

"This is Swindon" April 2009

SSP Conference February 2009

The SSP Conference in brought together around 200 delegates which included partners and stakeholders from all over Swindon.

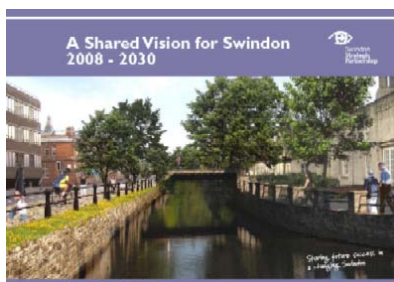
The Conference, which was held in the Great Western Hall at STEAM, began with brief updates on the Local Area Agreement; the Think Swindon project; Swindon Arts; Empower Swindon and The Core Strategy.

The main focus of this year's Conference was the Connecting People Connecting Places agenda, and delegates worked hard to contribute to the discussions around this project and to highlight what matters to people most in the neighbourhoods.

A report on Connecting People Connecting Places will be going to Swindon Council's Cabinet meeting on 15th April, the report is available at <http://ww2.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.asp?CId=285&MId=3448&J=1>

A report from the Conference is now available at www.swindonsp.org.uk

The next SSP Conference is planned for October 2009 and information will be available in the next few months.



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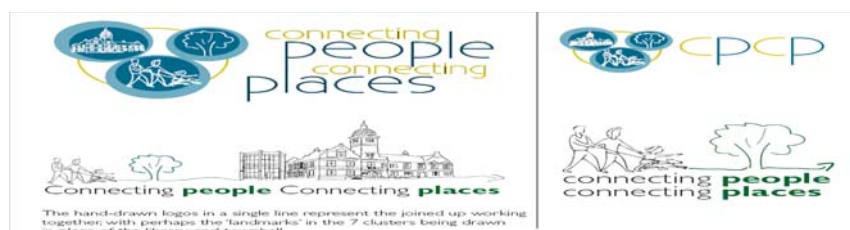


Connecting People Connecting Places

The 'Connecting People Connecting Places' programme has been taking shape since the summer of 2008 and a paper will go to Cabinet on the 15th of April and Full Council on 30th April to seek formal approval for the developed approach. The approach involves the Borough being arranged into seven cluster areas and, after a rigorous selection process, the Council has appointed the following senior managers as the seven Cluster Leads:

Cluster	Wards	Name	Job title
North Central	Gorse Hill & Pinehurst, Penhill, Western	Ian Bickerton	Director of Access & Provision
West	Freshbrook & Grange Park, Shaw & Nine Elms, Toothill & Westlea	Bernie Brannan	Director of Housing & Leisure
North	Abbey Meads, Blunsdon, Haydon Wick, Moredon	Allyson Jordan	Head of Library Services
East	Dorcan, Parks, Walcot	Chris Sivers	Director of Community
South	Old Town & Lawn, Ridgeway, Wroughton & Chiseldon	Stephen Taylor	Director of Law & Democratic Services
North East	Covingham and Nythe, Highworth, St Margaret, St Phillips	Sara Tough	Director, Services to Children & Young People
Town Centre	Central, Eastcott	Mark Walker	Policy & Regeneration Manager

It is proposed that the role of Cluster Lead will be undertaken on a part-time basis alongside current roles. Cluster Leads will be actively involved in the development of the programme and they will be considering how they might best support its roll-out, particularly in the first year. This senior role will provide support and advice to Ward Members in order to help them best position the Council and its partners to deliver the priorities of residents. The Cluster Leads will also be a point of focus and a route back into the wider Council and its partner organisations, they will not be responsible for resolving day to day issues but will help target activity on those things that will make most difference to residents. The Cluster Leads will achieve their outcomes through influence and managing key relationships. They will also be helping service directors and managers to better understand the impact of their services and priorities on local people. Their role will further evolve over the coming months as we learn together the positive difference that 'Connecting People Connecting Places' can make to the quality of life of Swindon people.



