

ChAP Update

Winter 2007/08 Edition



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Chairman's Column

"A very happy healthy New Year to everyone!"

2008 promises to provide ChAP with challenges and opportunities.

Keeping up the momentum and building on past ChAP successes, particularly against the backdrop of proposed changes to local government will not be easy, and will stretch our volunteers, resourcefulness and tenacity. However the opportunities will present themselves to influence policies and local service delivery, and we should grasp every opportunity to play our full part in this.

On January 24th, the Partnership has accepted an invitation to visit a model regeneration project at Evesham. It has made the maximum use of its natural assets by an imaginative enhancement of the river and the riverside, which should be very relevant to Chippenham. A community theatre project has attracted national outside interest and contributed to a new civic pride and further commercial investment. More in our Spring edition!"

Warm regards,

Jane Clark - Chairman
Chippenham Area Community Partnership

Perforum - Culture and Leisure



(ChAP's Culture & Leisure Group) has been busy applying for grants for their first project – equipment to enhance the Neeld Hall. Chippenham Borough Lands Charity has generously granted £2,000, and visitors to

the Neeld Hall may have noticed 4 shiny new 500W and 2 new 1000W lanterns on the front of house lighting bars! CLOGS, Chippenham Male Voice Choir, Chippenham Hi-Lights and other theatrical events have already benefited from these.

North Wilts District Council (Area 3) has made a fantastic grant of £8,000, but this has to be matched by other funds, so PERFORUM has applied to Awards For All for the balance of £6,000.

We need to decide on our next project for the benefit of culture and leisure activities in the Chippenham Area, so do come to our next meeting at 7.30 pm on Feb 5th at the Jubilee Rooms. For the diary – the following meeting will be May 7th.

Transport

ChAP Transport Needs Survey 2007

The Transport Needs survey was carried out with the support of local communities' charity Community First and it was circulated via doctors' surgeries, mobile libraries, parish councils, Age Concern, Chippenham Rotary, and local voluntary and community groups.

The survey was mainly directed at people with little or no access to a car, including those living in Chippenham town and those in rural locations.

80 local people responded to the survey and the majority of respondents with transport difficulties were aged 75 or over.

- The results have shown that many people experience difficulties accessing local services.

- Where public bus services are provided, sometimes getting to a bus stop, or not being able to board a bus easily prevents people from travelling.
- Over half of the respondents to the survey had difficulty accessing medical facilities, shops or friends and family.

Using this evidence the ChAP Transport Special Interest Group will be looking at ways to meet some of the needs identified by the survey.

We hope to enlist the help of local organisations to find local solutions to the issues the survey has presented.

If you would like to know more please contact us c/o ChAP.

Any feedback from this Newsletter or any matter that comes within our remit, please do write to Jane at: jane@seagry39.wanadoo.co.uk or phone 01249 721171

CAVE was delighted to have a stand at Stanton St Quintin Environmental Festival and North Wraxall Energy Efficiency day. These events are always a marvellous opportunity to meet members of the public and we look forward to doing more in 2008.

We are very excited about projects for 2008:

Fairtrade Town Status for Chippenham – Nick Murry is leading this project, working closely with Colette Som a Fairtrade Speaker for Traidcraft, and Sheila Veitch who is a Chippenham Town Councillor. In November, a motion was passed unanimously by the Town Council in support of Chippenham becoming a Fairtrade Town.

The Fairtrade mark is a guarantee that the commodity price plus a premium has been paid to the producer of the goods. These are often commodities such as tea, coffee, cotton, rice and chocolate which we have to import anyway, as we do not grow them in this country. Fairtrade also makes an important contribution to the 'sustainable development' agenda, which is strongly supported by CAVE.

Events and activities are being planned for Fairtrade Fortnight – 25th February – 9th March.

If you would like to be involved contact Colette Som Tel. 01249 814 278 or colette_som@hotmail.com. For further information about Fairtrade please goes to: www.fairtrade.org.uk. For further information about CAVE, please see: www.cave-environment.co.uk

Thermal Imaging Project – Gill Wheeler is leading this project and we're delighted to announce that CAVE has been awarded £4,000 by NWDC towards the cost of the project. We expect to hear about the remaining funding applications in January, and hope to go ahead with the first pilot areas very soon.



Pictured left to right:
Nick Murry (CAVE Project Leader for Fairtrade), Andrew Noblet (Leader Chippenham Town Council) and Colette Som (from Fairtrade).

Monkton Park

North Wiltshire District Council is seeking the views of anyone who uses Monkton Park in Chippenham or who has an interest in its future use and management. The information gained from the consultation will be used to assess user perceptions of the park and to help the formation of a management plan. For further information contact Mike Hasted on 01249 706489 or e-mail: mhasted@northwilts.gov.uk.



Chippenham: Vision 2020

Chippenham Chamber of Commerce is moving forward with its initiative to develop a Vision for the future of the town, following confirmation that the South West Regional Development Agency (SWRDA) has made funding available for further work.

'Chippenham 2020' was initiated by Chippenham Chamber in 2006 with the aim of capturing the thoughts and aspirations of the town's stakeholders and community, and using these to help inform local development of the built environment, cultural and leisure facilities and economy to ensure that Chippenham is a town where people want to live, to work and to enjoy.

Last summer, Chippenham Chamber hosted a workshop that was facilitated by Sutton Griffin Architects, and attended by around 40 interested parties.

The feedback from this event was captured in a document that recorded local views and ideas on the town. A presentation of the document was then made to the Area 3 Committee at North Wiltshire District Council (NWDC), where it attracted considerable support including from Jane Scott, leader of Wiltshire County Council.

Following further representations to the town and district councils, and the local business community, the news was received that SWRDA was willing to fund further development of the Vision, providing it meets with certain criteria including amongst others, employment needs; learning & skills; cultural infrastructure; retail needs; marketing; and transport.

The latest progress on the initiative has been to appoint consultants to undertake a review of employment needs within the town, amongst businesses of all size. King Sturge is undertaking this review and has submitted a draft report for consideration by the 2020 project board. This report, together with a Retail Needs Assessment and Transport Review, both completed on behalf of NWDC, will contribute to the creation of a strategy document for creating and implementing the vision.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2008

24th January All day	ChAP visit to Evesham
29th January 10am	Health & Social Care SIG Meeting Croft Court, Westcroft, Chippenham
5th February 7.30pm	Perforum Meeting Jubilee Building, 32 Market Place, Chippenham
6th February 7pm	CAVE Meeting Stanton St Quintin School
25th February – 9th March	Fairtrade Fortnight Events Details available on website shortly or contact us, see details below.

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