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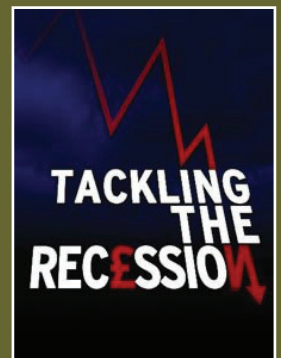
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This newsletter is produced on behalf of the Nottinghamshire Partnership to keep staff in partner organisations up to date with how working together is making Nottinghamshire a better place.

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Tackling the recession together

Leading the thriving economy theme of our Local Area Agreement is the Economic Development and Enterprise Partnership (EDEP). With wide ranging representation the partnership has been at the forefront of developing and delivering initiatives to create a growing, inclusive, economy and, more recently, the Nottinghamshire Partnership response to the economic downturn. Read on to find out more about the work of the EDEP:

Achieved so far

- A workshop was held to identify key partnership 'Big Ideas' – a robust and ambitious response was gathered to the recession. These ideas will be scoped and developed to have a countywide impact. The ideas were centred upon
 - Supporting young people (Nottinghamshire has a high proportion of 18 to 24 benefit claimants)
 - Supporting adults
 - Business start-ups
 - Business growth.
- The development of a joint economic impact assessment for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, has been developed to enable long term strategic development and investment planning
- The "Our Future Prosperity" summit which considered the impact of the recession, and looked at partner activity being taken to deal with the recession. This has helped partners plan their way through these difficult times and crucially support planning for the economic recovered.
- A total of four breakfast meetings has taken place to develop a more consistent approach to business engagement and to support and influence the broader regeneration work of Nottinghamshire partners. The areas considered were science and innovation, enterprise and skills, reputation and aspiration and transport and infrastructure. Following on from this a set of actions or priorities for each area has been developed. These are:

Science & innovation outcomes:

- To make Science City opportunities accessible to disadvantaged groups

such as ex-offenders and lone parents as well as those with higher level skills

- To focus on the green economy as an area of significant economic growth
- To ensure that local SMEs have better access to public sector procurement opportunities.

Enterprise and skills:

- To deliver a more effective support to young people in the transition from school to work and business
- To provide an intensive support for future high growth sectors in the City and County ensuring that economic development strategies reflect these new sectors
- To sell the City and County as places with a skilled and adaptable workforce to increase inward investment and expansions.

Reputation and aspiration:

- To develop a City and County masterplan for using Robin Hood creatively
- To give priority to attracting major sporting events to the City and County
- To build on the opening of Nottingham Contemporary to promote the creative industry sector

Transport and infrastructure

- To give priority to broadband infrastructure and ensure that the County is at the forefront of a 'Digital Britain'
- Develop a 'Voice of Nottinghamshire' business perspective on local and regional planning issues that will impact on our future economy
- Make the widening of the A453 our collective focus for lobbying and proactively promoting the opportunities it will unlock

What future activity is planned?

To support adults:

Pilot multi-agency weeks of action are planned for high unemployment hotspot areas in Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Mansfield and Gedling during autumn 2009, supported by the Nottinghamshire City and County Employment and Skills Board. These local events will cover a range of services aimed at getting local people back to work. By concentrating activity in targeted areas it will have an

immediate and visible impact by bringing together all services to make up one localised offer. The events are planned for:

- * Ashfield -Wednesday 14 October at the Summit Centre
- * Bassetlaw –week commencing 12 October with 4 days of activity
- * Mansfield - Rivermaun Ravensdale on Tuesday 20 October and Tuxford Court and the Cafe on Bellamy on Thursday 22 October.

To support young people

An apprenticeship brokerage service will be set up to cover school work experience and graduate placements. It is likely to lead to a pool for recruitment of generic entry level posts across the public sector.

Business start-up opportunities:

There will be the development of social enterprises to address the future demands related to the changing personal care agenda. This will result in up to 600 new jobs being created. Partners such as Greater Nottingham Partnership, Nottinghamshire Economic Development Partnership, Nottinghamshire Business Venture and the County Council are working to support this.

