



Welcome

Welcome to the latest issue of **Communicate**. Please use it to share news from [Wychavon Strategic Partnership](#), the three area-based [LSPs](#) and the [Worcestershire Partnership](#) with your colleagues and networks. Get in touch with Tracy with your comments or content for the next issue.

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Strategic Partnership (SP)

The Partnership last met on 20 July 2011. Click [here](#) to view the agenda and minutes. Peter Pawsey, the Chairman of the [Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership](#), attended the meeting to give an update on the mission, vision and priority actions of the LEP. The Partnership is an independent collaboration between local councils, local business, trade organisations and the voluntary sector. Its role is to help develop a business environment in Worcestershire which will encourage inward investment, stimulate the county's economy and to identify and promote appropriate projects for funding. The LEP will bid for money from sources such as the Regional Growth Fund and European Development Fund.

Karen Wright, NHS Consultant in Public Health gave an update on the changes to [public health](#). On 1 July, the new Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust was established. [Michael O'Brien](#), Principal at SW College told the Partnership about the new apprenticeship scheme.

The Worcestershire Sustainable Community Strategy consultation finished on 7 July, [the seven Wychavon priorities](#) were agreed and over the next month or so the Wychavon section for the strategy will be produced.

The Worcestershire Partnership is planning to sign off the whole strategy by the end of September.



On 25 July the OVoE team, which included staff from [Rooftop](#), [Act on Energy](#) and Wychavon District Council, visited the Fairfield area of Evesham to talk to residents about the latest services that are available and to ask them to complete a small questionnaire. A health check was also available in the communal lounge in Charles Close. The event was very successful with 57 questionnaires being completed and about 100 referrals being made. An information pack was left with 65 other properties.

Local partnerships

[Droitwich Area Partnership \(DSAP\)](#)

The opening of Droitwich Canals took place on Friday 1 July. The official plaque was unveiled by Caroline Spelman, Secretary of State for the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Over 250 people attended the civic reception and many more gathered to watch the opening and welcome the boats. It was followed by a weekend long water festival which featured a display of 80 boats, stalls, activities, beer tent and live music attracting thousands of visitors from across the region. Plans are underway for the next event, Salt Day, which takes place on Saturday 10 September.

A new 'shop and buy local' website has been launched enabling shoppers to search online for products available from town centre businesses. The web pages have been developed from "For Droitwich Spa" as part of the www.droitwichspa.com website.

[Evesham Market Town Partnership \(EMTP\)](#)

The Partnership attended the Three Counties Show as guests of the [Federation of Small Businesses](#). This provided a great opportunity to promote Evesham as an attractive location for specialist retailers trading at the event.

The Balloon Festival, River Festival and National Morris Weekend have taken place and once again proved to be very successful. The first Fresh Food Festival took place on 18 and 19 June. This was a joint venture with [Transition Evesham Vale](#) and [Transition Pershore](#). The event promoted the best locally produced food and created an excellent attraction for tourists and residents.

[Pershore Market Town Partnership \(PMTP\)](#)

The town's largest event will be running throughout August, with the Pershore Plum Festival hoping to eclipse the 17,000 visitors that attended for the Bank Holiday Festival Day celebration in 2010. Events will be taking place throughout the month leading up to the pinnacle event on the 29 August. For full details please visit www.pershoreplumfestival.org.uk.

The Partnership has agreed to support the 'Plugged in Places' project, to bring an electric car charging points to Pershore. This will contribute to both the economic and environmental aspirations of the Community Strategy.

Steve Knight has been appointed as the new Pershore Market Town Partnership manager, having already had two years' experience with Wychavon's Regeneration Team.

[Worcestershire Partnership \(WP\)](#)

The last meeting of the WP Board took place on 16 June. Click [here](#) to view the agenda and minutes. The meeting included a paper on the areas of highest need projects and the future of District LSPs. A funding bid for £25,900 to the Arts Council has been successful and will be used to place visual artists into non-gallery spaces such as parks, libraries, care homes, schools and museums.

There were about 30 responses to the consultation on the Sustainable Community Strategy for Worcestershire. It was suggested a priority is needed for health and there was support for the economic and environment priorities, but it was generally felt that the empowering communities' priority should become a cross-cutting theme.

Other news

[Pershore Healthlands day centre](#) which was due to be closed may now be saved after joint talks between Sanctuary Care and Wychavon District Council.

[South Worcestershire Development Plan](#) – a draft of the preferred options have been approved for consultation at Council Meetings on 5th July. This will commence on 26 September 2011.

Out now

[Inbrief](#) – the latest edition of the Worcestershire Partnership's newsletter
[Climate Change Matters](#) – Summer issue from the Worcestershire Partnership
[Worcestershire Council for Voluntary Youth Services Newsletter](#) - July/August 2011 issue
[Worcester Community Trust newsletter](#) – July 2011 issue

[2011 Worcestershire Health Profile](#)

Diary dates

Changing Landscape Conference:

14 September 2011

Evesham Market Town Partnership:

15 September 2011

Wychavon Strategic Partnership:

21 September 2011

Worcestershire Partnership Board:

26 September 2011

Droitwich Area Partnership:

5 October 2011

Pershore Market Town Partnership:

18 October 2011

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