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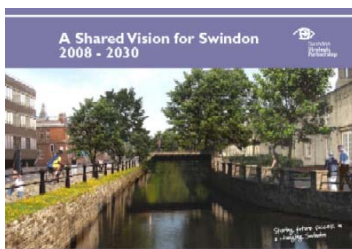
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### Happy New Year

We would like to wish all our partners and readers a very Happy New Year and look forward to working with you all in 2010.

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## New Cluster Lead—East

Mark Hopkins is the new Cluster Lead for the East Cluster. Mark has been at Swindon Borough Council for over 3 years, initially responsible for the programme of work following the transfer of staff to the Swindon Capita Partnership. As an experienced Programme Director, Mark is now Head of Programme and Project Management for Swindon Borough Council.

Mark spent the first 18 years of his career in financial services including working in Swindon, London and Cheltenham. His roles included Sales Manager, Management Development Consultant, as Senior Manager responsible for Customer Services, and as an IT Programme Manager. From here Mark moved to join the NHS where he was Assistant Director of Human Resources responsible for various programmes at The Great Western Hospital.

Outside work, Mark is a school governor at two schools in Wootton Bassett, is an active member of St Bartholomew's Church, and is a keen golfer and competitive swimmer which includes coaching a masters group. Mark is married to Kate, with twins Max and Thea.

Mark is looking forward to getting to know the community in the various wards of the East Cluster, and working with community leaders, ward councillors and the various partner organisation to bring Connecting People, Connecting Places to life for everyone, and ensure this approaches makes a real difference.

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## Theme 1: Swindon a destination of choice

### The Big Switch-on

Highworth became the first part of Swindon to get access to free wi-fi.

This is a brand new system where a 'mesh' of wi-fi access points has been installed around the town, allowing individuals, homes and businesses to surf the internet completely free of charge for up to 2 hours per day.

The scheme, funded in part by Swindon Borough Council and Digital City (UK) Ltd was officially switched-on at Highworth Library by MP Caroline Spelman, who was joined by the leader of the council Rod Bluh and Rikki Hunt chairman of Swindon Strategic Economic Partnership, who delivered the project.

"Highworth was always going to be tough technically which is one of the reasons we decided to roll it out here first," commented Rikki. "But it's up and running and this is just the start. We will be able to learn a lot about how people use it and then benefits for the whole of Swindon."

#### First to test

The first to use the new wi-fi were pupils from nearby Warneford School, who gave their thumbs-up after using it to access the internet on their mobiles and laptops .

"It's so easy to use" said Victoria Walsh from Warneford School, "I think it's a great way for people who don't already have access to the internet to be able to connect for the first time."

The system is now expected to be rolled out across the whole of Swindon in the coming year.

More information about the Wi-Fi network can be found through the Get Signal website via the link below.

Keep up to date by registering your interest via the [www.getsignal.co.uk](http://www.getsignal.co.uk) website.



Pictured from left to right:  
MP Caroline Spelman, Cllr  
Roderick Bluh and Rikki  
Hunt

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

### Working in... Swindon

Swindon Jobcentre Plus has joined forces with SwindonWeb to provide an essential one-click service for jobseekers featuring career advice, CV writing and interview tips, local job listings, information on financial help, and much more.

Find this information listed under "the Jobhunt"

<http://www.swindonweb.com/job/m=1261&s=0&ss=0&c=6642&t=JobCentrePlus>

The SwindonJob website is also home to the Swindon Talent Pool - part of the Swindon Strategic Economic Partnership (SSEP) and Swindon Borough Council's 'Pulling Together' initiative - this is a secure site where jobseekers can upload a profile of themselves and their specific skills, and employers can search through the available candidates in order to fill their vacancies. Find out more at <http://www.swindonweb.com/job/index.asp?m=44&t=Front+Page>

Are you passionate about getting Swindon working?

Jill Annal at Swindon Jobcentre Plus told us that "SwindonJob has many more exciting features already in the pipeline. The new 'Working in...' section of the site includes profiles of many successful local business people and well-known faces in the town. We are developing this to include profiles of individual businesses, Swindon business parks and specific business sectors. We need Swindon business leaders to get involved and support our efforts to help local people who have been affected by the recession."

