

## "This is Swindon" Spring 2010

### Super Survey 2009

The topline results from the 2009 Super Survey are now available on the SSP website [www.swindonsp.org.uk/ssp-index/swindonslocalareaagreement/surveys.htm](http://www.swindonsp.org.uk/ssp-index/swindonslocalareaagreement/surveys.htm)

Two winners were drawn from the returned surveys and both received £100 in shopping vouchers.

### SSP Conference

The 2010 SSP Conference will be held on Friday 8th October 2010 in the newly refurbished Great Western Hall in STEAM.

More information will be available on the SSP website soon.

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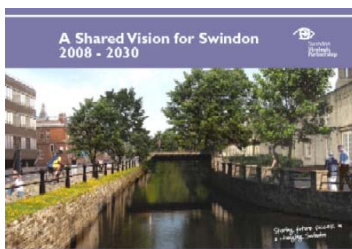
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### Newsletter Revamp

I'm hoping for some constructive advice on what you would all like to see in future newsletters. Are you ready to take the challenge?

As always, we are looking at keeping ideas fresh and sharing experiences, information and your good work. I'm hoping to make future newsletters more thematic, but keeping the 4 issues a year.

Please e-mail me with your thoughts, suggestions and ideas to [jbeattie@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:jbeattie@swindon.gov.uk)



## Connecting People Connecting Places update



A lot has happened in the first year of Connecting People Connecting Places and this has developed in each of the seven clusters in different ways. The Cluster Leads have actively worked with the Members in their respective clusters; a number of meetings have been held to discuss how Connecting People Connecting Places can support the role of the Ward Member and each Cluster has elected a Cluster Chair to provide leadership and to represent all Members at Borough-wide meetings. Progress has been most notable in clusters where members have worked closely with Cluster Leads and engaged with their communities.

During the first year a number of benefits have been realised and challenges identified, rising to these challenges will be a cornerstone of the future direction of Connecting People Connecting Places.

In March 2010 Swindon Borough Council's Cabinet received a report detailing progress and learning of the first year and was asked to approve the continuation of the seven Cluster Lead roles for the duration of 2010/2011. The full report is available at: [http://ww5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/Published/C00000285/M00003854/\\$ADocPackPublic.pdf](http://ww5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/Published/C00000285/M00003854/$ADocPackPublic.pdf)

Some highlights from each Cluster are detailed below and full details on the respective Cluster are within the Connecting People Connecting Places pages on the SSP website at :

<http://www.swindonsp.org.uk/ssp-index/connectingpeopleconnectingplaces.htm>

### South

- Meeting held at Wroughton with local organisations followed by a meeting in Old Town and Lawn aimed at residents; a third meeting was held at Wanborough Primary School again aimed at residents.
- The Old Town and Lawn Area Panel have scheduled meetings with residents and their representatives; the Police will use these meetings as their consultation platform.

### North Central

- Events were held during the Autumn of 2009 and a calendar of future events has been produced. The first event was a Cluster-wide Forum for the public on "Health in the Community" with stalls staffed by the Council and other agencies including the Fire Service and Primary Care Trust.
- The Cluster Lead has been to a variety of community meetings such as the Penhill Forum, Pinehurst Initiative Forum and the Gorse Hill Residents Association.

### West Swindon

- A clear example came from the unexpected closure of the Freshbrook Community Centre following the removal of the charitable status of its managing trust by the Charity Commission; this saw the Cluster Lead and Community pulling together to form a steering group to get the centre reopened.
- Regular meetings have taken place in West Swindon which has bolted onto the long-running West Swindon Community Forum.

## Town Centre

- There is no shortage in this cluster of residents and community groups who are keen to improve the area, CPCP has created a mechanism which gives these groups and residents more confidence and trust with the Council.
- Environmental Days are being planned and discussions about the running of the Central Community Centre have been held. This Cluster is also taking on the challenge of finding out the views of people via social networking sites.

## East

- This Cluster saw a change of Cluster Lead during the year with the previous incumbent leaving the Council.
- A meeting with all Ward Members and the Cluster Chair was held in February to set the groundwork for moving the Cluster forward.

## North

- The first meeting on the theme of 'leisure and free-time' showed a great deal of promise with over 300 people turning up; the next event held at North Swindon Library was on the theme of "Independence and Wellbeing".
- Police presence at all events has proved to be popular with visitors.

## North East

- The first cluster event was held in Covingham in October and although the attendance was disappointing the feedback received was useful.
- Meetings with the three Parish Councils within the Cluster yielded results.
- Work is continuing with existing community groups and the Parish Councils on agreed priorities.

## Cluster Assistants

Through the Future Jobs Fund the Council has secured funding for 7 Cluster Assistants to work on the Connecting People Connecting Places programme.