Helping businesses survive:

New approaches to public sector procurement will be developed to engage with local businesses and to raise awareness of procurement opportunities. A mapping exercise is being conducted to enable better coordination and targeting of resources in this area.

Work on identifying stalled infrastructure projects and reasons for the delay is underway. The aim is to develop a list of priority projects for the Partnership alongside an action plan.

For more information contact Caroline Agnew on 0115 9773760, caroline.agnew@nottscc.gov.uk



£1bn to create jobs for young people

150,000 jobs will have been created across the country by 2011 thanks to the creation of the 'Future Jobs Fund' (FJF) in the April 2009 budget. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and Communities and Local Government (CLG) have secured £1 billion from the Treasury to support the creation of jobs across the country between October 2009 and March 2011.

What are the key features of the fund?

- It is aimed primarily at local authorities
- It predominantly targets young people (18-24) who have been unemployed for a year, although people aged 25 and over will be eligible in certain deprived areas
- In Nottinghamshire, partners are seeking to enhance the national package which is a minimum of six months employment, 25 hours a week with minimum wage pay levels
- Exciting innovative and creative jobs will be created within areas such as ICT, construction, renewable energy, social care and culture.

Local Picture

Nottinghamshire County Council has developed a business case for a Nottinghamshire Future Jobs Fund bid. The bid will now be taken forward and lead by Enable on behalf of the Nottinghamshire Partnership with an anticipated submission date of the end of September 2009. To date a potential 600 new jobs have been pledged by 19 partner organisations. A partnership event focusing on the Nottinghamshire bid is scheduled for 23 September. For further information contact Matthew Lockley on 0115 9772446, matthew.lockley@nottscc.gov.uk.

Helping people back into work

A mum and housewife has gone back to work after 20 years thanks to a programme called 'on-route to work', which is delivered by the Family Employment Initiative (FEI). The FEI is a tried and tested regional programme designed, delivered and managed by the Coalfields Regeneration Trust which supports long term unemployed people into work, training or volunteering opportunities. To date they have supported 672 people into work since the programme began three years ago.

The 'key' to successful delivery is the accessibility of locally based community employment advisers (CEA's) working in the very heart of the community. Lynne Willoughby, the CEA referred her client onto the on-route-to-work programme.

The main aim of the programme was to increase confidence and self esteem of participants and raise awareness of the world of work and the specific requirements needed when applying for work.

The programme encompassed a psychometric testing session, role play in interview techniques, telephone techniques, CV compilation, letter writing, applications forms, and additional benefits to working, where to look for work, applying on line and an employer visit.

After arranging a visit to a local care home who were recruiting to two vacancies. *The group were invited to apply and one member was invited for an interview the following week. The candidate was later offered a job and was delighted.*

For further information contact Lynne Willoughby on 07971 382882, lynne.willoughby@coalfields-regen.org.uk.



A participant receiving her certificate after completing an On-route to work course

Business breaks for young people showcase 2009

Throughout the last school year Nottingham Business Venture has been working with four schools and one community centre to encourage young people at risk of exclusion to get involved with enterprise activities. This was achieved by setting up real time income generating businesses. Along with developing their entrepreneurial skills, the groups this year have been working on a variety of business ideas. The showcase gave them an opportunity to show off their products and services, and importantly try and make some additional profit! The students also had the opportunity to mingle with business people, advisers and their local councillors.

A young person from the group said:

"We have found the work very interesting indeed, it has given us the knowledge and experience that you need to be able to run your own business, as well as develop ideas of our own to be able to set up a business."

For further information contact Joanna Irons on 0115 9648263 or jirons@nbv.co.uk



National tackling drugs week

Four local sixth form students were nominated to participate in a programme of activities to promote 'national tackling drugs week' and to help address the misconceptions that adults have about young people. The campaign set out to inform the wider population about the good work that young people are doing, to prevent young people being stigmatised and how they are all too easily associated with 'drug/alcohol' related problems.