Theme 1: Swindon : a destination of choice

Radio 1's Big Weekend



Many of you will have already heard the exciting news that we have managed to secure one of the biggest events in the music calendar for Swindon. The Radio 1 Big weekend is the biggest free live music event in Europe and is held annually in a town or city in the UK. This year Radio 1 has chosen Lydiard Park in Swindon as the venue over the weekend of May 9 & 10th.

Clearly this is a fantastic opportunity for Swindon and will see us enjoy both a national and international spotlight for the weekend itself and the run up to it. Maidstone staged the event last year and we have visited them to discuss the experience which by all accounts was very positive.

The Council is working in partnership with BBC Radio 1 to stage the big weekend which will feature a line up of top live music on both nights (last year Madonna was the headline act to give you some idea of the calibre.) 20,000 people will attend on each day and the tickets are free with people invited to register in the run up to the event with a ballot taking place to decide who is allocated a ticket. Approximately 65% of the tickets are allocated to the local population (Swindon Borough and the immediate surrounding area).

Apart from the obvious reputation gain the Big Weekend has a number of other positives including:

- It will help us achieve many of our LAA targets (engagement in arts, belonging, satisfaction, young people participating and a number of other national indicators)
- A place marketing opportunity that has an estimated £1.5 million value – national exposure, blanket BBC coverage for two months, first area and Council in the South West to have the event
- Opportunity to showcase all of our events and venues to a regional and national audience and drive up footfall and revenue
- Brings in an estimated additional 1.3 million pounds to the local economy over the weekend
- There are 'fringe' events in the week before the event based in and around the town with local bands show cased and BBC DJs hosting events.

The BBC and the promoters who stage the event for the BBC have put on eight of these events. They are already working very closely with us and partners like the Police and Fire Service on all aspects of planning and delivering the event including things like traffic management plans, health and safety plan etc.

The Council has set up a special website www.swindonbigweekend.com which will have all information about the event so please bookmark it and check regularly for updates. All enquiries about the event can be directed to this website in the first instance.

I am sure you will all share our enthusiasm for this high profile event and recognise just how important it is for Swindon's reputation.

Theme 2: All Swindon people are benefiting from our growing economy

Responding to the Recession in Swindon

We are pursuing many activities in response to the economic recession. To coordinate this activity, a taskforce has been created and is headed by Bill Cotton, Director of Economic & Cultural Development.

Work already being undertaken includes the following:

- Swindon Action Force has been established to focus on supporting local businesses facing possible redundancies. Here we are working with other support organisations including the South West Regional Development Agency, Business Link, Learning & Skills Council, ACAS, and Jobcentre Plus. This support will shortly be communicated, via a mail shot, to over 4,000 local businesses.
- Research amongst Swindon business which will help us to devise the most appropriate support and identify those businesses that are facing the greatest difficulties.
- A "Doing Business with Swindon Business" event. This event took place on March 6th and brought together 150 individuals, representing around 100 Swindon businesses and organisations. The purpose was to bring together the public sector, including the council, with Swindon businesses to encourage local procurement.
- Economic trend analysis is being undertaken on a monthly basis in order for us to keep up to date with the state of the local economy.
- Meeting with local bankers - engagement with lending managers in the main High Street banks to better understand issues they face in lending to businesses.
- Business support - trading in the downturn. working with Business Link to ensure relevant services e.g. seminars, events and access to Business Advisers, are available and delivered in Swindon.

The Swindon Strategic Economic Partnership plays a major role in co-ordinating and promoting this activity. More information is available on www.ssep.org.uk

Theme 3: We have safeguarded our environment for future generations

NI 193—Municipal waste land-filled

Plastic bag campaign launched

The government launched a campaign at the beginning of April to get the public to reuse carrier bags, saying each shopper got through 13,000 bags in a lifetime. "We simply can't continue using the billions of new plastic bags we do each year, it's such a huge waste and a visible symbol of our throwaway society," said Environment Minister Jane Kennedy.



