

## “This is Swindon” January 2009

### SSP Conference

The next Swindon Strategic Partnership Conference will be held on Monday 23rd February 2009 at the STEAM Museum in Swindon.

Further information on the Conference and the booking form is available on the Conference pages at [www.swindonsp.org.uk](http://www.swindonsp.org.uk)

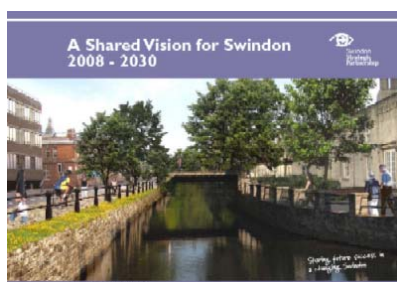
The conference will give you the opportunity to contribute to plans for connecting People Connecting Places, Local Area Agreements and addressing health inequalities in Swindon through partnership working.

Please book your place by sending your completed booking form to Janet Beattie at [jbeattie@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:jbeattie@swindon.gov.uk)



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## Theme 1: Swindon : a destination of choice

### Wharf Green development unlocking cash

Transforming Wharf Green has earned Swindon Council millions of pounds of extra Government funding.

Government growth point funding is dished out to towns experiencing rapid growth and goes towards developing infrastructure – such as schools, roads and doctors' surgeries.

In the latest round of funding, Swindon Council had been expecting around £6.9m – but Government has instead earmarked the town for more than £9.9m. It is expected that some of the cash will go on improving public spaces in the town centre.

Councillor Phil Young, cabinet member for economic development, said: "This is a vote of confidence in Swindon by the Government.

"We have proven we can deliver. We delivered Wharf Green on time and proved that we can spend money wisely.

"What we want to do is create an economy that will sustain employment for the people that will move into the new homes being created around Swindon.

"Whilst we would argue that we need more funding for infrastructure this is certainly a step in the right direction.

"And we welcome any additional investment that comes into Swindon – be it from Government or private companies."

Housing Minister Margaret Beckett said: "This money is targeted at those local authorities with the most ambitious growth plans "As well as helping to build the new homes we need, it will ensure we have the support and infrastructure in place so that these homes become part of the existing community, not a burden on their resources."

Councillor Young said: "We want to make the town centre really work for people.

"So we are looking to spend this money in the town centre and its surrounds.

"Potentially that could mean a bridge over the railway line to join up the two sides of the town centre.

"Or it could be investment in the public realm, such as on Canal Walk, and areas like that, which separate the town.

"But this is for infrastructure – not just roads that go into areas where homes will be built, but in projects that will support the town centre development."



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

### NI 153: Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods

NI153 asks us to reduce the number of people in receipt of out of work benefits in the worst performing wards. In Swindon, the wards affected are Penhill, Walcot, Parks and Gorsehill/Pinehurst



Jobcentre Plus has contracted with North Wessex Training (NWT) to deliver two programmes which will directly impact on performance against this target.

Joy Townley, Managing Director of North Wessex Training told us about the new programmes.

*“Making Changes* works directly with adults in the LAA target areas and helps them to improve their confidence, motivation and commitment to work. It supports individuals in pursuing active job-search strategies by helping them to identify employment, supporting them whilst they participate in job related training and provides practical support and advice in finding and getting the job they want.

“Everyone is different and so this programme is flexible from start to finish, addressing the specific needs of each individual. The journey begins as soon as the person comes forwards – this could be a referral from a Learning Ambassador, a Jobcentre Plus adviser, any statutory, voluntary or community organisation throughout the Borough or by the person themselves volunteering by getting in touch”

Some people may need all the services and activities, whilst others may require a pick and mix approach, that is why each journey is flexible and delivered in a variety of venues and settings.

*“Journeys to Work”* is the second initiative to support the achievement of the Swindon LAA. This programme is delivered throughout Swindon Children’s Centres and provides the support of an adviser to help parents to realise their aspirations and meet their needs.

Sandra has been using the services provided by *Journeys to Work*. She is a single parent who wanted to change her career. Like many of us, she had to make sure a new career fitted in with her need to be available for her child, and she wanted to work in an area where she could develop her skills and knowledge over a period of time.

She decided that she would like to become a Child Care professional but had no qualifications. Her adviser helped her find and undertake free training and also helped her get funding to cover her childcare costs whilst she was on the courses. This gave her good basic grounding in her chosen career and she will be starting a new job in January. The first few steps of her Journey have now started and with guaranteed on the job training she is confident she will achieve her goals.

