

Test Valley Partnership News



December 2009

Dear Partners

2009 has been a really successful year for the Test Valley Partnership. During this year we have seen the development of our Joint Areas of Focus, the launch of My Test Valley, a robust partnership - led response to tackling the recession, delivery of our successful alcohol project and the continued success of the Turnaround project to name a few of the many things with which the Partnership has been involved.

We launched our annual report in July which is still available on the website. This year the report provides a series of case studies illustrating the work of the partnership over the last year and really highlights the range of activities across Test Valley that the Partnership is supporting. I would like to thank everyone who is involved in the Partnership for their ongoing commitment and hard work.

2010 promises to be an exciting year and can I take this opportunity to wish you all seasons greetings and a Happy new year!

Janet

Janet Blann, Chairman of Test Valley Partnership

Joint Areas of Focus – Test Valley Partnership recognised as leading the way

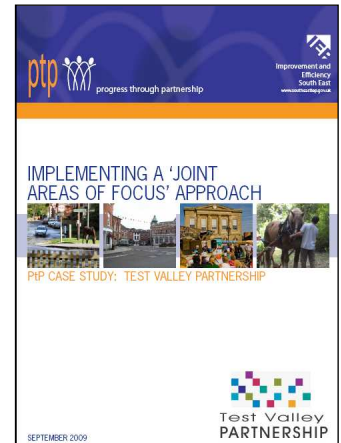
The Test Valley Partnership has over the last year implemented a new approach to delivering the Community Plan, by identifying a series of “Joint Areas of Focus”.

Short and memorable, they provide a common language for what the Partnership is striving to achieve, setting out 14 objectives that the whole partnership structure is expected to deliver against. Examples include tackling alcohol related problems, co-ordinating the delivery of the new neighbourhoods and reducing obesity in Test Valley.

The approach has now been recognised as a best practice model for Local Strategic Partnerships across the south east region. During September 2009, the regional body known as “Improvement and Efficiency South East”, through their “Progress through Partnership” programme, published a case study highlighting the achievement of the Test Valley Partnership in developing this approach.

The case study highlights that the Joint Areas of Focus:

- Provide greater clarity on what the Partnership as a whole is aiming to achieve in the short to medium term
- Foster the development of a common language and sense of purpose, both



within the partnership's groups and amongst wider partners

- Are an "innovative way" to overcome the barriers to partnership working

A copy of the case study can be accessed in the JAF section of the [Test Valley Partnership website](#) .

My Test Valley

The Test Valley Partnership is launching "My Test Valley", the new citizen's panel where residents are invited to have their say about a variety of local issues, such as health, wellbeing, community safety, the environment and the area in which they live.

Members of the panel will be asked to take part in up to five surveys per year, each one including a prize draw. The Test Valley Partnership is now recruiting for the panel. Partnership Chairman, Janet Blann says:

"We really want to hear what people have to tell us. We will make our surveys clear and easy and the feedback we receive will be useful to a whole range of local organisations. This is something really straightforward that anyone who lives in Test Valley can do to get involved in their community and make a difference."

My Test Valley is part of the Test Valley Partnership's commitment to developing a more co-ordinated approach to community engagement. Doing this will help towards reducing the consultation burden placed on residents and avoid duplication.



If you would like to join the Panel please register online at www.mytestvalley.com or if you are unable to register online please call **01264 368000**

Disability involvement day

Test Valley Borough Council in conjunction with partners of the Test Valley Partnership held a Disability Involvement Day in October at The Lights theatre. Over 45 participants with a range of disabilities attended the day where there were some lively discussions on a range of issues.

The aim of the day was to explore what people think about the services they receive, and how access to and the quality of the information they need might be improved. Workshops explored issues about community safety, Leisure & Wellbeing, Transport, street access and how as organisations we can most effectively communicate with customers.

The day was a great success, one which we hope to repeat next year.

For further information please contact Catherine Hegerty at Test Valley Borough Council.
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Multiple celebrations at Askalot!

Askalot Community Shop had lots to celebrate during October 2009.

First off it was "happy birthday" as the Askalot Shop has been open for



two years now and has gone from strength to strength. It currently has over 240 members, services at the shop have expanded, there is now a regular job club that meets every Tuesday, "Everybody on Line" computer sessions have expanded and the swap shop is proving very popular.

Also cause for celebration was the unveiling of the new shutters.

Artist Stu Rodda has been working with the local community to come up with designs for the shutters which to date have been very dull and in need of an uplift. The shutters were unveiled in the presence of local residents, agencies and MP Sir George Young.



Finally numerous residents were in Askalot to find out more about National Get Online Day – a national initiative. Askalot has recently become a UK Online Centre and is encouraging people of all IT literacy levels to 'get on line' and come and experiment and explore the world of the web.

Residents were able to access the computers and be guided through the internet, they played sports on the Nintendo Wii, and advice was available from Quit Smoking and other agencies.

For further information please contact Marianne Pigginn.

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Not in my Neighbourhood Week - 2009

Not in My Neighbourhood Week is a multi-agency campaign to increase awareness of what the Police and local

agencies are doing to tackle crime and anti social behaviour through the Community Safety partnership in Test Valley.

The campaign in Test Valley ran during the Halloween and Bonfire Night period.

Key messages included:

- Working together to help people keep safe, such as the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) and wider police family
- How agencies work collectively now to keep the community safe
- Identifying those concerns within the local communities
- Identifying local community priorities
- Explaining how as agencies we can be contacted and who your neighbourhood policing contact is
- What have we done successfully already...examples include CREW, Crack House closures, sports and diversionary activities for young people.

We undertook a range of activities including:



- Distribution of 8,000 leaflets in hotspot areas on Halloween and bonfire night
- High-visibility patrols in hotspot areas
- Community litter picks
- Multi-agency stands in key locations (shops and town centres) promoting community safety
- Three week publicity campaign on Andover Sound including interviews with key agencies
- Press releases in Andover and Romsey Advertisers
- Multi-agency approach to tackle Halloween and bonfire night issues

Local Partnerships for Children and Young People's Services

Hampshire Children's Trust which is responsible for delivering the Children's Plan to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families has agreed to the development of local partnerships across Hampshire by April 2010.

Local Children's Partnerships will be the delivery arm of the Hampshire Children's Trust and will be focused on implementing action to improve outcomes identified within the Children and Young People's Plan. The aim is to bring partnership delivery closer to young people and their families. Each Partnership will:

- Ensure educational inclusion
- Co-ordinate early intervention and prevention activities
- Strengthen and develop local networks
- Develop a local delivery plan, based upon a detailed understanding of needs and outcomes
- Have a direct responsibility for delivery locally of defined outcomes, e.g. teenage pregnancy, reducing child poverty and improving school attendance
- Influence improvement for all outcomes for all children

Partners in Test Valley have received briefings from Children's Services and work is now underway to move towards the implementation of local partnerships in early 2010.

For further information please contact Lyn Penny, District Services Manager lyn.penny@hants.gov.uk

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Dates for your diary

Test Valley Partnership Board Meetings 2010

Friday 22nd January	9:30am – 12pm	Council Chamber, Romsey
Friday 23rd April	9:30am – 12pm	Guildhall, Andover
Friday 23rd July	9:30am – 12pm	Council Chamber, Romsey
Friday 22nd October	9:30am – 12pm	Guildhall, Andover

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