

Parish Plans

News Sheet - April 2007



Winchester Parish Plan and ACRE Toolkit launch event March 2007

Community Action Hampshire in association with Winchester City Council held an introductory day to introduce the new ACRE Parish and Community Planning Toolkit to Parish Plan Steering Group members from the district. CAH described the Toolkit and how it should be used. It is an extensive document with detailed instructions and resource sheets to promote good practice around putting together a Parish Plan. To ensure that Parishes have the best opportunity to maintain the quality of their plan and get the most out of the toolkit (it is still being piloted), it is being given out free to parishes starting a plan but on the understanding that they work with a community development officer. Contact Giv Thornton at CAH to make an appointment to discuss using the toolkit on **01962 857358** or email

giv.thornton@action.hants.org.uk.

Steve Lincoln from Winchester City Council gave a presentation on the local authority section which included information on how Winchester City Council would support the process and respond to issues raised by communities. This document, the **Winchester District Community Planning Guidance and Protocol** is now out for consultation. Go to **www.winchester.gov.uk** to view the document, or telephone **Customer Services on 01962 840222** to obtain a paper copy.

Diana Wooldridge from Winchester Area Community Action also spoke on how they could assist groups, particularly in relation to projects that may arise out of a plan. Contact WACA for information about how they can help you.

Go to: **www.waca.org.uk** or telephone Hannah Williams **01962 848019** for more information.

Training and Networking Events for your diary!

As promised Community Action Hampshire is putting together a series of training and networking events over the next six months. Details and booking forms will be available on-line soon. Go to **www.action.hants.org.uk** and look up the Parish Plans page and from there go to the booking form for the event you are interested in. Alternatively make sure you are on our Parish Plans mailing list to receive more information closer to the dates.

Thursday 7 June 2007

NEW event— free bi-monthly networking for Parish Plan groups, finger buffet and wine included. Your chance to meet and talk to others doing a Parish Plan—share ideas, experiences, successes and concerns on all aspects of Parish Planning. This evening's featured discussion will be on formulating an Action Plan.

7.00—9.00 pm at The Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.

Thursday 28 June 2007

Free Training Event

Volunteers are your greatest asset—make the most of them!

9.30 am to 12.30 pm at Community Action Hampshire, Beaconsfield House, Winchester.

Thursday 26 July 2007

Free Training Event

Consulting with young people

9.30 am to 12.30 pm at Community Action Hampshire, Beaconsfield House, Winchester.

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Many of you have asked us what successes there have been over the county following the publication of a Parish Plan. To help us to answer this question we need information from parishes that have completed their action plan and have followed up on some actions. If you go to our web site www.action.hants.org.uk and look up the Parish Plans page, followed by the item called survey, you will find a brief questionnaire that we should be grateful if you would complete. This will enable us to assess your needs. More importantly, it will help us to gauge the success of actions coming out of plans and what obstacles there may be to their successful achievement. Conversely, if something has worked really well, we should like to know what made it possible.

Monday 10 September 2007

Networking Event— free bi-monthly networking for Parish Plan groups, finger buffet and wine included. Your chance to meet and talk to others doing a Parish Plan—share ideas, experiences, successes and concerns on all aspects of Parish Planning.
7.00—9.00 pm at The Millennium Memorial Hall, Littleton.



Thursday 18 October 2007 The Sustainability Agenda

What does this mean ? What difference can you make—individually and collectively? A one day free awareness raising and training event for those doing Parish Plans or Market Town Health Checks to help them ensure their long term future in a world of decreasing resources. Guest speaker from WWF. Venue and full programme to be confirmed.

PARISH PLAN NEWS SHEET MAILING LIST

MAKE SURE YOU ARE INCLUDED!

Until now we have been sending out copies of the News Sheet to everyone on our mailing list. From May 2007 onwards we shall be sending out to those people who have either requested to be on it, or whom we know to be doing a Parish Plan and whose details we hold. If you wish to receive a copy of the Parish Plans News Sheet please can you make sure we have a name, telephone number, email address and postal address for you and the reason why you wish to receive it, i.e. you are on a Parish Plan Steering Group or a Parish Council. Please go to the Parish Plans page on our web site www.action.hants.org.uk and click on Parish Plans Mailing List if you wish to do this on-line.

Test Valley Borough Council held an event at Beech Hurst on 28 March where CAH once again presented the new ACRE Parish and Community Planning Toolkit. The event was well attended and TVBC talked about their commitment to the Parish Planning process. If you live in the Test Valley and are thinking about doing a Parish Plan then please get in touch with Giv Thornton at the address given below.

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