The students benefited from work experience placements with partners from the Safer Nottinghamshire Drug & Alcohol Action Team (DAAT), Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership, the County Council and the Police.

They reported on fake drug searches with the Police dogs team at Nottingham Forest Football ground. They interviewed football player Julian Bennett on his views on the links between drugs and sport.

They learned all about the Crimestoppers campaign being delivered by the Police.

The sixth formers spent five days covering 12 activities and events. They wrote several articles for the local press and were interviewed on four radio stations. They also designed a weblink on the devastating effects that cocaine has on South American rainforests. These will be delivered across all colleges in the County.

The young people will be reporting back and doing presentations on their experiences to around 5,000 young people in their schools.



Chief Inspector Kim Molloy, Nottingham Forest Player Julian Bennett, Abbie McQuaid (Grove School, Newark), Daniel Hunter (Arnold Hill School, Gedling), Keysha Parker (Meden School, Warsop) and Neelam Asghar (Greenwood Dale School Sneinton)

Andy Wragg, the event organiser and the Community and Partnerships Manager for Safer Nottinghamshire DAAT says, "It's a real privilege to work with these young people. Our thanks goes out to all services and partners for enabling these youngsters to have the opportunity to see and learn from the multiple problems that substance misuse brings."

For further information please contact Andy Wragg on 01623 414114 x6927, andy.wragg@nottspct.nhs.uk.

Community payback – have your say



Two offenders completing their community payback

Did you know that you can influence how offenders repay the community for their crimes?

'Community Payback' is a

punishment for offenders which involves tough, physical work on projects.

The scheme benefits the community, and also gives local people the opportunity to have their say on the type of tasks they carry out. In 2008/9 offenders in Nottinghamshire completed approximately 87,469 hours of work, visibly improving the county and helping to make it a safer place.

Community Payback, often working in partnership with local authorities and other agencies, has made a noticeable difference to many areas of Nottinghamshire. For example:

Ollerton: Offenders work at the Ollerton Furniture Project, a charity which receives and renovates items of furniture and donates them to worthy causes and the general public.

Newark: Gardening and general maintenance tasks have been carried out by offenders at Newark Air Museum.

You can find out more and nominate a project for offenders to work on in your area by contacting Nottinghamshire Probation Area's Community Payback team on 0115 8455123 or visiting www.nottinghamshire-probation.co.uk

Partners tackle domestic violence



Partners from the Safer Nottingham Board have joined together to tackle serious cases of domestic violence.

A monitoring system has been put in place to identify people at risk. This has enabled partners

to reduce the risk of domestic violence, provide support and ensure that the necessary actions are taken to protect the children and families concerned.

To date a total of 610 cases of domestic violence have been discussed. For further information please contact: Rachel Adams 0115 9772015, rachel.adams@nottsc.gov.uk

A more sustainable Nottinghamshire

County roads made safer

The Nottinghamshire Strategic Road Safety Partnership is leading the way when it comes to road safety - thanks to their award winning work. They have an active and productive relationship with the City Council, Notts Police, Notts Fire & Rescue, Highways Agency, NHS (all members of a Notts Road Safety Partnership). They plan joint activities and campaigns and use the partnership to agree on priorities for action and seek where possible to plan and deliver road safety work in a joined-up way to reduce duplication, save money by, for example, buying advertising and producing publications and other materials together.

This has been achieved by analysing accident data and targeting actions to address problems identified in accidents. Our ultimate aim is to reduce accidents and this means adopting a number of complementary actions either through education and enforcement or local engineering schemes. In this way we can tackle not just behaviour but also the underlying attitudes and lack of knowledge that contribute to accidents.

A good example is where three partners agreed on the same priorities and developed an innovative project called 'Bare Bones'. The project aims to reduce casualties amongst young motorcyclists; to engage with young riders about protective clothing; to spread the message across the East Midlands.

