

Test Valley Partnership News

July 2008



Dear Partners

Welcome to this edition of the Test Valley Partnership News which follows the 6th Test Valley Partnership Annual Celebration held at The Lights Theatre in Andover on 11th June 2008. Around 90 people from across Test Valley came together to hear about some of the key achievements of the Partnership over the last year, and where people are working together on delivering the Community Plan.

It was a fantastic evening where partners were able to share ideas, make links with projects and see how pieces of work are progressing. I would like to thank those who attended and everyone who contributed to the exhibition and presentations.

This newsletter provides a summary of our Annual Celebration



and the presentations made by partners. A copy of the Annual Report can be found on the Test Valley Partnership website.

Janet

Janet Blann, Chairman of Test Valley Partnership

Chairman's Report

Janet Blann, Chairman of Test Valley Partnership presented the sixth annual review of the Partnership at the Annual Celebrations setting out some of the key achievements in the last twelve months and some of the forthcoming challenges.

In her report Janet acknowledged the excellent work done by all of the Partnership Action Groups and commented on a number of areas where good progress has been made, including:



- The Children and Young People's Plan
- The Local Development Framework
- The re-structure of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership
- The new Andover College
- Test Valley Business Awards
- Three Rivers Partnership and improvements to Romsey railway station.

During 2007/08 the Partnership revised its Community Plan to bring it up to date, and produced a summary version of the plan which was widely distributed so that all partners are aware of what the Partnership aims to achieve.

Janet thanked all of the partners for their continued support of the Test Valley Partnership and for their tireless work in helping the Partnership to achieve its goals.

Turnaround Project



Debbie Pike spoke on behalf of the Turnaround Project, a project where agencies are working together to tackle the relative deprivation in the Alamein ward in Andover. Successful projects this year have included:

- 300 young people involved in a football project, boxing and the sports cage
- “Skipping for Health” and “Drumming for Fun” events
- The opening of the ASKALOT community information shop
- Computer training for all ages
- Increase in the use of the Community Centre.

For the year ahead the project will deliver a new action plan which was developed following a second round of community consultation.

Positive about Play

Charlotte Malyon, the Co-ordinator of the Leisure and Culture Action Group, set out how Children’s play had become a key area of work for the group. The lottery work undertaken by the group has resulted in a successful bid being made to the Children’s Play Programme for £202,153 enabling three play projects to be taken forward in Test Valley.

The success of this work was a result of the strong partnership working that has taken place.

Romsey Youth Conference

Nadine Taylor spoke about the Romsey 2020 project which is a voluntary group focusing on the future of Romsey. A highlight of this year had been the delivery of the Youth Project Conference where young people living in the town were able to share their understanding and ideas on the key issues. 8 key areas were identified as important to young people including Housing, transport and law and order.

Sustainability

Derek Moss spoke on the key issue of sustainability and the opportunities for partners to tackle it together.

Derek outlined that being more sustainable can be achieved by putting in place a range of



simple measures that can help reduce carbon emissions such as reducing usage of electricity for example. He also highlighted that as agencies; partners have purchasing power and should ensure sustainability is embedded into procurement strategies.

Andover Vision

Sue Sheppard spoke about the Andover Vision project and the progress made against the targets set for the first three years.

As a result of partners working together the Andover Vision has achieved a great deal including:

- A brand new theatre “The Lights”

- Anew4screenCinema
- £40millionpromisedtobuildanew AndoverCollege
- Anannualprogrammeoftownfairs
- ArefurbishedGuildhallandnew restaurant
- Anewradiostation“AndoverSound”
- ThePrideofAndoverAwards

Prioritiesforthefutureincludethe developmentofanOlympicstandard skateparkandanewleisurecentre.

Other news.....

Nottingham Declaration

Abriefceremonywasheldafterthe AprilBoardMeetingoftheTestValley PartnershipwheretheLeaderandChief ExecutivesignedtheNottingham DeclarationonbehalfofTestValley BoroughCouncil.Thedeclarationisa voluntarypledgetoaddressclimate changeandrepresentsabroad statementofcommitmenttheCouncil canmaketoitscommunityontackling thisissue.

CouncilLeader,CouncillorIanCarr said:“SigningtheNottingham Declarationtoday,theCouncilcommits itselforeducingitsenergyuseand associatedgreenhousegasemissions fromitsownbuildingsandoperations. Wealsohaveawiderresponsibility whichwefulfilthroughourpoliciesand ourplansbyworkingwithpartner organisations.”



Test Valley Partnership Manager

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Hampshire Local Area Agreement (LAA)

TheTestValleyPartnershiphas continuedtobeinvolvedinshapingthe newHampshireLocalAreaAgreement.

Thenewagreementretainstheeight prioritiesdrawnfromtheHampshire CommunityStrategyandtheeleven districtcommunitystrategiesandwill worktowardsdeliveringonkey indicatorssetbygovernment.Upto35 oftheseindicatorshavetobeincluded inthefinalLAA.

ThePartnershipoverthelastsixmonths hasbeenidentifyingwhat’simportantto TestValleyinordertoagreeelocal prioritieswhichhavebeenputforward forconsiderationtobeincludedinthe

LAA.14 Targets proposed by the Test Valley Partnership have gone forward to the final LAA submission with a further five included in a list of additional local targets.

Health and Well-being Partnership

The inaugural meeting of the Hampshire Health and Well-being Partnership Board was held in Winchester on 18 June. This is one of the county-wide partnership boards under the auspices of the Local Area Agreement.

The meeting considered terms of reference and responsibilities in terms of the relevant new National Indicators. It also received a report from the PCT's Director of Public Health on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which highlights Havant, Gosport and Rushmoor as being the areas of greatest need in Hampshire.

It was noted that needs at ward level would also be considered where it was appropriate to do so and this is important given our own areas of relative deprivation. A work plan will now be developed for the Board.

Dates for your diary

Partnership Management Group –
Friday 11th July 2008, 10am, Test Valley Borough Council, Duttons Road, Romsey

Test Valley Partnership Board Meeting – Friday 25th July 2008, 9:30am, Test Valley Borough Council, Duttons Road, Romsey