



Welcome

Welcome to the latest issue of **Communicate**. Its purpose is to keep you and your colleagues up to date with news from [Wychavon Strategic Partnership](#), the three area-based [LSPs](#) and the [Worcestershire Partnership](#). Do get in touch with Tracy with your comments or suggestions for the next issue.

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Strategic Partnership

The Partnership last met on 6 September 2010. Click [here](#) to view the agenda and minutes. The meeting included a presentation on [Carewise](#), which is a free web resource designed to hold information about services and events in the Worcestershire area which support a broad range of care needs and general wellbeing issues. Carewise includes services provided by a range of organisations including local authorities, the health service, voluntary and community organisations and private care service providers.

The partnership had an update on the changes to the world of economic development and regeneration. The ['Worcestershire Works'](#) proposal for the county to become a Local Enterprise Partnership in its own right was circulated. The LSP's response to the [Worcestershire Partnership restructure](#) was agreed.

Opportunity Vale of Evesham

The first stage of the project is underway. This involves a face to face survey of the households within areas of Evesham, Badsey, Broadway, Norton and Harvington. Around 20 volunteers from Rooftop Housing, the Children's Centres,

two Parish Councils and Wychavon District Council have been trained as community interviewers to carry out the survey. The results, which will be back at the start of November, will set the project baseline and enable us to target the budget at the right areas and activities.

Local Partnerships

[Droitwich Area Partnership](#) (DSAP)

The Salt Day event on 11 September was hugely popular, attracting thousands of people into the town centre. Over 70 exhibitors participated along with entertainment venues. A small ceremony was held to celebrate the completion of major works on the Barge canal. Plans are underway to set up a Salt Festival committee with a view to extending the event beyond a day.

[Rachel Cockayne](#) is setting up a Healthy Living Theme Group, which will bring together a cross representation of health practitioners and community representatives. The Partnership's priorities for the next few months include the future development of Spa Youth Zone and the associated projects, town signage and maps and development of [droitwichspa.com](#) website to include a shop local portal and youth section.

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

The Partnership has had a successful summer with the events season attracting record visitor numbers and attracting tourists from not only the UK but Europe and further afield. This, together with the completion of the High Street refurbishment, has had a positive impact on trading conditions in the town centre. An increasing number of businesses are reporting growth and confidence and the High Street is improving with a marked decrease in the number of empty

premises.

The Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre has now relocated to [Evesham Leisure Centre](#) so that the service can accommodate the growing demand for its exercise classes and patient support. "Evesham Cardiac Rehab" has been established, with a Board of Trustees, in order to raise funds which will pay annual room hire costs, and promote cardiac rehabilitation.

[Pershore Market Town Partnership](#) (PMTP) Grant support from PMTP helped to contribute towards two very successful events this summer. The Pershore Jazz Festival attracted around 1,000 people. As well as helping Festival organisers pull in an international line-up of musicians the funding helped with a new bus service, providing visitors with a link between Pershore College, where the Festival is based and the town. Equally as successful was this year's [Plum Festival](#). Around 17,000 attended the event. A grant from the Partnership enabled organisers' to source and purchase a range of festival merchandise to sell. The new festival products proved very popular and will help the event to become more financially self-sustaining in the future.

In September, the 'Time 4U' project at the Riverside Youth Centre was officially launched. Sessions will now run every Tuesday offering advice and support to young people on a range of subjects. The Partnership is one of a number of organisations supporting this resource, which, during its 'pilot' stage in the summer, attracted around 30 young people to sessions from sexual health to stop smoking.

Worcestershire Partnership

The Worcestershire Partnership has produced an ['Inspired?'](#) guide to running **Olympic and Paralympic Games**-themed events and sports programmes. Grants of up to £500 are on offer to help fund suitable events.

Other news

Proposals for a single **Sustainable Community Strategy** for Worcestershire were approved on 8 September. The Chief Executive's Panel proposals included a shorter, more focused document with the emphasis on delivery outcomes. The strategy will feature a smaller number of priorities drawn from individual districts and organised by priority rather than theme. It is anticipated that an agreed set of priorities will be in place by the end of March 2011.

The Government has announced the abolition of the [Place Survey](#). The good news is that in Worcestershire we will be asking a number of the more useful Place Survey questions in the autumn 2010 [Worcestershire Viewpoint](#) survey.

Out now

- [Wychavon's 2010 Annual Report](#)
- [Inbrief](#) the monthly online briefing from Worcestershire Partnership.
- [Partnership matters newsletter](#): autumn issue.

Diary dates

Droitwich Area Partnership:

6 October

Worcestershire Partnership Board:

6 October

Wychavon Strategic Partnership:

4 November

Worcestershire Assembly

11 November

Evesham Market Town Partnership:

25 November

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