

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Hesters Way Partnership Limited ('HWP') will continue to promote robust monitoring and evaluation of the Hesters Way Neighbourhood Project in their role as facilities managers of the Hesters Way and Springbank Community Resource Centres and promotion of efficiency savings and reducing voids is critical.

We will emphasise services for excluded groups, training and volunteering from Cheltenham Borough Council's Community Investment Grant whilst continually looking to improve monitoring and evaluation.

The Partnership will continue its involvement in the local Neighbourhood Coordination Group meetings and improve the engagement processes associated with the "Community Soapbox" project.

We will look for a new focus for the Children & Young People's Group after the conclusion of the extended service grants. We will support the opening of the new All Saints Academy and aid good links with the local community and its organisations including the promotion of a "Youth Soapbox" initiative.

We will continue our community development in Springbank and Hesters Way with support from the Registered Social Landlords particularly Gloucestershire Housing Association. Our focus this year will be on adult education and promoting volunteering and employment and the local environment. We will also be running an Enterprise Club promoting local entrepreneurialism.

We will attempt to install further photo voltaic technologies on the roof at our Hesters Way and Springbank sites. We will also promote the development of two further parks using the model developed at Springfields Park having been recognised as an example of best practice by the South West Foundation and awarded Green Flag status in 2011.

We will endeavour to take on the "Big Community Offer" made by GCC and involve local residents and organisations in the provision of replacement library and youth services where resources permit.

We will continue to promote the activities of partners via issues of the local magazine "Viewpoint" and the Partnership's website: www.hwpartnership.org.uk.

Further efforts will be made to improve standards of governance and to better utilise the skills of the current Board of Directors.

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- Community Investment Grant
- Community Pride

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- Schools Extended Services
- Youth Activities Fund

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HWP achievements in 2010-11

PROMOTING A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY IN HESTERS WAY

Hesters Way Partnership Limited ('HWP') has continued to work to develop a sustainable local community by promoting effective partnerships between the public, private and voluntary sector organisations together with local residents of the Hesters Way Regeneration Area.

With that aim in mind we extended the boundaries of the area of benefit at the last AGM to include St Marks, Rowanfield and St Peters and reflect some of the work already taking place in these areas.

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Project in their role as facilities managers of the Hesters Way and Springbank Community Resource Centres.

We invested considerable time in developing a business case for the provision of a replacement library and youth services as part of the "Big Community Offer" made by GCC following cuts announced in 2010, canvassing local residents and fostering relationships with local organisations. If the proposed cuts are implemented we hope to minimise their impact and with the help of volunteers to provide services tailored to the needs of the local area.

HELP FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- Join a themed group
- Network in a hurry
- Find funding
- Help with consultation
- Statistical information
- Find a partner
- Help with an event
- Set up a social group
- Address a local issue
- Identify and access training
- Share information
- Advertise your service

community solutions for local issues

NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT



The Partnership has continued its involvement with the local Neighbourhood Co-ordination Panel (NCP) meetings running eight across the area this year. We have added a "Community Soapbox" project to improve local engagement whilst acting as an advocate for the neighbourhood management process across the town.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANT



Together with the help of Hesters Way Neighbourhood Project we have completed a variety of projects including the promotion of adult education and volunteering in the final year of the Cheltenham Borough Council's Community Investment Grant. We have been awarded a further 3 years of funding with the potential for 2 additional years dependant upon performance. Though at a reduced rate due to Cheltenham Borough Council cuts, it still reflects the achievement of targeted outcomes.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We continue our community development work in Springbank and Hesters Way with support from the Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) particularly Gloucestershire and Bromford Housing Associations. Our focus this year has been on adult education and promoting volunteering and employment and the local environment. We have also run a variety of activities including the Easter Eggstravaganza event, Community Football, Montpellier Fiesta and supported the open west art project bringing high quality and participatory arts into the heart of the community and a host of environmental projects.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND EXTENDED SERVICES SUB GROUP

The Children & Young People's Group has successfully incorporated the neighbouring Rowanfield extended schools cluster group and continues to support extended service projects in the community. We have supported local partners with funding bids particularly to the final year of Extended Schools budgets which we administer at the Children & Young People's Partnership (Hesters Way).

We have supported the All Saints Academy planned for the Kingsmead site through consultation support and advice acquired from local educational partners.

To counter the effects of the cuts in local youth provision we have invested in the provision of play activities in the parks in partnership with Play Gloucestershire and have investigated the development of further services from the Oasis Centre in the hope that it may reopen in 2012

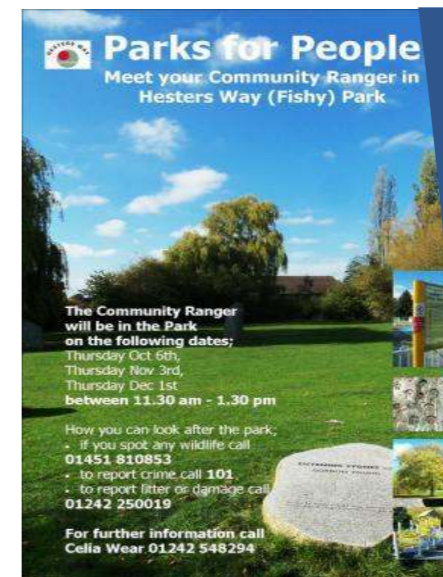
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

The Cheltenham Community Safety Partnership (Hesters Way) has been incorporated in to the full partnership meeting to great effect. A rise in local crime rates in tandem with economic crisis have increased the need for collaboration between statutory and voluntary agencies and the local community.

ENTERPRISE CLUB



We have worked in partnership with Jobcentre Plus and Business Link providing business start up support and mentoring to potential local entrepreneurs. The three monthly courses have helped for 45 individuals gain invaluable business skills and advice prior to trading.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Easter Eggstravaganza
- Community Soapbox
- Griffiths Avenue Nature Tour
- Springbank Green Flag
- Planting Places Awards
- Enterprise Club
- the open west art project
- Parks For People
- Community Investment Grant
- 14 Extended Services Projects



ENVIRONMENT

Ongoing partnership work with CBC in Springfield Park which began before the construction of the adjacent Community Centre has been rewarded by the achievement of both the Planting Places and Green Flag awards. We have recently obtained a grant to develop this model in King George V playing fields and Hesters Way (Fishy) Park.

We are in negotiation with a solar supplier to increase our PV provision six fold across both sites by 2012. This could see the annual production rise to 20,000 kWh per annum.



COMMUNICATION

We have now completed 13 issues of the local magazine "Viewpoint" highlighting the work of partners and promoting positive views of Hesters Way. This combined with the Partnership's website: www.hwpartnership.org.uk ensures local people, organisations and agencies are informed of local developments, meetings and issues of local interest. It also provides advertising opportunities for local service providers.



FINANCIAL SECURITY

The cash flow for the current year has been reduced owing to the loss of some tenants but the majority remain and some new additions have joined the fold. Future incomes are uncertain under the current economic circumstances so a focus on efficiency and reducing voids is critical. For full financial details see the annual accounts please call **Caron Forbes on 548294**