## Theme 3: We have safeguarded our environment for future generations

### NI 193: Municipal Waste Land Filled



Commercial Regulation has undertaken a project on responsible packaging to challenge some of the many large retail premises that continue to sell products encased in voluminous proportion of predominantly plastic packaging.

Regulations are in place to prevent businesses from producing over 'packaged' products in the interests of the environment. By communicating and working with Swindon Borough Council Wastes Management Team it was established that 'mixed plastic packaging' not including 'plastic bottles', is disposed into the Borough household waste stream and goes directly into landfill.

Swindon only has eight years left of contracted landfill space. The project brought the issue to the attention of businesses by asking them if they could justify the way they packaged or bought in packaged consumer products for retail sale. It also considered the scope and impact of current Regulations.

A series of recommendations have been made as a result of the project including:

- A recommendation to amend current Regulations so they ensure packaging is reduced as far as is technically possible for the product and environment.
- Local Authorities should come together with retailers and producers of package products to provide adequate recycling facilities and end markets for recovering packaging including recycling.
- Other Trading Standards Departments are encouraged to discuss the Regulations with businesses within their regions.

This project covers an issue which is wider reaching than just the boundaries of Swindon. Copies of the report will go to organisations and businesses, Trading Standards Departments, Local Authority Coordinating Body for Regulatory Services (LACORS) and Jo Swinson, MP for East Dunbartonshire, who has a particular interest in this area of environmental concern.



## Theme 3: We have safeguarded our environment for future generations

### Private Sector Housing—Reduce Fuel poverty

Continued promotion to all households through 'able to pay scheme' accessing Carbon Emissions Reduction Target Funding (CERT), by endorsed letter drop with surveying company and some advertising. This gives discounts to all households and 100% grants to priority households on a benefit. From mid January 2008 the priority group includes households with a member over 70. This has meant that the number of households coming forward for the Swindon Borough Council HRA grant has been reduced this year.

#### Promotion of HRA grant

A referral network workshop took place in May 2008. NEA facilitating this work with us with consultancy time won from a bid to NEA by the HECA Officer. A joint mail out with Warm Front in May 2008 produced an additional 118 referrals to the scheme, which was a little disappointing. A further mail out is planned for November 2008.

The Health Through Warmth Coordinator has been in post since May 2008, with a high profile launch of the scheme in October 2008. The Affordable Warmth Coordinator has now been appointed, from September 2008. The total number of households given affordable warmth assistance March 2006-Nov 2008 is 1878.

#### LAA 2006-09

	06-07	07-08	To Nov 08	06-08
<b>CLG Definition vulnerable</b>				
Priority Group	215	192	43	
Wilts EEAC	8	10		
WarmLet Scheme	9			
Decent Homes Assistance	23	21	21	
Warm Front	358	381	29	
<b>Total</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>1310</b>
<b>SBC Vulnerable Group</b>				
HRA Grants	88	407	73	568
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>73</b>	

Warm Front figures are those SBC has given 'top-up' assistance to. Full figures will not be available until summer 2009

**Improve Energy Efficiency** The Twelfth Progress Report (2008) for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008, as reported to defra calculates the overall saving for the period as 1.1%, which equates to a reduction of 5124 tonnes of carbon-dioxide.

Our overall improvement in energy efficiency for the period April 1996 to March 2008 is 21.6%. (Our target is 30.0% by 2011).

## Theme 4: A healthy, caring and supportive community



### Home Library

Many of you may already have heard of **Home Library**, may know someone who receives it or may have referred someone on to us since **Home Library** is currently preparing approximately four and a half thousand bags of library items a year. Each bag prepared is different of course just as it would be if you took yourself to the library once every three weeks.

**Home Library**, a service for people in the Borough of Swindon of any age, is run by Swindon Libraries together with the WRVS. Staff and volunteers are involved in preparing what is a personal delivery service for those needing help because they are unable to go to the library due to long-term disability or illness, after a stay in hospital or accident or who through ill health simply can't carry home what they have chosen. It is a free service offering the same range of books, spoken word, information, CDs and DVDs as any of the other Swindon Libraries.

An initial visit is made by a member of staff to collect information about the new customers preferences and modified as necessary at each visit by the volunteers when they visit to deliver new supplies and collect return items.

If you would like to become a volunteer, use the service yourself as circumstances arise, refer someone or ask Debs to come along to a team meeting to give you a short talk about the running of the service please do contact

Debs Osorio **Home Library** co-ordinator on 01793 707127  
or at [dosorio@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:dosorio@swindon.gov.uk)

## Theme 4: A healthy, caring and supportive community

### Swindon Kids say no to Smoking

A positive change has occurred in the way Swindon school pupils view tobacco according to the annual school survey results. A total of 1,652 pupils from secondary and primary schools took part in this year's Health Related Behaviour Survey, organised by Swindon Borough Council and Swindon Primary Care Trust as members of the Swindon Tobacco Partnership.



