecting the area and to develop an action plan and identify projects to address these issues. This will be done in consultation with the wider local community, in order that it properly represents their concerns and aspirations".

Developing The Community Plan

The plan format is designed to be flexible, and changes can be made to keep it a dynamic document. In consultation with our Town and Parish Councils and Stakeholders we intend to review the priorities for action and to assess where local issues can best be supported and to identify areas where further research is called for. WILCAP will take careful note of any Parish and Community Plans that are already in existence.

Local action

"To champion local issues and help with the planning and delivery of priority projects, including fundraising and community volunteering where appropriate."

Championing & Delivering Projects

WILCAP will be proactive in its search for relevant issues to support. We shall also be looking for new partnerships to move forward on key areas identified in the Community and Parish Plans or through our engagement programme.

What do we expect to achieve this year?

We fully expect to establish an effective website and to create a working contacts database as part of our awareness strategy.

We will consult with Council Officers regarding the range of data available that may help to establish areas/issues within local communities that WILCAP can help to move forward.

We want to establish effective contacts with the Parishes contained within the Wilton Community Area Partnership, with a view to assisting them move forward issues they may have identified.

We will work with the Area Board, the Community Area Manager and WfCAP to promote and firmly position WILCAP and the Community Plan within the local decision making process.

We will develop supporting publicity and display material to make WILCAP more visible through local level meetings and public events.

We will seek to develop partnership opportunities across the community area and establish closer relationships with

established forums and groups.
Funding.
WILCAP wishes to apply to the Area Board for £6000:00 to support its operation during the year 2010-11