

ChAP Update

Summer 2007 Edition



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Chairman's Column

"Welcome to the second edition of ChAP Newsletter, bringing you up to date with our activities.

Our March letter certainly generated interest in the Partnership, mostly favourable, but some hostile, which is healthy.

The content of the Newsletter is not censored by any local council, neither is it politically influenced or led, although some councillors from County to parish level are involved in, or are supportive of the Partnership.

We welcome participation from anyone who feels that they have something to offer that will benefit the wider community. - Thank you to all our contributors."

Jane Clark - Chairman
Chippenham Area Community Partnership

Transport

Parish Transport Needs Survey given go ahead

The ChAP Transport Special Interest Group has recently been awarded £500 by the Partnership to carry out a transport survey amongst parishes with few transport links, to find out about the places people in rural areas around Chippenham find it difficult to get to.

The survey will be designed by the Transport group to find out about issues such as access to medical services and social activities for older and younger people.

The group now hopes that the survey will be able to identify where transport is needed most in rural areas surrounding Chippenham.

The survey will be undertaken using simple questionnaires and the group hopes to enlist the help of Parish Councils in distributing and collecting the forms.

The results of the survey will be shared with statutory organisations as well as with transport providers involved with the Transport Group.

Parish Councils and interested members of the community are invited to a meeting at Seagry Village Hall 7.00pm Tuesday 10th July to find out more about the survey.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Julia Stacey,
Chippenham Area Community Planner, Tel: 07909 885134 Email:
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Culture and Leisure

Calling all community cultural groups in the Chippenham and Villages Area to send a representative to a meeting on June 20th at 7.00pm at Wiltshire College, Cocklebury Road, Chippenham.

We will receive a professional Technical report and advice commissioned specifically to assist groups wishing to hire the Neeld Hall, Chippenham. We received the full co-operation of Chippenham Town Council, but the work was undertaken at no cost to the local Council Tax Payer.

We now need your help to gather evidence about all the 'arts' groups in our area, what they need to sustain success and growth, and how they help each other.

If you are in a Choir, Orchestra, Dance school, Arts group, Operatic group, Panto, Musical Society, Drama or Youth Theatre company or a Festival Association, PLEASE make sure your committee sends a representative to this gathering of evidence event. If your group closed down, come and tell us why.

To book a place telephone me, Jane Clark on 01249 721171, or email me on john@seagry39.wanadoo.co.uk. I will send you a simple questionnaire and a map of the venue, and parking arrangements.



Health and Social Care

Call for Volunteers

The first Meeting of the Health & Social Care Special Interest Group took place on 15th May 2007, but we are still looking for people to join us.

So if you have a particular interest in health and social care, we shall be pleased to welcome you to our group.

PLEASE CONTACT: Pam Sharratt on 01249 658141 or at 2psharratt@tiscali.co.uk for more details.

CAVE - Chippenham & Villages Environmentalists

CAVE are now holding their monthly meetings in various locations around the area to enable more access for the wider community. For details of future meetings please see our website www.cave-environment.co.uk or contact Vicky Welsh.

If your community wants to do more or learn how to be more environmentally friendly please feel free to come along. We are looking for active volunteers and groups to champion environmental causes in our area and can help with ideas, funds and other support.

CAVE has identified pilot areas for a Thermal Imaging Project which is due to start in the autumn, and we are currently working in partnership with the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre to produce an information pack to support the project.

PLEASE CONTACT: Vicky Welsh on 01249 706 446 or vwelsh@northwilts.gov.uk for more information on how to get involved.

Education & Lifelong Learning

The Big Wild Read

Coming soon to a library near you. This summer you can be wild about reading, the environment and wildlife by joining in the Big Wild Read at Wiltshire libraries.

- The Big Wild Read is a free summer reading challenge aimed at children aged 4 – 12
- It will run from Monday 23 July until Saturday 8 September and will take place at all libraries and mobile libraries in Wiltshire
- Pick up a Big Wild Read folder from your local library and collect stickers for reading books.
- When you finish the challenge you'll receive a certificate and there will be other goodies to collect along the way
- Look out for other activities in your library during the summer

It's FREE to join the library and FREE to join the Big Wild Read

PLEASE CONTACT: Tessa Cozens, Community Librarian, Chippenham Library, Timber Street, Chippenham, Wiltshire. SN15 3EJ, Tel: 01249 650536
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2007

18th June 7pm - 9pm	CAVE Stanton St Quintin School
19th June 10am - 11:30am	Health & Social Care SIG Croft Court Chippenham
20th June 7pm - 9pm	Culture & Leisure SIG Wiltshire College Chippenham
10th July 7pm - 9pm	Transport Needs SIG Seagry Village Hall
9th October 10am - 8pm	ChAP Community Event Neeld Hall Chippenham

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Wiltshire Wood Recycling develops its workshop



Wiltshire Wood Recycling has been running for over a year and is now developing a workshop in order to produce more products.

Wiltshire Wood Recycling is a social enterprise which does the following:

- Collects "waste" and surplus wood, mostly from building sites and industrial premises
- Sorts it and takes the poorer quality wood for chipping
- Sells the better quality wood to the public and builders
- Makes products such as compost bins and planters from some of the wood.
- Sells kindling and fire wood

Our main aim is to reduce the amount of wood that gets sent to landfill and unnecessarily chipped, we reckon that of all the wood that we have collected only 2 per cent has gone to landfill. Some of the wood we collect is new but "excess" to requirements on large building sites and we can put this straight onto our shelves to sell. Other wood requires our volunteers to take out a few nails and saw off any rough ends.

We have now taken an important step toward getting a workshop up and running thanks to a grant of £3900 from Wiltshire County Council. Working in partnership with Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and Hills Waste, we have agreed good a design for wooden composters and these are now available for sale from two Household Recycling Centres

More volunteers always welcome!

In the meantime if you want a composter or just recycled wood, please contact:

Wiltshire Wood Recycling - Tel: 01249 783499

Email: wwr@btinternet.com

Web: www.wiltshirewoodrecycling.org.uk



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