

# Update for Chippenham Area Board

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| Update from                | Chippenham & Villages Area Partnership |
| Date of Area Board Meeting | 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2015             |

## Headlines/Key Issues

**Drive to raise the profile of ChAP and the Chippenham Area Board** Alongside the drive to review and improve the experience when attending an Area Board meeting, ChAP is also proactively exploring ways to raise its profile and that of the Area Board, in the wider community. In consultation with the Community Area Manager, ChAP is producing information for local publications. To date articles have been printed in The Honeycombe and The Biddestone Broadsheet, under the heading of 'News from Your Chippenham & Villages Area Board and ChAP'. It is anticipated that other such opportunities will follow. ChAP has also met with representatives from The Bybrook Benefice and informed them of the work of the Area Board and ChAP, and current projects. ChAP attends parish cluster meetings hosted by Colerne Parish Council and including adjacent parishes. This connection has been invaluable in ensuring awareness of shared cross-border issues and responses.

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**Defibrillators** ChAP continues its commitment to facilitate the availability of defibrillators (AEDs) across the community area. ChAP is currently in talks with partners to look at imaginative ways to take information about CPR and defibrillators out to the community and to involve the younger generation in this approach.

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**Better Use of Open Spaces** ChAP is working in partnership with Wiltshire Council and Chippenham Town Council to produce a Chippenham Supplement to the WC Public Events Toolkit.

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**Safe Places Project** ChAP is pleased to be able to support the Safe Places Project soon to be launched in Chippenham. As a member of the project steering group ChAP is helping to enrol establishments and to raise awareness of the aims of the initiative.

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**Rural Parishes / Parish Forum News** ChAP has for some time been active in trying to improve communication across the community area particularly with the rural communities. The Parish Forum has provided the rural parishes with a collective voice at the Area Board, as well as the opportunity to share knowledge and experience, explore shared issues and solve problems. Feedback from the forum chair direct to the Area Board enables wider discussion of issues with councillors and other attendees. So far the Forum meetings have been well attended and topics such as Highways, Neighbourhood Planning and Development Control have been discussed. The forum has provided a wide spectrum of constructive, well-received feedback to the service- providers and representatives attending. This has created a mutual respect for our shared perspectives, whilst providing a platform to improve communication and understanding of perceived parish issues

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**Chippenham Older Peoples Forum** ChAP continues to support the COPF. Recent meetings welcomed Cllr Linda Packard, Nicola Gregson and Vicky Welsh from Wiltshire Council, and Chris Graves, Chairman of Healthwatch Wiltshire.

DONM April 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm St Cats Hall, St Andrews Chippenham.

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**BSO Projects** The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra project '**Symphony in a Day- Rusty and Not So Rusty**' took place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February at the Neeld Hall. A total of sixty-six musicians attended on the day, to rehearse and perform Sibelius Symphony No 2 alongside members of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. Friends and families attended the outstanding final concert performance in the Neeld Hall.

The BSO **Young People's** project was completed with the recording and final session taking place on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January. The BSO reported that they were very pleased with the results. It was a very productive project and there developed a good appreciation of the others' work, between the participants and the professional musicians. A video record of the day has been compiled.

ChAP representatives continue to take an active role in the Chippenham Vision Board , the Chippenham Campus Development Team, the Parish Forum, and the Local Youth Network

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