



## 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 25 May 2011. Click [here](#) to view the agenda and minutes. Following District Council elections, Audrey Steel will be continuing as Chair of the Partnership. Carol Pratt is replacing Helen Gray on the SP as the representative for Wychavon Community Action Partnership and Josie Wilkinson is replacing Brian Browne as the CALC representative.

The revised [Terms of Reference](#) were agreed at the meeting and have also been agreed by Wychavon's Executive Board. The three area-based LSPs will now begin the process of electing Chairs and Vice-Chairs.

[Jem Teal](#), Wychavon Council's Community Development Manager, gave a presentation about the future of youth provision in the district and the new Local Children's Partnerships. Worcestershire County Council is cutting funding for youth services in Wychavon by 50%. £180,000 will be split proportionally between the three LSP areas. This will have a significant impact on youth centres in Droitwich, Evesham and Pershore. From April 2012, the County Council's spend on youth will be commissioned through the Local Children's Partnership. A [consultation](#) is being planned

and the Strategic Partnership has agreed to provide a response.

Wychavon's [Andy Ford](#) gave an update on the [South Worcestershire Development Plan](#) and gave a list of the key dates. Public consultation starts from 26 September for eight weeks.



The Partnership agreed to a 12 month extension of the Opportunity Vale of Evesham project, which will now end on 31 May 2014. The free family swim sessions have been very successful with 40% of those attending having never used the leisure centre before. Two social enterprises, a handyman and a mobile childcare scheme, are underway and other projects include a skills course, devolved community budgets and customer journey mapping projects focusing on older people and children. An Evesham community event in the Fairfield area of Evesham is being planned for 27 July, details available on the [website](#).

## Local Partnerships

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

The next major event for Droitwich will be the Water Festival which takes place 1-3 July to celebrate the opening of the Droitwich Canal. The formal opening of the canal will be on the afternoon of Friday 1 July. The festival coincides with the start of the [Music and Arts Festival](#) and on Saturday 2 July there will be live performances throughout the town.

The summer programme of guided walks, organised by Droitwich Spa Civic and History Societies have also started. This year historical characters in costume will join the walks, courtesy of the Norbury Theatre.

The Droitwich Arts Network has been set up to bring local artists and organisations with an interest in the 'arts' together and to develop the art and cultural offering for the town. Full details of DAP's performance in 2010-11 and the key projects planned for 2011-12 can be seen in the [action plan](#)

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

The Partnership has stepped up efforts to attract new investment into Evesham and the Vale. As well as the packed events programme (this year's Balloon Festival attracted the biggest audience ever), the new [website](#) and the offer of business grants, the Partnership is taking every opportunity to make face to face contact with potential investors. It will be attending the Three Counties Show as a guest of the Federation of Small Businesses and taking the opportunity to promote the benefits of investing in the Vale of Evesham. The 'Promoting Evesham to Potential Investors' project is just one of seventeen projects in the 2011-12 EMTP [action plan](#).

The next event taking place in Evesham is the National Morris weekend together with the new Vale Fresh Food Festival on 18 and 19 June.

#### **[Persore Market Town Partnership \(PMTP\)](#)**

With support from the Partnership, Persore's Chamber of Trade will be hosting a business promotion event, 'Independents Day' in the town on 4 July. This will include the launch of a new listings publication for local businesses and a 'Plum' Shoppers loyalty card scheme.

The Partnership was sad to learn of the resignation of Susie Scott, the PMTP Manager. The Chairman is working closely with Wychavon to ensure a suitable replacement is found soon.

The Partnership has approved grant awards for projects for 2011-12. Full details can be seen in the PMTP [action plan](#). Given the economic challenges facing many in the community, up to 70% of PMTP's projects this year will be supporting activities with an economic focus.

## **[Worcestershire Partnership](#)**

The Worcestershire Partnership now has a [new structure](#). The Board is a much smaller group with the main function being to set strategic direction and vision and to agree and own the Sustainable Community Strategy and agree priorities for action.

We are halfway through the consultation period for the [Single Sustainable Community Strategy](#) for Worcestershire. The deadline to give your views and comments is **5pm on 7 July**.

## **Other news**

The **2012 Olympic Games torch relay** is coming to Worcester. Click on this [link](#) to nominate someone to carry the flame.

[Organ donation week](#) is taking place 4-10 July.

**Evesham Cardiac Rehab "Help a Heart" community walk** is taking place on 24 July, details from [Gerry O'Donnell](#).

[Wychavon Community Grants](#) are open. The deadline for application is 17 June.

## **Out now**

[Inbrief](#) – the latest edition of the Worcestershire Partnership's newsletter  
[VCS](#) – the latest edition of the newsletter for the Voluntary and Community Sector  
[Worcestershire Council for Voluntary Youth Service](#) – June newsletter

## **Diary dates**

**Worcestershire Partnership Board:**

13 June 2011

**Persore Market Town Partnership:**

19 July 2011

**Wychavon Strategic Partnership:**

20 July 2011

**Droitwich Area Partnership:**

3 August 2011

**Evesham Market Town Partnership:**

15 September 2011

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