A survey found that an average shopper uses more than 160 new carrier bags every year, with 9.9 billion new bags distributed in 2008 alone, the government said.

Last year Prime Minister Gordon Brown warned retailers to take action on the issue or the government would force them to charge shoppers for their bags.

The new "Get a bag habit" campaign, backed by the British Retail Consortium (BRC), aims to encourage people to reuse their bags and comes after a commitment from the seven leading supermarkets to reach a 50 percent cut in the number given out by this May.

"Customers have already done a great deal to help us reduce the number of carrier bags issued each year by over a quarter," said Jane Milne

Theme 4: A healthy, caring and supportive community

Travel scheme helps patients on the road to recovery

Patients referred to hospital by a GP or dentist may now be eligible for financial help with associated travel costs under the Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme (HTCS). The HTCS, an improved version of the previous Hospital Travel Cost Scheme, provides financial assistance to patients on low incomes and benefits for transport to traditionally hospital-based services. This includes services now provided in the community which used to be provided in a hospital setting. Where the scheme used to only be available to patients under the care of a consultant, eligible patients referred by either their GP or dentist can now benefit from the initiative.

Jan Trethewey, Deputy Director of Service Development & Acute Services for Swindon PCT, commented: "This scheme was set up to further reduce health inequalities and ensures no eligible patient is denied access to healthcare on the basis of travel costs. The key improvement here is that patients referred by a doctor or dentist for non-primary care are now eligible for help from the scheme. This means more patients should find it easier to get the assistance they need to access healthcare."

The scheme aims to:

- improve health outcomes and reduce inequalities
- remove a barrier to free choice for patients on low income
- ensure patients do not forego or delay care because of financial concerns
- support the move towards delivering more NHS health services in community settings.

Theme 4: A healthy, caring and supportive community

More MEND Programmes Coming Soon

After the enormous success of the MEND (Mind Exercise Nutrition Do It) initiative in Swindon, two more programmes will start in April 2009.

The new courses will give children between the ages of 7 and 13 a chance to do fun physical activities such as games and swimming. Children will also learn about the importance of healthy eating.

The sessions include interactive discussions about how to improve self confidence as well as information on portion sizes and reading food labels. Parents or carers are required to attend with children and take part in activities that will introduce a healthier lifestyle to the whole family.

Emma Creighton, Programme Manager for Swindon's MEND projects, commented: "Our courses are interactive and focus on nutrition, exercise and behaviour change. They are about having a healthier, fitter lifestyle and we've had some tremendous weight-loss achievements in Swindon, but the programme is about much more than losing weight.

"The kids are very enthusiastic and enjoy themselves immensely. We have created a safe and fun environment where the kids get two extra hours of quality physical activity, while having a great time. This, along with the healthy eating education gives families the opportunity to make long-lasting healthy lifestyle changes".

The two programmes, funded by Swindon PCT, will be held at the Highworth Recreation Centre and the Link Centre, both consisting of 18 sessions. Sessions at Highworth Recreation Centre will start on Monday 20th April, taking place every Monday and Wednesday from 4-6pm. Link Centre sessions will begin on Tuesday 21st April and are scheduled every Tuesday & Thursday from 5-7pm.

Gladys Barr, Sport & Physical Activity Manager for the Swindon PCT/SBC partnership, said: "The MEND fitness programmes are a fantastic initiative that can be enjoyed by the whole family. The programme forms part of a wider initiative Swindon Primary Care Trust and Swindon Borough Council has in place to educate children and their families about the importance of leading a more active and healthy lifestyle."



Parents are being advised to register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. MEND schemes are free of charge and children will qualify based on their age, weight and health.