Our "Working In ....." series is an ideal opportunity for you or a member of your team to tell potential employees what it's means to work for your organisation and to explain what qualities you look for in new recruits. Not only could you help nurture Swindon's talent, you could find the perfect person to join your team. The only cost will be your time.

For more information please contact either Jill Annal at the Jobcentre Plus on: 01249 425843 or email [jill.annal@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:jill.annal@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk); or Phil Poulton at SwindonWeb on: 01793 861875 or email [phil@swindonweb.com](mailto:phil@swindonweb.com)

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

### Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Carbon Dioxide, or CO<sub>2</sub>, is a greenhouse gas which contributes to climate change. It is produced when anything containing carbon is burned, such as coal, natural gas, petrol and other oil derivatives. In order to avoid climate change, we need to reduce the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> we produce, both directly and indirectly. Although some suggest that all we need to do is implement some technical fixes for climate change and carry on as normal, the only long-term solution is to cut our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

The average person in the UK produces around 11 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> a year. Many climate scientists believe that we must try and reduce this to around 2.5 tonnes a year if we are going to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. Here are some suggestions of ways in which you can cut your CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

#### Save energy (and money!)

The average house in the UK produces around 6 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>. However, a third of this (around £200 a year) can easily be saved through simple energy efficiency measures.

The majority of CO<sub>2</sub> comes from the energy used to heat your home and provide hot water. The rest is used to power appliances and lights.

For free, tailor made, independent advice on how to save energy in your home and for information on grants and discounts call your local Energy Efficiency Advice Centre free on 0800 512 012 or visit the Energy Saving Trust website at [www.est.org.uk](http://www.est.org.uk) which has excellent advice on things like light bulbs.

#### Buy locally-produced food

One large source of carbon dioxide emissions is in the production and transportation of food. You can reduce your impact on climate change by choosing local food wherever possible.

The energy and emissions involved in producing food account for 22% of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions. 40% of all UK road freight is food related. Much of the food on the supermarket shelves is transported thousands of miles around the world so that we can eat it out of season. It takes a lot of energy to move things that far, and it's mostly generated by burning fossil fuels. An apple from Purton Farm in Swindon travels no more than 5km, one from New Zealand may have travelled 12,000km to reach your table.

Getting apples from Argentina and New Zealand and beans from Africa just doesn't make sense when they can be grown in the UK. Look at the label to see where it was grown before putting it in your shopping basket, or better still buy from Farmers Markets or other sources of Local Food for the lowest food mileage.

You could even try growing food in your garden or an allotment.

To find out where you can buy local food and for seasonal recipes visit

[www.swindonclimate.org.uk/www.bigbarn.co.uk](http://www.swindonclimate.org.uk/www.bigbarn.co.uk)

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

#### Reduce, reuse, repair, recycle

Making things for a very short useful lifetime, only to send them off to landfill is a waste of energy and resources. Before putting something in the bin and consigning it to be buried in a hole in the ground, think about whether it could be re-used or recycled in some way.

#### Other ideas include:

- Go on holiday closer to home
- Don't make unnecessary journeys
- Use public transport where possible
- Cycle instead of drive

More information is available on the Swindon Climate Action Network website at <http://www.swindonclimate.org.uk/WhoAreWe>

### The Greener Living Project

The Greener Living Project is a sub-division of Swindon Climate Action Network (SCAN). Over the next year we are hoping to host events on a different theme each month.

We will work alongside other local and national groups and charities to promote a more environmentally-aware, sustainable way of living. We are still in our early days, but themes so far will include:

**Walk to school (or work),  
Get on your bike,  
Grow your own,  
Go veggie,  
Use your bus pass,  
Energy efficiency,  
Composting,  
Buy local,  
Real nappies,  
Eco-fashion and  
Reduce, reuse, restore, recycle.**

If you are interesting in getting involved in one or more of these areas please e-mail: [jenni@swindonclimate.org.uk](mailto:jenni@swindonclimate.org.uk) or call her on: 01793 529760.