Bare Bones has been so successful at reducing the number of casualties that it is recognised as being cutting edge and best practice. A new DVD was produced that featured an animated skeleton production showing the types of collisions moped riders are often involved in.

By the beginning of 2009 fatalities on Notts roads were down 39%, and they had exceeded all of the national casualty reduction targets set by Government.

- the number of people 'killed or seriously injured' is down by 42%, compared to the national average for 1994-98. This beats the 40% target set by Government
- a reduction in the number of children killed or seriously injured in accidents by 69%, beating the 50% target set by Government
- a reduction in the number of 'slight casualties' by 17% - beating a 10% target.

Despite our success, accidents on the County's roads remain a concern and our key priorities must be to sustain these reductions in 2009 and beyond. For further information contact Neil Woodcock on 0115 977 4450.



Cutting carbon emissions

A consortium of local organisations have secured East Midlands Improvement and Efficiency Partnership funding of £180,000. This covers a range of activities to reduce carbon emissions through collaborative working over the next few years. Reducing such emissions is one of the targets

for both the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Local Area Agreements.

Project elements include:

- a programme to engage with businesses, refreshing and expanding the existing carbon club copy activity. This will be achieved by engaging with large businesses to work with them to reduce their carbon

emissions by looking at their manufacturing, transport, logistics, employees and supply chain methods. This will include large public sector bodies such as the Police, Fire Service and large private sector companies too. For more information contact Steve Derbyshire 0115 977 4664, steve.derbyshire@nottsc.gov.uk

Free energy audits for community buildings

Community buildings in Nottinghamshire get a free green energy check thanks to Marches Energy Agency, a sustainable energy charity. To date 102 enquiries have been received from groups wanting an energy audit. The audit entails a site visit to analyse the way that energy is being used on site, the types of fuel used, the state of the building fabric and opportunities for renewable energy. Groups are assessed on their current energy costs and the potential to reduce carbon emissions and the potential financial savings.

So far, 12-15 groups are scheduled to receive an audit, the first of which will take place in October. Once the audits are complete this

will enable the groups to seek further funding to implement the recommendations outlined in the audit. This could result in the group having an energy installation of solar, turbine, panels or heat pumps.

Joe Bentley, of Marches Energy Agency, said "The response has been very encouraging and we look forward to enabling community groups to do their bit to address climate change through utilising sustainable energy."

For more information contact Joe Bentley on 01734 277108, joe@mea.org.uk.



Nottingham Trent University tops environment league



Nottingham Trent University has been named as the UK's most environmentally friendly university in a national league table. The People and Planet Green League published by the Times Higher Education Supplement (THE) - places the university in the number one spot.

Nottingham Trent University's Environment Officer, Grant Anderson, said: "It's fantastic that we've been named as the

number one green university, but we've lots more ideas to put in place that will make us even greener. As an active participant in the Nottinghamshire Climate Change Partnership, NTU is committed to delivering outcomes which contribute towards achieving reductions in CO2 levels and helping to achieve the ambitious targets that the partnership has set."

Extra funding for reducing fuel poverty



Over £140,000 has been secured from the East Midlands Improvement and Efficiency Partnership to help local authorities and their partners in Nottinghamshire reduce fuel poverty.

Peter Baguley, programme manager for the sustainability theme of the Nottinghamshire Partnership Local Area Agreement said, "This funding will make a significant difference to the ability of partners in helping some of the most vulnerable members of society who find heating their homes a massive challenge."

Outreach workers will be employed locally to target vulnerable groups such as the elderly who will benefit most from the fuel poverty measures available to them. These measures include loft insulation, cavity wall insulation and installation of new central heating to help reduce the fuel poverty.

For further information contact Steve Derbyshire, 0115 977 4664, steve.derbyshire@nottsc.gov.uk

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Tackling anti-social behaviour



Thanks to national positive activity funding, the next nine months will see a range of new positive diversionary activities established for young people in Newark, Sutton, Kirkby, Worksop and Mansfield.

