

## Eardisley's Group Parish Plan – it's all there in Black and White

Nearly 3 years since Eardisley Group proudly published its Parish Plan, the enthusiastic steering group who put it together aren't allowing it to gather dust on a shelf.

"The real work started after the plan was published," said steering group member, Avril Killick. "Feasibility studies, grant applications and contacts with service providers - all time consuming and challenging tasks!"

The Parish Plan was based on a questionnaire sent to everyone in the 3 communities of Eardisley, Whitney-on-Wye and Winforton with Willersley. 76% of residents filled in and returned the questionnaire, providing an

accurate snapshot of views and aspirations across a huge range of local issues – from public transport to housing, youth facilities to recycling.

"As this was such an important and complex document it would be unreasonable to expect the Parish Council to take it forward without some support," said fellow steering group member, Nancy James.

So the original steering group, (including a councillor from each of the 3 parishes), evolved into a monitoring group to advise the Group Parish Council on implementation of the plan and progress has already been made on a number of fronts.



- St Mary Magdalene Church will benefit from new kitchen, toilets and storage areas which will greatly support local social events.
- A Parish Directory has been produced to help local residents and tourists on the Black and White Trail get the most out of local facilities and attractions.
- A room has been refurbished at Eardisley village hall to house a Community Access Point (CAP), pictured right, providing access to laptops, printers and the internet for residents.

"But small things can make a real difference to a community," added Nancy, "such as new street lighting, improved heating at Whitney



village hall, and the new waste freighter service for Winforton. We also employ a lengthsman to look after our ditches which helps reduce the risk of flooding. "We've had some successes, especially in areas where we have a degree of local control. But there is still a long way to go



(continued on page 2)

Summer 2007

### Dates for your Diary

16 July 07

Deadline for Pride of Herefordshire Awards nominations

20 July 07

Chief Executives' Group meeting

20 September 07

Pride of Herefordshire Awards Night

24 October 07

Funding Fair @ Aylestone School

**NO BUTTS WE'RE  
SMOKE FREE  
HEREFORDSHIRE  
From 1 July 2007**

England becomes Smokefree

Second hand smoke is a killer!

Smokefree Herefordshire a  
Herefordshire Partnership Initiative

### Fire & Rescue to join Chief Executives Group

Herefordshire & Worcestershire Fire and Rescue Service has been invited to join the Chief Executives and Performance Management Groups.

"We are very pleased to be joining" commented Lucy Phillips, Deputy Chief Fire Officer. "The Fire and Rescue Service has much to contribute to achieving the Herefordshire Vision and enhancing community wellbeing".

Economic Development and Enterprise

Children and Young People

Healthier Communities and Older People

Safer and Stronger Communities

## Eardisley's Group Parish Plan – it's all there in Black & White

(continued from front page)

on some of the bigger issues such as traffic and housing, where we need wider support. The questionnaire deliberately identified residents' concerns, not solutions. Positive solutions for complex issues only come from good dialogue with service providers.

"It's essential to work closely with various agencies, such as Community First, Herefordshire Council, Herefordshire Association of Local Councils and the Herefordshire Partnership, in implementing our Plan."

## Coming In September...

### ... a Parish Plan Workshop for North West Herefordshire

#### Who is it for?

- Parishes in the North-west of the County who have published parish plans
- New Parish Plan Steering Groups are also welcome to attend

#### What is the purpose of the Workshop?

- To explore possible solutions to common issues with service providers and neighbouring parish plan groups.



#### Which parishes are included?

- Parishes North of the A428 and A4112 (including Leysters and Willersley & Winforton).

Chris Gooding 01432 383612 [cgooding2@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:cgooding2@herefordshire.gov.uk)

## Local Development Framework

A new style development plan to shape the County's future to 2026 is being prepared. The Local Development Framework (LDF) will influence many aspects of the way we live, work, travel and spend our time. It will set out where development will be directed, whilst continuing to protect and enhance Herefordshire's distinctive environment.