Key results in 2008 compared to the first annual survey in 2002 reveal:

- 91% of boys and 93% of girls in 2008 (10/11 year olds) said they had never tried smoking compared to 78% of boys and 84% of girls in 2002.
- In 2002, 22.4% of Year 10 (14/15 year olds) pupils smoked a cigarette within the previous seven days of the survey, which fell to 18% in 2008.
- 16% of Year 10 pupils said they had bought cigarettes from a shop in 2002, which fell to 10% in 2008.

Cllr Brian Mattock, Cabinet Member for Local Environment and Sustainability, said: "This survey is evidence of the successful partnership work taking place in an effort to improve the health and well being of young people. We will not become complacent however. Whilst statistics show an overall fall in the total number of pupils smoking, the percentage of children who do still increases significantly between primary and secondary school. We will therefore continue our positive work in order to address this issue."

Cherry Jones, Head of Health Improvement for Swindon PCT, said: "The vast majority of adult lifelong smokers start smoking in their teenage years. Lowering of the number of young people who smoke will also eventually have an impact on the numbers of people dying in future from coronary heart disease and cancer as a result of a smoking related illness. "Children who live in households with smokers are more likely to start smoking, so if anyone is thinking of quitting they will be four times more likely to successfully stop using their local stop smoking services."

A variety of work has already been undertaken by the Swindon Tobacco Partnership to help educate school pupils about the dangers of smoking:

- A smoking fact file was distributed to every secondary school
- No smoking policies were introduced to schools
- Extra lessons were undertaken by Swindon's drug, alcohol, and tobacco advisory teacher
- Care referral pathways were provided for each school nurse by the Stop Smoking Service
- The national charity QUIT works with pupils to help them make informed choices about tobacco use and to provide support and advice to those who want to stop smoking.
- The council's Trading Standards team carry out advisory visits to retailers reminding them of the sales identity rules. Further test purchasing exercises were also carried out to ensure retailers did not sell alcohol to under 18s.

The Swindon Tobacco Partnership contributes towards the health aims of the Local Area Agreement. Advice and help on quitting smoking is available by contacting the Swindon NHS Stop Smoking Service on 0800 389 2229.

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## Theme 4: A healthy, caring and supportive community

### More Mind Exercise Nutrition Do It (MEND) initiative

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

MEND courses give children between the ages of 7 and 13 a chance to do fun physical activities such as games and swimming. Children 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.

Ben Humphrey, 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 Primary Care Trust, 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 12th January 2009, taking place every Monday and Wednesday from 4 pm to 6 pm. Link Centre sessions will begin on 13th January and are scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Gladys Barr, Sport & Physical Activity Manager for the Swindon PCT and 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 Ben Humphrey on 07815 776593 or e-mail: [bhumphrey@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:bhumphrey@swindon.gov.uk)

For more information about the MEND initiative, visit [www.mendprogramme.org](http://www.mendprogramme.org)

## Theme 4: A healthy, caring and supportive community

### Christmas campaign to keep youngsters safe

A brand new coaster campaign was launched in December, urging Swindon youngsters to keep safe over the festive period.



The campaign, entitled “Choices not Changes”, saw a number of different coasters distributed around Swindon as part of a year long campaign. These feature hard-hitting images on the front and information about sex and the affects of alcohol on the back. Two coaster images were released over Christmas and at least two more are being launched throughout 2009.

Julie Northcott, Joint Teenage Pregnancy Lead for Swindon PCT and Swindon Borough Council said: “This campaign is all about helping to keep Swindon’s young people safe. This is important all year round but perhaps even more so over the Christmas period when people are going out at night time and perhaps drinking more than usual. There may be occasions where young people find themselves faced with a choice. It may be whether or not to walk home alone or whether or not to have sex.

“‘Choice not Chances’ is not about preaching to young people—we want people to be able to celebrate and have a good time. It is about arming them with information so that they can make informed decisions and know what options are available.”

A joint campaign run by Swindon PCT and Swindon Borough Council, the ‘Choices not Chances’ coasters were distributed to targeted locations across Swindon including:

- Colleges
- Schools
- Youth Centres
- U-Turn service
- Young People’s club night
- New library—First floor youth area



For further information on staying safe call or text 07920 823 812.

Available 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday.

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

### Inner Flame—New Swindon based organisation aims to inspire teenagers

Inner Flame is a new not-for-profit organisation. We aim to inspire young people to take control in their lives and achieve their potential. **"Fire Me Up!"** is a new residential course, aimed at people aged 14-18 who want:

- More purpose or meaning in their life,
- Help to change something in their life, or
- Greater confidence and self-belief to achieve success.