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

### NHS Credit Crunch Stressline

The **NHS Credit Crunch Stressline** is a dedicated national helpline and signposting service to help people experiencing stress, anxiety and depression as a result of the economic downturn.

**Tel: 0300 123 2000** (open 8am to 10pm 7 days a week)

**If you're feeling stressed because of job insecurity, redundancy, debt or financial problems, don't wait for things to get really bad before you seek help.**



Call the NHS Stressline on 0300 123 2000

**Daily, 8am-10pm**

Discuss the issues that are affecting you and your family and get expert advice on how to help yourself if you're in a difficult situation.

Health advisors will listen, offer practical advice, guide you to useful online resources and put you in touch with other people who can help such as debt, housing, employment advisors, and counselling and talking therapy services.

Find information on [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)



Tips on how to stay healthy when times are hard, including how to cope if you're feeling stressed, anxious or down and how to spend less on your food shopping and still eat healthily.

More information is available at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Onabudget/Pages/Onabudgethome.aspx>

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

### Top 10 Tips on staying healthy

Now we are into the New Year there is no time like the present to think about what you would like to achieve in the months ahead.

One thing that is guaranteed to make a big difference to your life is getting healthy. Resolutions to quit smoking, get fit, lose weight, or improve your mental wellbeing, can all help to improve your health and happiness as you move forward.

Remember that healthy living is for everyone, and it's never too late to start.

#### **The Chief Medical Officer's top ten tips for better health**

Following any or all of the tips below will help you to improve your health:

- Don't smoke and don't breathe others' tobacco smoke
- Eat at least 5 portions of fruit and vegetables each day and cut down on fat, salt and added sugar
- Be physically active for at least 30 minutes, 5 days a week
- Maintain, or aim for, a healthy weight (aim for a body mass index (BMI)\* of 20 -25)
- If you drink alcohol, have no more than 2-3 units a day (women) or 3-4 units a day (men)
- Protect yourself from the sun. Cover up, keep in the shade, never burn and use factor 15 plus sunscreen. Take extra care to protect children
- Practise safer sex - use a condom
- Make the decision to go for cancer screening when invited.
- On the roads, THINK safety.
- Manage stress levels - talking things through, relaxation and physical activity can all help.

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

# Swindon Sexual Health Strategy Group



The Swindon Sexual Health Strategy Group is a multi-agency group led by Swindon PCT. It is responsible for a wide-ranging action plan to improve the sexual health of people in Swindon.

### Local activities include:

- Helping Swindon schools develop their teaching on sex and relationships
- Running a one-stop genito-urinary plus contraceptive and sexual health clinic at the Carfax Street Health Centre
- Supporting a gay men's health service for Wiltshire and Swindon
- Running a range of services especially for young people such as the sexual health counselling clinic at Hreod Parkway Schools, and the school health nurses' roadshow for secondary schools.
- Parentline Plus - support for parents to gain the confidence to talk with their children about sexual health and relationships.
- Swindon is leading on the chlamydia screening programme for the whole of Wiltshire.

Recent pioneering work by the Teenage Pregnancy Partnership has helped to bring down teenage pregnancy rates. Teenage pregnancy figures released in February 2007 show annual rates in Swindon have fallen 12.6% to an all time low.

The news means Swindon not only had a higher drop than the national and South West figures, but it no longer has the highest teenage pregnancy rate in the South West. The under-18 conceptions rates, released by the Office for National statistics, show the number of teenage pregnancies dropped by nearly a quarter to 153 compared to 198 in 2004. That means the teenage pregnancy rate has fallen to 44.2 per 1,000 from 56.8 per 1,000 last year.

Swindon's rate has gone down by 17.3%, the regional rate change was 13.3% reduction and an 11.8% reduction for England as a whole.

For more information on teenage pregnancy services, contact the Sexual Health Team by email at NHS Swindon or tel: 01793 465775

Swindon PCT have produced a document with contact details called Where to go for advice in Swindon - contraceptive and sexual health for young people.