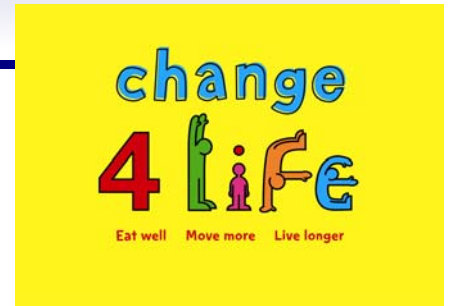
For further information about Swindon-based schemes or to register for places, call Emma Creighton on: 07971712310 or email: ECreighton@swindon.gov.uk

For more information about the MEND initiative, visit: www.mendprogramme.org

Theme 4: A healthy, caring and supportive community

Change 4 Life

'Change 4 Life', a nationwide government campaign which encourages people to 'eat better' and 'move more' to tackle overweight, has the full support of Swindon PCT.



Launched in January, the campaign includes colourful cartoon adverts highlighting the initiative. The move came after Government predictions showed that nearly 60% of the UK population could be obese by 2050. Current obesity figures show that rates of increase of obesity in children are one of the highest in the world. Government funded research found that while many parents acknowledged childhood obesity as a problem, many also believed the issue did not effect their family.

Jane Leaman, former Joint Director of Public Health for Swindon PCT & Swindon Borough Council, commented:

"We all need to address the rise in obesity for the sake of the future health of our children. The Change 4 Life campaign is about trying to create a lifestyle revolution on a huge scale – something which has never been done before. Instead of pointing the finger at parents however, and telling families what to do and what to eat, this campaign offers support, reassurance and information.

"Swindon PCT and Swindon Borough Council actively encourage healthy eating and physical activity and we are making good progress with obesity levels in Swindon. We have continued to tackle obesity by implementing and developing services and programmes focused on both prevention and treatment. Some services we provide and commission include:

- breastfeeding support by midwives
- healthy weaning advice by health visitors
- the national healthy schools programme
- general advice on healthy eating and physical activity by health professionals like school nurses, health visitors and practice nurses
- Steps to Health – an exercise on referral programme that supports patients to exercise more (particularly those with a medical condition)
- Walking/cycling to health programmes

Another extremely successful programme is MEND, a scheme educating both children and parents about healthy eating and exercise. For adults, we offer the weight management programmes Dietbusters and Weight Watchers on referral."

Local parents can now contact Swindon PCT for a copy of the Change 4 Life 'top tips for top kids' leaflet, which has advice for all about how to live a healthy lifestyle. To order your copy contact: Teresa Farr on: **01793 708718**

People can also call a dedicated Change 4 Life helpline on **0300 1234567** and speak to specially trained advisors for advice on exercise, nutrition and support services.

For more information about the Change 4 Life campaign, visit: www.nhs.uk/Change4Life

Theme 4: A healthy, caring and supportive community

NI8: the percentage of the adult population in a local area who participated in sport and active recreation, at moderate intensity, for at least 30 minutes on at least 12 days out of the last 4 weeks (equivalent to 30 minutes on 3 or more days a week)

Swindon rise to the *Challenge!*

Since early 2007, the Leisure Services Team of the Borough Council, with their partners have been developing their Challenge Swindon brand in response to the government drive to increase physical activity participation rates in adults.

In 2005/2006, the first Active People Survey took place with Swindon's participation rate considered low in comparison to other areas. The Mori delivered survey showed Swindon as only having 19.6% of their adult population participating in the desired amount of physical activity.

Challenge Swindon is a package of inspirational events and programmes, part funded by Sport England, aimed at encouraging more people to be *more active, more often*. The initiative was developed as a direct result of the Active People Survey and aims to raise our physical activity levels and improve the health of our residents.

Alongside Challenge Swindon, Swindon Borough Council and Swindon Primary Care Trust have embarked on a whole host of jointly developed programmes to drive forward the physical activity agenda. Together they have committed to making Swindon a more active place.

The survey results from the latest Active People Survey are now in, and Swindon is pleased to announce that they are showing a 2.9% rise on last year's figures. We are now recording a 22.5% participation rate.

Active People Survey 2 was conducted between Oct 2007 and Oct 2008, and involved interviewing 191,000 adults (aged 16 and over) in England, a minimum of 500 adults in every local authority.