Herefordshire Partnership Board members are actively involved developing the LDF's policies, role and future direction, and ensuring that it dovetails with the successful delivery of the Community Strategy.

The Forward Planning service at Herefordshire Council welcomes

public involvement in this consultation process. Participation can be undertaken by downloading the information leaflet available at the website address below, or by contacting

Tim Watton 01432 260146  
[tdwatton@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:tdwatton@herefordshire.gov.uk)

[www.herefordshire.gov.uk/forwardplanning](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/forwardplanning)

**THE COUNTY'S CLIMATE IS CHANGING.** It's not a single issue and doesn't only sit within the "environmental" category. In fact it could be argued that it is more about health, the local economy, biodiversity impacts and safety issues. At a global level climate change is arguably mostly about humanitarian issues.

Herefordshire is witnessing excellent initiatives producing some fantastic results, including

- 1000 primary school children taking part in discussion sessions at 16 County schools.
- A carbon footprinting exercise carried out through the [myherefordshire.com](http://myherefordshire.com) portal.
- Great news from Herefordshire Partnership's Board – aiming to become the first Local Strategic Partnership in the UK to "go carbon neutral".



These are certainly exciting times. To find out more about Climate Change and other "environmental" issues and initiatives look out for the Autumn of this Newsletter. You too can get involved in making a difference ... right here in Herefordshire.

Geoff Perrott 01432 260707 [gperrott@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:gperrott@herefordshire.gov.uk)

**Results of the Teenage Lifestyle Survey**— a widely sampled County survey of 11 to 15 year olds—are now available. The findings offer a wealth of information about the lifestyles of almost 4,000 Herefordshire teenagers in 2006, including perceptions on relationships, health, progress at school, safety, leisure pursuits and aspirations for the future.

If you work with children and young people, or you're involved with planning services for them you need to read this! [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/research](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/research)



- 41% of boys and 51% of girls said they want to continue in full time education after leaving school.

Source: Teenage Lifestyle Survey

- 69% of pupils reported that they are in general satisfied with their life.

Source: Teenage Lifestyle Survey

- 78% of 11 to 15 year olds surveyed in Herefordshire cleaned their teeth at least twice the previous day.

- 84% of pupils had been to the dentist within the past 6 months.

## 2007 State of Herefordshire Report Out Now!

This 6<sup>th</sup> annual report - produced by Herefordshire Partnership Research Officers and replacing the 2006 version - is linked to the Community Strategy which sets out 'outcomes' for the County by 2020 and how they might be achieved. Key performance indicators have been chosen to monitor progress towards these outcomes. The Report provides trend data for these and other supplementary indicators, together with relevant contextual facts and figures and includes Herefordshire Satisfaction Survey 2006. The report is divided into five main chapters:

- **General Contextual Information** including population statistics, deprivation and information about quality of life.
- **Economic Development and Enterprise** including economic data such as earnings, economic activity, Gross Value Added (GVA), qualification levels as well as distance and method of travel to work, traffic congestions and air pollution (NO<sub>2</sub> levels)
- **Healthier Communities and Older People** including life expectancy and mortality rates, disabilities, healthy lifestyles, housing, numbers of older people and vulnerable adults helped to live at home and benefit take up rates.
- **Children and Young People** includes relevant information structured around the 5 themes of the Every Child Matters Framework; health, safety, educational and personal standards, positive behaviour and further education, training and employment.
- **Safer and Stronger Communities** includes levels of crime in Herefordshire, mortality rates from accidents and numbers of people killed and seriously injured, household waste, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and river quality. Access to services and facilities as well as how people feel about aspects of their community.

