

# Team Northwich and Rural North

## An Update from the Northwich and Rural North Area Working Team

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Welcome to the latest publication of the Northwich and Rural North Partnership newsletter providing a summary of the latest work of the Area Working Team.

### APB Update

#### Health and Wellbeing

Courtesy of the WCPCT, 3 new exercise classes will be running in the area and a food worker been contracted to advise residents about healthy eating on a low budget.

Enquiries are being made to investigate the prospect of acquiring some slow cookers to give out to families, linking into the food worker project.

Free family cycle sessions are being held starting Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at Vickers Way Park, 10am to 12 noon. The circuit is 1.35km that circles the playing field, travels along the River Dane and Vickers Way. For the first 6 weeks there will be a Dr Bike maintenance shop there to give advice on maintaining bicycles.

#### Economy and Education

'Work Clubs' are being deployed around Northwich, to help people find work. Those that have been claiming JSA for longer than 9 months will be sign posted to the work programme for additional help and resource in finding work. Initially the club will be held at The Zone, with further venues to be considered for other areas of Northwich & Rural North.

#### Environment and Transport

Five Train Stations in the proximity of Northwich have undergone a Crime Reduction Survey and an Action Plan has been produced to improve the appearance and safety of the stations. It is the first time that a

detailed survey on a variety of topics has been taken on the stations.

#### Community Engagement

The Community Engagement Plan has been updated to include the Marketing & Communications work for which a draft plan has been developed. The calendar of events for the 2012 is under development and shall be ready by the end of October.

Members of the APB have agreed to participate in a volunteer day to link into the Train Station Action Plan and APB members will be doing environmental work at Greenbank Station.

#### Neighbourhood Management

##### *Rudheath and Witton Together*



Up to the month of October, 34 Community Reps and Volunteers have dedicated their spare time to improve the neighbourhood with another 30 expressing their interest.

The neighbourhood has now reached a level of maturity that the Interim board feels confident enough to step down and have the community reps take over to drive the plans for the neighbourhood forward.

#### Community Safety

Pub Watch scheme is healthy with many licensees attending meetings. This has had a big impact on reducing violence and ASB within the Town Centre.

Consultation is currently taking place for the APB wide DPPO which will set down a strict line of what is and what isn't acceptable behaviour regarding drinking in public places

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### Tracker Survey

A Tracker Survey has been developed by the Northwich & Rural North APB to study the perceptions of residents on the thematic priorities of the APB. Four questions were chosen for Health & Wellbeing, Economy & Education, Environment & Transport, Community Engagement and Community Safety on a number of key issues. The simple tick box exercise will be used to track the opinion of residents over an 18 month period. The results will be used as an evaluation tool on the work of the APB.

### Neighbourhood Planning

Northwich & Rural North town and parish councils attended a meeting to discuss neighbourhood planning and community led or parish planning on 13<sup>th</sup> October at Northwich Memorial Hall. As a result of this meeting it was agreed that town and parish councils in Northwich and Rural North would like to meet at least twice a year to discuss area issues and network.

### Promotion of Big Drop In

Following the success of the Big Drop in Events at Northwich and Winsford, more localized events are being rolled out within the Neighbourhood of Rudheath and Witton on the 28<sup>th</sup> October at Bethel Church and at Barnton Memorial Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Volunteer groups and organisations will attend the events to promote their work and the benefits of volunteering.

### Community Forum Updates

The first Community Forum in Northwich and Rural North since this year's elections took place at Frodsham on 13<sup>th</sup> October at Castle Park House,

Frodsham. The event was well received by the residents of Frodsham with over 25 people turning up to hear and discuss local issues. The topics of discussion included the proposals for an APB wide Designated Public Places Order that will give Police officers the power to confiscate alcohol and aim to reduce drinking on the streets; the new Cheshire West and Chester waste contract, the You Choose – Budget Consultation Toolkit and the proposal to hold a second Participatory Budgeting Event following on from the success of the first event held in February earlier this year. For further information please contact;

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Shakerley Community Forum has been arranged for the 21<sup>st</sup> November, at Lach Dennis Village Hall. The Forum will start at 7:00pm with the Market Place open from 6:30pm for residents to be able to talk to partners and volunteer groups face to face.

### Northwich & Rural North Website

Partners and volunteer groups are encouraged to continue to use the Northwich and Rural North's Talking West Cheshire website to promote their events. The website is under constant development to become the 'go to' place for communities and support groups in the area to access information and advice. Partners can place information in the following ways:

- E-mail:

[ecomuncations@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk](mailto:ecomuncations@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk)

- Telephone: 01244 973 635

- Via the 'Contact us' section of the website

- Or send any information to the Northwich and Rural North Area Team

Visit: [www.talkingwestcheshire.org/talking\\_northwich\\_and\\_rural\\_no.aspx](http://www.talkingwestcheshire.org/talking_northwich_and_rural_no.aspx)