Helena Robinson, Leisure Strategy Manager commented, "We are extremely pleased with the recent results and are encouraged that we are showing a significant improvement. There is still much to do to ensure that Swindon continues to succeed in this area and that more residents of Swindon lead an active lifestyle"

"It is great to know that our projects and programmes are contributing to the lives of Swindon residents and although the LAA NI 8 target is the main focus for our work, the provision of physical activity is a cross cutting theme and can impact positively on a whole host of other indicators. From obesity levels in children to independent living in older people and from positive activities for young people to a sense of belonging for the whole community"

Theme 4: A healthy, caring and supportive community

NI 120: All Age—All cause mortality

Pacesetters helps set the pace in Swindon

Pacesetters will begin this week to help drive equality and diversity improvements for patients and staff. This is through partnership working between Swindon PCT, the local community and DoH initiative.

Chosen to participate in 'Wave 2' of the Pacesetter programme, Swindon PCT will be focusing on three areas locally. These include supported self-care for BME patients with diabetes, supported self-care for diabetic patients with learning disabilities and increasing employment opportunities for young people with disabilities (aged 18-21).

Femi Olayisade, Public Health Programme Manager for Swindon PCT, said: "This partnership is all about genuine community engagement and reducing health inequalities. We want to enable and empower people with long-term conditions, such as diabetes or learning disabilities, to self-manage their conditions effectively and take control of their own care.

"One proposal for helping BME patients to manage diabetes is to run healthy living sessions for the Goan community. This group is at a higher risk of diabetes due to a more sedentary life-style and cooking that involves higher fat content. The classes are expected to provide dietary advice as well as cooking demonstrations for preparing healthier options of traditional Goan food. Swindon's partnership with Pacesetters is all about building on the work we have been doing. There has been good progress in these areas so far but now we can achieve even more."

Other work planned for the Pacesetters project will involve improving communication around self-care for diabetic patients with learning disabilities and providing better employment opportunities for young disabled people.

Monthly meetings have been suggested for patients with learning disabilities, where they can share their experiences of managing diabetes. The information gathered from these sessions will be fed into the development of new communications materials with the aim of improving access to services and improving understanding of learning disabilities amongst health professionals.

To increase employment opportunities for young disabled people in the local NHS, the partnership is also looking at training mentors to offer support during the application process. This would include identifying suitable jobs in the organisations, assistance with filling out application forms, coaching to attend interviews and discussing how employment will affect any social benefit a disabled person receives from the government.

Theme 4: A healthy, caring and supportive community

NI 120: All Age—All cause mortality

Mr Ciggie gets put out for No Smoking Day

In an effort to stub out smoking, Swindon's Tobacco Control Partnership worked together to organise an event raising awareness of National No Smoking Day.

Swindon's NHS Stop Smoking Service, Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service all teamed up to give Mr Ciggie a dousing down in the town centre on Monday 9 March. The drenching took place at Wharf Green and help and advice was available to anyone ready to take the stop smoking challenge. A number of successful quitters also lent their support and talked about their journey to becoming smokefree.

Katie White, Health Promotion Officer within the Commercial Regulation team at SBC, coordinated the event on behalf of the partnership and emphasised the importance of partnership working on delivering the Tobacco Control agenda across Swindon. She said: "This event was a great way of raising public interest in No Smoking Day and created a great spectacle which caught the attention of passers by. The tobacco control partnership is so important because together local services can achieve so much more and add weight to a vital campaign. Swindon's NHS Stop Smoking service has helped lots of people on the road to becoming smokefree but is not becoming complacent. The service had a lot of interest on the day and hopefully even more people will now be looking to take the first step towards quitting."

Millions are expected to have taken the first step and quit smoking on National No Smoking Day and the 2009 theme urged people not to let their money go "Up in Smoke", especially relevant during the current economic downturn.

Jennie Kenyon, Stop Smoking Service Manager for Swindon PCT, commented: "It was a great opportunity for smokers to take up the challenge and quit on No Smoking Day.

People are four times more likely to successfully quit using Swindon's NHS Stop Smoking service and all partners in Swindon's Tobacco Control Partnership are encouraged to promote the local Swindon Services within their organisations."

