

## **Chester City Community Forum Report 2010 -11**

The 3 Ward Members have held 5 scheduled community forums (with one other planned for February 2011) and 5 special meetings with an average of 45 people attending meetings.

Information on the following topics was provided and discussed at the meetings:

- Cultural Business Plan
- Homewatch
- Everybody Benefits
- Credit Union
- Love Food Hate Waste
- Recycling and Waste Collections
- Trading Standards
- Highways

The Police, Fire Service, Community Safety Wardens, Street Scene and Waste Management attended all meetings to provide updates where appropriate and take concerns raised by individual residents during the coffee shop sessions.

The special meetings have been to either address specific issues or related to a specific area in the community. Topics raised have been:

- The Cathedral and Public Realm Works – this meeting was scheduled as part of the consultation process
- A New Business Quarter - this meeting was also scheduled as part of the consultation process
- Albion Square ASB – this has resulted in talks taking place with the owner of the private car park who has now agreed to gate part of the area which will reduce the ASB in the area.
- Sex Establishments and Drinking in Public Places - this meeting was scheduled as part of the consultation process
- St Anne's Field – work is on going on the proposed extension of the dog control order on the field and the creation of a dog exercise area.

The Community Forum also took to the open air during the summer with its first forum on the Groves.

Some of the main items discussed at scheduled meetings have included

- Parking issues within the City limits
- Cultural Business Plan including a Theatre
- 'A' Boards
- Highways and maintenance issues including winter maintenance

From the members budgets 23 projects have benefited with other projects still planned for the remainder of the financial year. Some of the projects include

- Skip / community clean up days
- Turf for the cathedral
- Grit bin for a local community
- Christmas lights on the Groves and Brook Street
- Sports equipment for local communities
- Community Events
- Community Cinema
- Children's play area