The new **Swindon Sanctuary** is a purpose built centre for a new service to help men and women who have suffered sexual assault. More information on the new Swindon Sanctuary is available at [http://www.swindonpct.nhs.uk/our\\_services/sanctuary.htm](http://www.swindonpct.nhs.uk/our_services/sanctuary.htm)

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

### Swindon Young People's Empowerment Programme (SYEP)

"I had never heard of SYEP or the Tranquillity Zone before. The transformation in my son has been amazing. A very tense boy became a relaxed boy. His social skills have improved .... He doesn't bark at people any more. He speaks to people differently now. It's almost like Tranquillity Zone has put the building blocks in place and over the last 6 months he now goes to the park and speaks to other children. That has come from what you do, without a doubt .... It's father and son now. It didn't work, now it does. It's remarkable. He's 500% more a child than he was a year ago. Thank you for giving me my son back."

**Phil, a Swindon dad and fire fighter**



Tranquillity Zone,  
Churchfields School

"Personally it was a life changing experience for me. I tried it at home with my children. It was magical. I really feel the difference it has made. We've had quality time together and I see my children in a totally different light now ... Every mother would benefit from having that opportunity with their children."

"Although we've targeted two groups of children in school, I'm passionate about it being accessible to all children. It's every child's divine right ..... to see the difference they can make to themselves and in the community." **Kathy, a Swindon mum and school teacher**

"Tranquillity helped me not to become a school bully, but a person who understands people's feelings and helps people to understand about life and what we're here for."

"I used to hate maths but after Tranquillity I liked maths more. It made me understand that school's there for a purpose and not there to annoy you." **Toni, age 11**

"Through the Tranquillity Zone she became a totally different child." "Her attitude became pleasurable and we enjoyed time together." "She had a more positive outlook. The arguing stopped and we started getting on ... She became such a nice child." **Toni's mum, Jessica**

"The benefit with the Tranquillity Zone is that it helped him to take a step back from a situation and weigh it up. It was definitely very positive and something he's still living his life with two years on." **Mark, a Swindon dad, works in IT**



Tranquillity Zone,  
Lawn Primary School

"The first time I went there was nearly six years ago and I was failing nearly every subject at school. I didn't care about what happened. But when I went there they made me believe I could still achieve my dreams, so I turned around, ignored all the bullying that was happening to me at school, stopped sitting at the back of the class and sat near the front, started paying attention to my lessons and it just went on from there and now I'm at university studying to be a lawyer, which I've dreamt about since I was 8 years old." **Vicky, Law student, 21 years old, completed the programme 6 years ago**

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

"I feel like a different person ... I'm not embarrassed or ashamed of myself. If it wasn't for the Tranquillity Zone I wouldn't be the person I am today." **Elizabeth, 13, Churchfields**

"Before I went to the TZ I normally used to be more of a nasty kid and I didn't really care about anyone else, and now I'm a bit more responsible and I care for other people a lot more than I did." **Alex, 11 years old, Moredon**

"It has really inspired people to be a really good person ... to think about the good things and not the bad things." **Imogen, 10 years old**

"The Tranquillity and Discovery Zones supports the whole of the Every Child Matters agenda." **Head Teacher, Catherine Wayte School**

"It helps with every part of school life and the curriculum, and it's something we value and want to take forward." **Year 6 teacher, Catherine Wayte School**

These are just a few of the many enthusiastic responses from parents, children and teachers to a Swindon born initiative known by many as the Tranquillity Zone. The Tranquillity Zone, together with the Discovery Zone, is a foundation course promoted in schools as the Swindon Young People's Empowerment Programme (SYEP). The course has been developed by the Bahá'is of Swindon, and its overall aim is to assist participants in "developing a healthy human spirit" so that they can become better citizens and empowered to serve the community.



Tranquillity Zone, Health Hydro

Programmes are currently running in 15 local schools – and in 2010 the intention is to expand into neighbourhoods.