Area Manager Gus Cuthbert, Director of Operations at Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service, explained that one third of all accidental fatal fires in the home are caused by cigarettes, and households containing a smoker are almost 40% more likely to suffer a fire than non-smoking households.

Councilor Colin Lovell, lead member for Public Health said:

"Swindon Borough Council was delighted to support the Tobacco Control partnership in promoting a smokefree Swindon and that No Smoking Day provides a great platform for anybody thinking about stopping smoking."

Theme 4: A healthy, caring and supportive community

Quit smoking and save....

1 Day

£5.80 = A movie rental or magazines

1 Week

£40.60 = A cheap flight abroad / DVDs / Computer Games

1 Month

£176 = A shopping spree or the monthly food bill

3 Months

£528 = Two weeks in the sun or a new laptop

6 Months

£1,056 = A family holiday or a home cinema

1 Year

£2,111 = A second hand car or the start of a deposit for a house

(These figures are based on a 20-a-day smoker paying £5.80 per packet of 20 cigarettes).



Theme 5: A Place where high aspirations are supported by superb education provision for all ages

NI 11: Engagement in the Arts

What a Blast!

Isambard Community Schools students recently enjoyed Arts Blast 2—an intensive week-long programme of curriculum arts activities which replaced all normal lessons. Flux—a government sponsored pilot to help young people in North Swindon participate in the arts—provided professional artists to help students write scripts, make puppets, produce a horror movie and much more.

Almost 500 students took part in activities such as:

- Film animation
- Acting
- Samba drumming
- Writing workshops
- South American dance
- Peruvian textiles
- And visual art.

One student said “With Arts Blast everything is so different, it’s exciting!”

Flux Co-ordinator Jo Beal said “Everything went really well, especially the workshops for the horror movie. Year 7s did scriptwriting and storyboarding in English, then rehearsed a scene in drama, focusing on creating suspense. Then they went into the TV studio and filmed that scene, with props, costume and make up. In their ICT lesson they edited the film, they made a DVD cover in design technology, and a horror movie sound track in music, using garage band and violins. It really was a cross curriculum project.”

One student said, “It’s really exciting because in French we’re learning how to make puppets! It’s more fun than normal lessons, I jump out of bed because of Arts Blast. We have to use our brains a lot to get new ideas and be creative.”

For more information and photos see www.fluxswindon.org.uk

Swindon Does Art

The new season programme of events at Swindon’s Arts Centre from May to August 2009 is now available at www.swindon.gov.uk/artsandculture/artscentre

Theme 5: A Place where high aspirations are supported by superb education provision for all ages

Think Swindon—10 thoughts for Swindon culture

Strategy for culture in Swindon 2008-2013

The mission of Swindon Culture is to place culture at the heart of Swindon, making it a better place to live, work and visit; and helping to re-establish its reputation as a confident, progressive and successful town.

Why culture is important in Swindon

At all levels, culture is at the heart of our lives. In its many different forms culture plays a fundamental part in achieving Swindon's community strategy.

Culture is integral to economic growth as a driver for regeneration, attracting inward investment and supporting recruitment and retention. Socially it can contribute to Swindon's aim to improve educational attainment and raise aspirations. Culture has a role in building community cohesion and social inclusion and, crucially, culture has a potentially very significant impact on Swindon's sense of identity and image.

This strategy is aligned to A Shared Vision of Swindon 2008-2030, the Local Area Agreement (particularly NI 8, NI 11, NI 110), and Swindon's ambitious regeneration plans.

Making it happen

Culture in Swindon is dependent upon many stakeholders and partners including key cultural organisations, businesses and the local community. However, the two main bodies tasked with delivery of this strategy are currently the Swindon Cultural Partnership and Culture Swindon (Swindon Borough Council's culture team) working closely together.



The 10 thoughts on Swindon Culture are:

Thought 1: cultivating swindon—what do we mean by culture?