Youth anti social behaviour is being tackled in key hotspot areas across Nottinghamshire by the County Council and a number of partners.

The leisure time activities will be focused on those young people who are most at risk of engaging in youth crime and/or anti social behaviour, and will be delivered primarily on Friday and Saturday evenings in direct response to community concerns about young people's anti social behaviour. In total approximately £160,000 has been allocated across the county. The planned projects will work with several hundred young people in total. The work will be led by the County Council Youth Support Service with key support from partners such as Nottinghamshire Police, district and borough councils, voluntary youth organisations and local community groups.

For more information contact Derek Higton on 0115 9774430 , derek.higton@nottsc.gov.uk

Notts C-Card scheme proving popular

Currently 19,033 young people in Nottinghamshire have now signed up to the County's C-Card scheme, which provides confidential support on relationships, sexual health issues and free condoms to young people under 25.

The C-Card is delivered by the Nottinghamshire County Teenage Pregnancy Partnership and aims to provide young people with a choice over where they access sexual health advice. Once registered to the scheme, young people are able to collect a supply of condoms at any of 170 venues displaying the C-Card logo, including youth centres, colleges, young people's housing services and Connexions.

A key priority for the Teenage Pregnancy Partnership is to ensure young people are able to access support and advice on relationships and sexual health issues both when and where they need it. The scheme also aims to influence social norms and encourage all young people to protect against the risks of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and unplanned pregnancy when they choose to become sexually active.

During National Condom week and throughout June, the C-Card scheme was promoted through Radio Trent adverts. This was supported by posters and credit-card leaflets signposting to

the Youthzone website, www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk. Youthzone which features further details on the scheme, including C-Card registration and collection points.

With 19,033 young people registered, the scheme is a popular service to young people across the county and this reflects the enthusiasm and hard work of the many colleagues within the partnership who support and operate the C-Card Scheme.

For more information contact Michele Butler 01623 627322, michele.butler@nottsc.gov.uk

Mansfield youth get new centre



The Westfield Folkhouse Young People's Centre in Mansfield has been given the go ahead to receive £6.5 million for redevelopment and refurbishment of the centre due for completion at the end of 2010.

Once completed, the Westfield Folkhouse will have far more facilities than ever before on offer seven days per week. The centre will open both daytime and evening with a wide ranging provision of young people's support services from multi agency partners. These will include:

- * a state of the art disabled youth club, and a large, well equipped open access youth club spread over two floors
- * specialist advice and information provision
- * youth employment support provision

* outdoor facilities including a sensory garden, allotment, skateboarding area and sports pitch

* a sensitively refurbished original building that will house staff and a voluntary sector young people's homeless support project.

The project received funding from the County Council and the Big Lottery which manages the Myplace Youth Facilities Fund for the development of world class youth facilities. To find out more contact Chris Warren on 0115 9774203 or email christopher.warren@nottsc.gov.uk

Uniting young voices in Nottinghamshire



Twenty young people from all walks of life got together to discuss how they would make the world a better place and help young people to get on well together.

The United Voices project involved the young people attending a residential course. They used workshop sessions to give young people the opportunity to work and eat together, and to produce a young people's charter.

There were a range of outdoor activities such as canoeing, archery and rafting. This gave the young people the opportunity to talk about their lives and share their own experiences.

Outcomes

Following the residential the young people came up with a number of ideas to improve community cohesion. These were:

- a young people's charter - listing the top ten tips to promote young people getting on well together such as:
 - * don't judge people
 - * listen to each other
 - * share experiences with others
 - * take time to build relationships and make friends

- * be open minded say what you think
- * smile say hello.

- a DVD was created as a tool for use by a range of partners to demonstrate how to encourage young people to get on well together in their communities.

If you'd like to know more contact:

Samira Basheer NNREC on 0115 9586515 or Carmen Cameron-Matunga on 0115 9336486 or carmen.cameron@nottsc.gov.uk

Calor Village of Year

After facing tough competition, the winning villages in this year's Calor Village of the Year competition were announced at a presentation ceremony held in July at Edwinstowe House.