Fidelma Meehan, project manager at the Bahá'í projects office, at the Health Hydro in Milton Road, said: "SYEP is not just for schools, it's for the whole community. In 2010 our goal is to pilot SYEP in a neighbourhood, where children, young people and adults become empowered to make a difference in their locality."

"We hope to learn in action how to work in partnership with the borough council and the community to transform a neighbourhood, where residents are no longer just consumers, but learn how to become active contributors, empowered to serve the well-being of their locality. The exciting thing is that our approach of developing a healthy human spirit is simple, sustainable, contagious and very low cost. No experts or consultants are needed, just people willing to learn a new way of operating at a neighbourhood level."

"The foundation course offered by SYEP, she said, can help deliver priorities set by Connecting People, Connecting Places, and can deliver some of the Destination Swindon themes, including "Young people having high aspirations and constantly achieving well."

SYEP is currently funded by Children Services and the Tudor Trust and the training day is free of charge.

For further information about the work of SYEP and the training course, contact Fidelma Meehan on 01793-537454, or 07970 868364 email her at [fidelma@swindon-bahais.org](mailto:fidelma@swindon-bahais.org)

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

## **New Swindon Arts Brochure available**

The new January—April 2010 Arts Centre brochure is now available—  
for full details are available at:

<http://www.swindon.gov.uk/artsandculture/arts-artsservicesbrochure.htm>



## **Voluntary Action Swindon**



Voluntary Action Swindon, the local infrastructure charity for Swindon, has launched a weekly e-letter. This newsletter of six to eight stories enables the voluntary and community sectors to communicate with each other through publicising their events and activities. It's a calling card for local charities to advertise jobs and a platform for public sector agencies to promote opportunities.

We welcome stories on any issue which seeks to engage with voluntary and community sectors. Don't hesitate, participate! If you would like to subscribe, please send a request to [info@vas-swindon.org](mailto:info@vas-swindon.org)

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

### New anti-social behaviour group set up

A new group has been set up to support Swindon victims of anti-social behaviour.

Three support 'friends' from the independent organisation Redoubt will provide information, emotional support and assistance to individuals and their families.

The group will also offer training opportunities to all those who work with victims and the perpetrators of anti-social behaviour.

Liz Walker, a co-founder for the group, said: "Redoubt is now in the position of having a solid core of people who are prepared to take up posts on an interim committee.

"Now we aim to put all the feedback we have had so far from both victims and agencies and put that to good use by getting on with setting up an independent, viable and effective tool for all victims of anti-social behaviour."

Redoubt hopes to make its referral procedures known to local councillors, neighbourhood watch co-ordinators, GPs, neighbourhood policing teams and Victim Support.

Liz added: "Fortunately for Swindon anti-social behaviour is not as prevalent as it is in other areas. But as victims of anti-social behaviour know only too well it can and does destroy lives.

"In the past most victims have been left feeling isolated and unsupported.

"Redoubt hopes to make sure that no victim is left feeling like that again."

The support service will be based in a number of locations in the town to reach the maximum number of people. The full list has yet to be announced but one venue will include John Moulton Hall in Penhill Drive.

One of the key things that Redoubt will be doing is supporting victims who do not feel able to act as a witness.

Support friends want to empower them to take a step further. If the victim does not feel able take on that added pressure then they will continue to support them.

Redoubt are asking for financial donations or spare stamps, envelopes, stationery and reams of paper.

They are due to stage their first meeting in February. If you can provide a conference room free of charge please get in touch with the organisation.

If anyone can help the cause or would like more information about the service it provides, email [swindonredoubt@live.co.uk](mailto:swindonredoubt@live.co.uk)

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

### Shop thefts on the increase

The number of thefts from shops rose by a third in a single year with an incident occurring nearly every minute, 24 hours a day - while incidents of violence and abuse against shop staff doubled.

The findings are revealed in the British Retail Consortium's (BRC's) Retail Crime Survey 2009, published today in early January.

For the first time the BRC survey has assessed the proportion of retail crimes that are not reported to the police. Data from retailers indicates two thirds of customer thefts are not reported; suggesting the actual number of shoplifting incidents was over one million.