**Maxine Bassett 01432 383634 [mbassett@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:mbassett@herefordshire.gov.uk)**

[www.herefordshire.gov.uk/research](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/research) [www.herefordshirepartnership.com](http://www.herefordshirepartnership.com)



Leading learning and skills

Equal

**Working Together for Offender Employment in Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Shropshire**

Herefordshire Partnership is working

with the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), Worcester College of Technology, the Probation Service, Youth Offending Service and Jobcentre Plus to develop a pilot project aiming to reduce re-offending rates. The project aims to help break down the barriers associated with the employment of offenders by ensuring that employers have a positive experi-

ence, which benefits their business, with offenders gaining confidence and experience in the workplace.

The project is funded through the European Social Fund (EQUAL) and is being delivered in partnership with the LSC.

**Chris Bucknell 01432 261789**

[cbucknell@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:cbucknell@herefordshire.gov.uk)

## Herefordshire Partnership, Herefordshire Voluntary Action and Ledbury Volunteer Bureau are promoting volunteering in the County.

"In May we launched a campaign to encourage more people to consider taking up local volunteering opportunities" said Community Involvement Officer Clare McNally.

"Thanks to everyone who volunteered to have their picture taken - this has proved to be a really useful way to get our message out and about across Herefordshire. So if you're following a bus, look out for some familiar faces!"

**Clair McNally 01432 261751 [cmcnally@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:cmcnally@herefordshire.gov.uk)**



Herefordshire College of Art and Design student Ambrose Burne (right) has won the contract to design trophies for the first Pride of Herefordshire awards scheme.

Ambrose, 29, of Green Street, Hereford, has just completed an artist blacksmithing BA (Hons) degree course at the college and is now setting up his own business. Prior to studying locally Ambrose worked as a blacksmith in London gaining practical experience of traditional techniques.

"I'm delighted to have won this competition which will give me a chance to showcase my design work to a wider audience" commented Ambrose. "The trophy design represents the growth and vigour of plants in spring and I feel this fits in perfectly with the aims of the awards scheme which is to celebrate the County's nurturing of talent". The trophy will be half the size of the one featured in the photograph.



Philippa Lydford, Pride of Herefordshire Awards co-ordinator, said: "I'd like to thank the college for all their support and all of the students who took part in the design competition, as well as tutor Clive Hickingbottom who encouraged and guided the entrants".

Herefordshire Partnership is co-ordinating the Pride of Herefordshire Awards and commissioned the trophy design and production, working closely with the Herefordshire College of Art and Design. The Awards ceremony will be held on Thursday September 20, at the Three Counties Hotel, Hereford. Nominations for the eight award categories are being accepted up until Monday, July 16th and nomination forms can be found at [www.herefordshirepartnership.com](http://www.herefordshirepartnership.com)

**Philippa Lydford 01432 261788 [plydford@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:plydford@herefordshire.gov.uk)**

**A Memorandum of Understanding** — developed over the past year by English and Welsh organisations to address the challenges faced by communities living near to the border—will soon be signed by Herefordshire Partnership Board. The Understanding aims to achieve cross border collaboration between Central Wales and West Midlands on both policy development and service delivery.

By signing up, organisations involved agree to share relevant non-confidential information, to "border proof" proposals for policy changes, consult each other on proposals for change, seek

opportunities for collaboration and share good practice.

**Vinia Abesamis 01432 260625**  
**[vabesamis@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:vabesamis@herefordshire.gov.uk)**

**Will Lindesay's excellent presentation on the Value of the Voluntary Sector**, and Geoff Perrott's keynote speech on Climate Change were highlights at last month's Voluntary Sector Assembly.

This well attended event also offered a day packed with presentations, workshops and an opportunity to walk around the many interesting displays

which had been put on by various voluntary and statutory organisations.

Herefordshire Partnership presented one of five workshops outlining the Partnership's structure, who's who, the decision-making process, and how the voice of the voluntary and community sector can be heard. The session also included an overview of the new Local Area Agreement (LAA)'s development and how future funding will be structured through an increased level of pooled funding through the Single Pot.

**Chris Bucknell 01432 261789**  
**[cbucknell@herefordshire.gov.uk](mailto:cbucknell@herefordshire.gov.uk)**