The competition is run by the Nottinghamshire Partnership, the organiser Peter Clarke said: "Our congratulations goes to all the villages and neighbourhoods in this year's competition. The entries were very impressive and we hope more villages will be encouraged to participate again in 2010."

The village of Trowell was the overall winner in the competition gaining the prestigious title of Calor Village of the Year for 2009 and a cheque for £1,500. The winning neighbourhood was Oaktree Lane Estate - Mansfield who also received prize money of £1,500. Additional prizes of £250, were also awarded to the category winners as follows:-

- Community - a better place to live - Trowell

- Business - a better place to work - Bull Farm Estate - Mansfield
- Sustainability - a better future - Oaktree Lane Estate - Mansfield
- Communications - being in contact - Trowell
- Safer & stronger - a healthier & secure place to live - Cropwell Bishop.

For further information regarding the competition, please contact Neil Bettison on 01623 860891 or email neil.bettison@nottsc.gov.uk.



Mansfield's Loose Women

A key aspect of the health and well being theme is the Nottinghamshire strategy on an ageing society, called 'Opportunity Age in Nottinghamshire 06-09'.

The Growing Bolder project is one of the strands of the strategy which focuses on opportunities for older people for learning, leisure and fun.

Five local older people have been working with actress and TV presenter Rebecca Mahon to write, produce and star in their very own TV programme based on the format of popular daytime TV hit; 'Loose Women'.

They worked with arts professionals Beki Mahon - actress and tv presenter and award winning film maker Nick Kirk to produce 'hen party', chosen because of the relevance of its

opening line which states "you're never too old to have a hen party."

After skilful editing and audio mixing the final version premiered to a delighted audience at Mansfield Palace Theatre in July. An audience member said: "It makes for a fabulous 20 minutes of viewing with cheeky comedy and naughtiness achieved by attractive intelligent women of a certain age."

Growing Bolder is managed in partnership by Mansfield Museum and The Mansfield Palace Theatre currently funded by The Arts Council: East Midlands and Mansfield District Council.

For more info contact Jayne Lewis on 01623 463044 or jlewis@mansfield.gov.uk



Various participants engaging in the Growing Bolder project



Elderly remain independent



Older people are getting extra help through the Activity Friends project. There

are a total of 33 volunteers acting as mentors and supporting older people enabling them to maintain their independence, and stay at home, rather than go into residential care.

A recent case study was that of an 82 year old male living alone who accessed the service via the healthy lifestyles office within the district council.

After suffering a stroke and a stay in residential care, the mentee who was previously quite active, was feeling isolated and not sure about getting out

and about independently. His wife has Alzheimer's and is now living in a nursing home some distance away, which has undoubtedly contributed to his feeling of loneliness. The mentor visited the mentee and straight away, conversation between the two of them began to flow. They spoke about aeroplanes that the mentee used to fly, steam trains and visits to the museums etc. They agreed that they would go for a walk the following week and perhaps visit the museum.

Since the last monitoring details were recorded the volunteer and mentee have been every week into town, down by the river, around Balderton Lake and at Kelham Hall.

A client said *"I thoroughly enjoy my walks with my mentor. I have since been*

out into town on a bus alone, something which I was not able to do at the start. My mood has increased and I am more confident. I am now able to walk faster, and for a longer period of time. I also attend a chair based exercise class once a week independently."

Partners contribute to the early intervention and preventative aspects of the Nottinghamshire Partnerships' LAA national indicator 136, helping vulnerable adults and older people live independently in their own homes. To date a total of 67 older people have accessed this service.

For more information contact jessica.chapman@nottsgov.uk 0115 977 3878

Homeless benefit from health services

Sixty homeless people benefited from a health and well being event held at The Crossing in Worksop. There were 20 health related service providers present ranging from oral health, drug and alcohol services, health promotion, Bassetlaw PCT, District Council Housing and NCC Balance, Trading Standards and many others.