Thought 2: celebrating ourselves—do we shout about Swindon enough?

Thought 3: britishness—are we all that's great about Britain?

Thought 4: daring to be different - are we brave enough to be individual?

Thought 5: a cultural quarter - should we be building culture?

Thought 6: strong foundations - what have we got to celebrate?

Thought 7: economical culture - does culture fit with the economy?

Thought 8: our place in the world - where are we in our region?

Thought 9: civic pride - what is the Council's part in our culture?

Thought 10: culture and life - does culture affect everything we do?

More information and the Think Swindon document is available at

www.swindonculture.org

Theme 6: A place where local people can have real influence and where they feel safe

NI 32: Repeat incidents of domestic violence

Domestic Violence debate comes to Swindon



A public consultation bus to raise awareness about and discuss issues around domestic violence will stop off in Swindon, at Wharf Green, on 23 April from 9.00am until 1.00pm.

The event is one of a number of public consultation days taking place around the country, as the Home Office seeks the views and ideas of hundreds of people about ways of ending violence against women. The focus of the debate will be on the prevention of domestic violence, along with provision of services and protection for victims.

The debate comes as Lin Williams, Domestic Violence Co-ordinator for the Swindon Community Safety Partnership, launches a new advice and information leaflet outlining how friends and relatives can best support victims of domestic violence. She said:

“I welcome this public consultation day. It will be a good opportunity for local people to come forward and to discuss the complex and challenging issues surrounding domestic violence with policy makers. We need to work together to help prevent the abuse from happening, and to protect and improve service provision for people suffering domestic violence.”

The results of all the public consultation days will help in the development of a Violence Against Women strategy.

If you would like to know more about the information and advice leaflet for friends and family of domestic violence victims, please contact Lin Williams on 01793 466512.

More information on the work of the Community Safety Partnership is available at www.swindon-csp.org.uk

Theme 6: A place where local people can have real influence and where they feel safe

Broad Street Area Community Council

The Broad Street Area Community Council have provided us with the following information on forthcoming events that are being held in the area.

Saturday 25th April 2009 2—5 pm Street Party celebrating St George's Day.

Residents of the Broadgreen community are having a Street Party to celebrate St George's Day and fund raise.

Saturday 16th May 2009 2 - 5 pm Broadgreen Community Fun Day.

This will be the 3rd annual event the Broad Street Area Community Council have hosted. It is planned and run by residents of the Broadgreen community.

There will be a multi-cultural (free) food event in the main hall with entertainment from a host of kind people. There will be information stalls/young peoples art and craft area/activities for older people/Fancy dress competition. They are also hoping to hold a auction.

There will be a Pool and table tennis competition in the Youth room, and a display by Inner Flame. The youth service will also be there - so young people can come along and meet their local youth team.

In the green area there will be a younger sports competition: sack race/egg and spoon/bean bag throwing etc. There will be a 5 aside football competition - come along and meet the Community Sports Coach/tug of war competition and many more activities.

If anyone is interested in attending or helping from an organisation please contact: Karen Leakey (01793 612842) kleak@ukonline.co.uk

June 2009

The Broad Street Area Community Council are holding a Community Picnic and table top sale - all proceeds will be given to the Fire Station - Drove Road 50 year celebration. Date to be confirmed.

September 2009

The Residents are planning to hold a community health day - if anyone is interested in this project - please contact Karen Leakey (Chair person of BSACC Broad Street Area Community Council) telephone: 01793 612842 or e-mail kleak@ukonline.co.uk



And Finally.....

Forthcoming Events

20th and 21st April 2009—MEND programmes begin, please see page 6 for more information.

25th April 2009—Street Party to celebrate St Georges Day, please see page 16.

9th and 10th May 2009—Radio 1's Big Weekend, Lydiard Park—please see page 3.

16th May 2009—Broadgreen Fun day, please see page 16.



Next edition

Articles for the July 2009 edition of "This is Swindon" need to be sent to the LAA team at swindonlaa@swindon.gov.uk by Friday 26th June.

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