

CONNECTING PEOPLE, CONNECTING PLACES

You may by now have heard about Connecting People, Connecting Places, which aims to involve local communities across Swindon in setting and delivering those things that are seen as a priority. Three of the key objectives are:

- more meaningful engagement with people in communities;
- service delivery that is more locally sensitive;
- perhaps most importantly, promoting a greater sense of community.

The Borough has seven so-called “Cluster” areas, one of which is North Central and this includes three Wards – Pinehurst & Gorse Hill, Penhill and Western. Each Cluster has a Cluster Lead and that is my rôle in North Central.

I therefore work very closely with all eight Ward Councillors, including the three for Pinehurst & Gorse Hill – Cllrs John Ballman, Ray Ballman and Rochelle Russell. I try to attend as many community meetings and events as I can, as well as promoting the objectives of Connecting People, Connecting Places in a practical way by working very closely with local Councillors.

If you would like to find out more about Connecting People, Connecting Places, then please do contact one of your local Ward Councillors for Gorse Hill & Pinehurst or me, Ian Bickerton, Cluster Lead, on 01793 465724 and ibickerton@swindon.gov.uk.