During the event service users received dried and fresh fruit along with a goodie bag filled with a range of toiletries donated by Boots, Tesco and Sainsbury's.

The day was a great success with the holistic health team offering hand, neck and back massages. Service users

enthused about how they had enjoyed the day saying:-

"It was brilliant and felt very relaxing."

"It was fantastic I didn't realise I was so tense and knotted."

For more information about future events contact jane.brown@nottsgov.uk 0115 977 1280

Participants benefiting from range of health services



Ashfield



Neighbourhood Governance Initiative

Ashfield District Council appointed a Neighbourhood Governance Officer in May 2009, seconded to the Ashfield Partnership to work with local Ashfield communities to produce fifteen Neighbourhood Plans, one for each of the District Council wards.

The neighbourhood plans will outline what needs to be done to narrow the gap between Priority Neighbourhoods and better off communities in Ashfield. Their effectiveness will be evaluated against relevant National Indicators in Nottinghamshire Partnership's Local Area Agreement and any local priorities that Ashfield Partnership identifies. This could include the extent to which actions in plans contribute to improving educational

attainment, job opportunities, health, the environment and housing and to a reduction in crime and poverty.

Plans will be delivered over a five-year period, and resources to fund action will be agreed by the Ashfield Partnership, which will work closely with local communities to oversee neighbourhood governance in Ashfield and to ensure neighbourhood plans are delivered.

Central to this process is the recognition that local people are best placed to identify the problems and issues their community faces and to provide constructive solutions to these. Residents will therefore be fully engaged in shaping, supporting and evaluating the delivery of action in their neighbourhood plan in partnership with



service providers.

The consultation with communities kicked off at the Ashfield Show on 8 and 9 August and lots more is planned over the coming months. For further details please contact Ashfield Partnership:

The Ashfield Partnership, Ashfield District Council, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts NG17 8DA, Tel: 01623 457428, Email: partnership@ashfield-dc.gov.uk www.theashfieldpartnership.org

Bassetlaw



School & Homelife in Workso

Students at Workso's Portland School are involved in two projects about their school and community.

One project will produce a book of students' photographs showing the things that are important in their life at school and in their local area. It will be used in Portland's feeder schools and as a teaching

resource in citizenship lessons.

The second project for the students will enable them to learn how to produce a DVD showing the different lives of students at the school and in the local area. The DVD will be used in Portland School assemblies and by feeder schools to give young people an understanding of life in Workso and the school.

Paul Buck, Headteacher at the school explained, "These

projects aim to promote an understanding of life as a Portland pupil and also what it's like to live in their particular area of Workso.

This is a pilot project and once they've completed the DVD, the equipment can be used by all schools in Bassetlaw to do similar projects about their school communities."

For more information about this project contact Elizabeth Whittles on 01909 533270



School being presented with cheque for £4,275 by Chairman of Bassetlaw Local Strategic Partnership & Leader of District Council

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Broxtowe



"Yo dude watch out for each other and keep it real"

These are the words of young people, who recently worked on a project along with partners from the Broxtowe Borough Partnership.

Last year the Partnership carried out some consultation with children and young people – 11-19 year olds. This highlighted that they didn't know what to do in an emergency situation or how to report a crime. Following on from this, an ingenious pen was developed in partnership with young people

The pen contains a roll of paper inside that lists important numbers and websites of young people's services such as Childline, Crimestoppers, drugs advice, sexual health. The pen also lists situations when to call the Police.

The pens have been distributed to all secondary schools in the borough of Broxtowe, and to workers who come into contact with 11-19 year olds including the youth service and Castle College. If you have teenagers who have not yet received a pen please contact Broxtowe Borough Council on 0115 917 3657.



Gedling – Extra funding for Positive Moves

Children suffering from autism, learning difficulties and behavioural problems can access support beyond 2011. The Positive Moves exercise referral programme have been given the go ahead for additional funding from the Gedling Partnership's Health and Social Wellbeing Fund.