The survey also shows retail crime of all types cost UK shops £1.1 billion in 2008/09 – a 10 per cent increase on the previous year and equivalent to 72,000 retail jobs. Stealing by customers accounts for the biggest share of all retail crime both by the number of incidents (94 per cent) and by monetary value (42 per cent).

The BRC Crime Survey showed incidents of violence and abuse against shop staff doubled compared with the previous year. Physical violence rose 58 per cent, verbal abuse by 37 per cent. At least 22,000 retail employees suffering threats, physical or verbal attacks. The actual figure is probably much higher as a good deal of abuse goes unreported.

Stephen Robertson, British Retail Consortium Director General, said: "The increase in retail crime during the recession can't be justified as a move from 'greed' to 'need'. Whatever the motivation, shoplifting is never victimless or acceptable. The cash costs are met by honest customers who end up paying more and the human costs by shop staff who intervene.

"It's shocking that a shop theft happens almost every minute, 24 hours a day. We need tougher sentencing to deter thieves and more consistent use of fixed penalty notices between police forces. Too many fines for shoplifting remain unpaid. We need more effective enforcement so they aren't devalued as a deterrent.

"The police and criminal justice system must take retail theft more seriously. There's been some progress but, with a fifth of retailers saying they don't report crime because they have no confidence in the police and two thirds of shop thefts going unreported, not enough."

"The doubling in violence and abuse against retail staff is the biggest concern of all. It should never be regarded as 'part of the job'. Punishments must be strong enough to deter and the police should measure workplace violence when they assess business crime in the community and determine local policing priorities."

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

### What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives ever. Behind it lies a simple idea, and a central value shared by millions of people around the country:

#### **Getting together with your neighbours to take action can cut local crime.**

Everyone knows that the police are there to fight crime, but they need your help to do an effective job. Neighbourhood Watch (or Home Watch as it is known in some areas) is all about an active partnership with the police. Neighbourhood Watch schemes can:

- Cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- Help and reassure those who live in fear of crime
- Encourage neighbourliness and closer communities
- Provide a better place to live, work and play

Neighbourhood Watch is not just about reducing burglary figures – it's about creating communities who care. It brings local people together and can make a real contribution to improving their lives. The activity of Watch members can foster a new community spirit and a belief in the community's ability to tackle problems. At the same time, you feel secure, knowing your neighbours are keeping an eye on your property.

There are other benefits to Neighbourhood Watch schemes too. You will become familiar with crime reduction and detection ideas which will help keep your home and belongings safe. And the extra security which belonging to a Neighbourhood Watch scheme offers might even mean that you can get a premium discount from your insurance company.

For more information on how to join a Neighbourhood Watch scheme, all you need to do is identify your Neighbourhood Liaison Officer and give them a call. More information is available at

[http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=946&Itemid=358](http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=946&Itemid=358)

## And Finally.....

### Forthcoming Events

- January 23rd 2010—Wiltshire World Changers networking event, 10.00 am-1.00 pm, Ellendune Centre, Wroughton. For more information please contact Jacky Thomas at [jackyt@wiltshirewildlife.org](mailto:jackyt@wiltshirewildlife.org) or 01380 725670
- February 18th 2010—Equality Coalition event—3.30—8.00 pm—more information is available from Kati Wood at [kwood@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:kwood@swindon.gov.uk)
- March 18-27th 2010 (excluding Sunday 21st March) - Swindon Music Festival. More information available at [www.swindonmusicfestival.co.uk](http://www.swindonmusicfestival.co.uk) or (01793) 823849.
- July 9th—11th 2010—Swindon's Big Village Fete coming to Lydiard Park. Swindon event showcasing community groups, volunteering, art, music and dance.



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### Next edition

If you have any articles for the April 2010 edition of "This is Swindon" please send to the Partnership Team at [swindonsp@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:swindonsp@swindon.gov.uk) by Friday 19th March 2010.

We would appreciate any feedback you may have on the This is Swindon newsletter.

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