**"Fire Me Up!"** is designed to help participants to learn by:

- Experiencing challenging activities, working with skilled instructors
- Team working combined with individual practice and 1:1 coaching
- Understanding how we communicate with others, and within ourselves
- Meeting inspiring guest speakers who have overcome difficulties and achieved success.



The course will be piloted from Easter 2009. It will benefit young people from every background. We are keen to work with Swindon Borough Council to bring a new approach to motivate and empower young people who are not in education, employment or training.

We are also providing positive activities for young people through our open days (where they're invited to try a new sport) and other events, including an exciting record-breaking attempt in June 2009.

#### **Wanted: Young Leaders!**

Inner Flame was co-founded by an 18-year old, and will be guided by young people from its target audience. We are currently recruiting volunteers to form a Young Leaders Group, with just one representative from each school, college or youth organisation.

Young Leaders will advise on and guide our plans, in particular:

- Marketing and Communications,
- Contributing good news stories about young people's achievements,
- Course content and design,
- Publicising and facilitating open days.

In return, Young Leaders will get:

- A free place as a "guinea pig" on our first trial course
- Opportunities to earn Volunteering and Residential certificates towards the Duke of Edinburgh award.
- An opportunity to develop their team working and communication skills
- Something to put on their CV



Glenn Bridges

Do you know a young person (aged 14-17) who might be interested? For more information, please visit our website [www.innerflame.org.uk](http://www.innerflame.org.uk) and contact Glenn Bridges [glenn@innerflame.org.uk](mailto:glenn@innerflame.org.uk) or David Wreathall [david@innerflame.org.uk](mailto:david@innerflame.org.uk)

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

### Swindon Taxi company helps sex assault victims

Victims of sexual assaults are now being given a helping hand to make receiving medical help easier after a local Swindon taxi company has agreed to offer free transport to the Sexual Assault Referral Centre at Stratton.



Swindon has one of the most advanced centres for sexual assault victims in the country at the New Sanctuary opposite Gablecross police station, but still too many women do not get the help they need. Taxi firm V Cars has agreed to offer free transport to the Sexual Assault Referral Centre for victims.

Former detective inspector Paul Jennings left his role at Swindon police earlier this year to work for a medical firm which provide forensic services and care for victims. "Essex Medical provide forensic services for Wiltshire Police, as well as other police forces," said Mr Jennings.

"They also provide forensic medical examination to victims of sexual crime, which is one of the reasons why I took the job. As well as victims who report their assaults to the police, there are victims who self-refer to the centre. The Sexual Assault Referral Centre in Swindon is available to people 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but there are also a lot of victims who maybe live in rural areas and can't get in to Swindon, or who are stranded with no money or transport, or they simply can't get a friend or relative to take them there.

All the V Cars taxi drivers are advanced Criminal Records Bureau checked. Drivers will offer their services free of charge to any victims self-referring needing immediate transport into the Centre. Victims in need of transport will be able to call a freephone number. The call will be answered by a crisis worker who will assess their needs, then notify the SARC and V Cars on their behalf. The taxi firm has agreed to set up a special telephone line which will only be used for calls about urgent victim transfers and has vowed to answer calls within three rings.

Drivers will then discreetly and sympathetically take victims to the centre to meet a crisis worker, and would also be able to give them a lift afterwards.

Victims of rape or sexual assault needing transport to the SARC should call freephone number 0808 168 0024.

## Partnership Working



Exercise Equinox was a two day multi-agency Major Incident exercise that took place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008. The exercise was planned and produced by members of the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Training and Exercising Sub Group and others who acted as the directing staff and umpires during the course of the exercise.

The exercise involved both real and notional exercise role play and examined the ability of Category One and Two responders to respond to a Major Incident. The exercise took place at the former RAF Chilmark base but now leased to the International School of Security and Explosives Education (ISSEE).

The exercise used the recognised Command and Control structures of Strategic (Gold), Tactical (Silver) and Operational (Bronze) throughout. In order to allow the exercise to function within the limited time frame some aspects of the exercise were pre-determined such as the locations for Gold and Silver Command and for the Rest Centre and Media Coordinating Centres. The exercise was developed to provide a safe learning environment. The purpose of the exercise was to test organisational plans and procedures and not individuals and as such players were free to participate fully and enjoy the event. As with all exercises there were lessons identified.

### Aims and Objectives

#### Aims

To demonstrate Wiltshire and Swindon's integrated management of a major incident through exercising multi-agency command and control systems and to practice elements of the responding agencies major incident plans.