Since the project started 149 children have been referred to a team of paediatricians, school nurses and school workers. It is proving so popular, that most children taking part keep up with the activities after the course ends.

Initially the Positive Moves scheme, which started in 2003, was aimed at helping adults access physical activities through their GP. But it extended to include young people aged 8-16 who have a condition or problem that can be helped through physical activity, such as football, swimming or dance.

Children who are referred will enjoy a two-term programme and can graduate to 'Positive Moves Extras', a self-supporting group which allows them to continue gaining the advantages from the scheme.

One youngster who has benefited from the scheme is 11 year-old Jake Kordecki. He said: "Positive Moves has had a very positive effect on me. I have gained

confidence and the exercise and meeting different people has been great fun. The teachers are really enthusiastic and have encouraged me a lot. I hope that in the future other kids on the course can have as much fun as I have had."

For more information about Positive Moves please contact Patrick Meakin, Healthy Communities Officer, on 0115 901 3705 or 0781 551 2481



Jake with his certificate after benefiting from the Positive Moves scheme

Mansfield



Mansfield warden service is at heart of communities

Through partnership working a new scheme has been rolled out across Mansfield District Council at a cost of £500,000. The Neighbourhood Warden Scheme was originally funded by the Government's Neighbourhood Renewal

Fund enabling every community in Mansfield to have its own dedicated Neighbourhood Warden.

The 16 wardens have each been allocated their own ward. The move is intended to make the wardens better known by local residents, to develop trust and to provide a constant, reassuring presence.

The wardens are on duty six days per week,

Monday to Saturday from 9am to 10pm. They will focus where anti-social behaviour is most prevalent.

The neighbourhood wardens service can be contacted on 01623 460144.



Neighbourhood wardens at work in local neighbourhood

Newark and Sherwood



It's all systems GO in Newark and Sherwood

Partners from Newark and Sherwood are renewing their efforts to plan for a healthier, happier future for residents and visitors alike.

The Local Strategic Partnerships new delivery plans GO to depths not previously plumbed.

These include short term two-year plans, medium term plans upto 2016 and long

term plans upto 2026.

Local Area Agreement priorities have been integrated with locally identified priorities following extensive consultation via the Partnerships six themes, six sub-themes and twenty eight focus groups which are co-ordinated by Newark and Sherwood District Council. For the manager it's all GO.

Two exciting youth events are planned for October at Kelham Hall.

On October 14, 150 young people from secondary schools are coming together for a youth gathering where their views on a wide range of subjects will be sought.

On October 15, the District Council is holding it's "What's Next?" careers event, between 9.30am-3.15pm. Over 600 Year 11 students will visit, from the five secondary schools, in the evening parents and students are being invited to attend. Exhibitors will provide "hands-on" activities for the

students.

Further youth events are being planned for Enterprise Week (16 to 22 November) based on the Dragons Den theme, more details are available at a later time.

So from now on it's all GO GO in Newark and Sherwood.

For more information on the plans of the LSP in Newark and Sherwood GO to the website www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/ or call Keith Wood on 01636 655693.

Rushcliffe



Marathon of events for Rushcliffe children and young people

A week long programme of activities aimed at children and young people living in Rushcliffe took place in July.

The aim of the festival was to showcase the wide range of activities on offer for children and young people.

The 4Uth festival offered meaningful activities and broadening horizons, giving children and young people the chance to show off their talents, promote their clubs and groups, and experience new sports and arts activities in their local area.

The festival is the brainchild of the Rushcliffe Local Strategic Partnership. Nottinghamshire County Council coordinated the

programme of free activities in conjunction with organisations and groups in the public, private and voluntary sectors.

Councillor Kay Cutts, Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council and leader of the Youth strand on Rushcliffe LSP, said:

"It gave local children and young people a chance to experience sports and arts activities that they perhaps had not have tried before which we hope they will take up in the future."

For more information about the programme of events that took place visit the County Council's website on www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/youthzone or www.childcarelink.gov.uk/notts