#### Objectives

- To establish and practice command and control systems at all levels.
- To exercise all relevant major incident plans.
- To allow agencies to examine elements of their business continuity arrangements.
- To exercise welfare arrangements.
- To exercise agency media response including warning and informing the public.
- To examine the health implications of a major incident and the effects upon the local health services.
- To examine the integration between the MOD, Police and a Survivor Reception Centre concerning casualties.
- To exercise the plans of, and co-ordination and cooperation with, Category 2 responders and the voluntary agencies.
- To examine environmental impact and remediation.
- To exercise the interface between the civil emergency services and the MOD Aircraft Post Crash Management Organisation.
- To allow all responders to participate as fully as possible in a non-blame culture within the confines of the exercise.

## Scenario

The scenario was based on an RAF C17A Globemaster III transport aircraft, flight ASCOT 6400, en route from an operational theatre to RAF Brize Norton. Around the Dorset/Wiltshire border it started its descent to 15,000 feet. The civilian air traffic control, Swanwick Air Traffic Control in Hampshire saw the C17 'squawk' the emergency code '7700' over the Dorset/Wiltshire border. The aircraft's height was seen to fall off rapidly on Swanwick's screens. Shortly afterwards, the aircraft disappeared from the screens altogether. There was a brief radio transmission in which a crew member was heard to say that there had been an explosion in No 3 engine, that this hit No 4 engine and had taken off the starboard wing tip. They could not control the roll and were losing control of the aircraft. Nothing else was heard. There were 16 persons on board.

A wing section and an engine fell on to the nearby Railway station striking a carriage of a stationary train in the station. The main fuselage crashed onto the village of Chilmark Without, causing a massive fireball. The aircraft disintegrated on impact sending fuel, aircraft debris and cargo over a wide area. A number of houses were affected which caught fire resulting in a number of hazardous plumes.

All the crew and passengers on board the aircraft were killed together with 22 persons on the ground (6 at the railway station and 10 in the village) for a total of 32 deceased. At least 107 other people were injured including several trapped in vehicles, a railway carriage and beneath collapsed buildings. Approximately 100 people required evacuation.

The main electricity sub station supplying the village was destroyed and a water pipe was ruptured adding to the hazards and difficulties for attending personnel.

The exercise start time was 1200 hours on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2008 and finished approximately 1430 hours on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

## Swindon Borough Council.



As far as SBC was concerned, the Chief Executive took part in the Exercise as a member of the Strategic Co-ordinating Group, which was convened at Police HQ. Devizes.

Phillip Woodward a Civil Protection Officer, provided mutual aid at the Media Centre near Dinton in the form of assistance with communications and the use of the Unit's incident vehicle.

Several members of the Emergency Operations Centre Team throughout the Exercise were responsible for making and receiving calls to/from the Casualty Bureau in order to test police procedures.

The debriefing process was completed in November 2008. This will be followed by a report on the Exercise in the New Year.

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## And Finally.....

### Forthcoming Events

- Swindon Strategic Partnership Conference—Monday 23rd February, 9.30 to 4.00 pm. Steam Museum. More information is available on [www.swindonsp.org.uk](http://www.swindonsp.org.uk) To book your place please contact Janet Beattie at [jbeattie@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:jbeattie@swindon.gov.uk)
- MEND programmes begin on January 12th, as featured on page 11. Contact Ben Humphrey for more information at [bhumphrey@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:bhumphrey@swindon.gov.uk)
- Holocaust Memorial Day in Swindon, Tuesday 27th January 2009, 12.00 noon at Cenotaph in Regent Circus and 12.30 pm Friends Meeting House, Eastcott Hill, Swindon.

### Next April is time to Think:Swindon

Throughout April 2009, Swindon will see a whole new side to itself - we will be promoting a season of exhibitions, shows, events, words, pictures and gatherings across the Borough, all on the broad themes of diversity, inclusion and tolerance. All about caring about others. But this exciting new season is **not** about political correctness or ticking boxes – it will be brimming with interest, art, music, drama, debate, exhibitions, movies, and even fun!

**Think:Swindon** is being co-ordinated by Swindon Cultural Partnership, but actually involves a host of different bodies and individuals across Swindon; already, there are local artists, photographers, galleries, dancers, offices, organisations, theatres and shops involved, and we even have the incredibly powerful 'Anne Frank and You' exhibition coming to town for the whole month.

**And you can be part of it too!** Just follow the link to find out more.

<http://swindonculture.org/>

More information is available from Dr Mike Pringle, Director, Swindon Cultural Partnership on 01793 495645

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#### Next edition

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