The assistants will help the Cluster Leads and provide support with related projects. The Cluster Assistants started with the Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2010, and will be with us for 6 months, they have already helped out with community events and done research on each of the cluster areas within the Borough. The Future Jobs Fund scheme will give them the opportunity to learn new skills and build their experience of working within a large organisation.

They have also brought us lots of new ideas and a variety of talents to help us develop the programme.



Cluster Assistants: Natalie Mitchell (South), Stuart Mills (North East), Sean Haines (Town Centre), Georgia Congerton (West), Theresa Joce (North), Katie Ettenfield (East), Lydia Ansell (North Central).

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

### Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

If you are replacing old goods such as furniture and other household items, you can recycle them—but there are alternatives to consider, such as finding them a new home.

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Your local charity shop and organisations such as 'Top Drawer' and 'Freecycle' may have use for your unwanted items and some charities will collect.

Alternatively, if you think your item is worth money, an internet auction site may be the answer.



It's nearly always better to re-use rather than recycle, so try these methods and see if someone else can reuse your unwanted bits and bobs.

2010 is the year when the council promised to divert 50 per cent of household waste from landfill, and with your help we can make it—we are almost there, currently the figure is 47 per cent.

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### StreetSmart

StreetSmart is an important new service launched by Swindon Borough Council which will make the Borough a safer, cleaner and smarter place to live, work and visit.

StreetSmart brings together, under the StreetSmart team at the Swindon Direct Contact Centre, all the services which keep the Borough's streets and open spaces looking tidy and well tended. It also provides just one point of contact for those services...which you can use to report problems or ask for information.

You can contact the StreetSmart team in a number of ways:

- By telephone 01793 445501 (Monday to Friday 8 am to 8 pm; Saturday 9 am to 1 pm) and on 01793 466453 (at all other times)
- By e-mail to [streetsmart@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:streetsmart@swindon.gov.uk)

Alternatively the website has links to the individual service pages to gain information about the various services and to request services online. [www.swindon.gov.uk/streetsmart](http://www.swindon.gov.uk/streetsmart)

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

### Connecting Communities

**How do we recognise and celebrate the individual and collective acts of kindness that are happening in our communities and spread good habits?**

**How do we utilise the unique and untapped skills of the individuals who work for Swindon Borough Council and other partners?**

**Can we change our culture and process to realise the full potential of Connecting People Connecting Places?**

The **360°** programme is funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government. Swindon saw this funding stream as an opportunity to try something new. Drawing on experience, existing good practice and a desire to learn, a project took shape that would focus externally on our relationships and understanding of Swindon communities and internally on our culture and processes.

The **360°** team is made up of 7 officers seconded from different teams within the Council and a member of staff from Voluntary Action Swindon. The team have a proactive approach to relationship building and are currently working in Park South, Park North and Walcot East on a six month prototype.

**The key elements of 360° working are:**

**Network building** – realising relationships, common ground and opportunities for broadening communication, involvement and participation.

**Small projects** – looking through the local lens, asking people what they want to build and helping them to build it.

**Cataloguing** – Really hearing what people say, recognising the local agenda, acknowledging “small happenings” or the good things that are going on communities and acknowledging and recording them.

**Feeders and Receivers** – making contact with community communicators, people who are connected to others and can pass on information and share a local perspective.

The team operates in a new way. Relationships aren't formed for the duration of a transaction. The team enter into a dialogue with people – without an agenda, but to really listen and hear what is important to them. The **360°** team begin with conversation – conversation without fear of where the topic is going. As a result of these conversations, the team will be looking to highlight ideas and opportunities and identify skills and resources. This activity results in growing networks, small community projects, enterprising initiatives and improved wellbeing.

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

### Connecting Communities contd....

The work of the **360°** team is mirrored within Swindon Borough Council. It is hoped that through this activity, the culture of the organisation will change and Connecting People Connecting Places will become a reality.

#### Small projects

The **360°** team are currently working on 7 small projects including...

**The Think Tank:** a space for people with time on their hands to meet in a safe space and share ideas and interests.

**Parks Community Choir:** lead by Churchfields Head teacher Steve Flavin; an initiative to improve local networks and promote good feeling.

**Swindon Borough Council Choir:** Linked in to the SMILE wellbeing programme, four free sessions running between June and October which may lead to more permanent singing

**Good Neighbours:** Supporting a network of good neighbours to help each other out and build positive relationships

**Big Night in:** Offering a £50 “trust grant” and free space for a group of local families to come together, and improve supportive networks.

**Healthy bites:** supporting a local woman to start a home cooked, healthy meals business

**Queens Park Café:** a hub for engagement, network building, training and fundraising

The **360°** Team are currently in a prototype phase, developing tools and principles for practice. The project is continually evolving and some key ways of working are emerging, including:

- **Co-creation** – working together and moving the relationship from “provider” and “consumer” to contributors
- **Interaction** – without a focus on transaction
- **Being present** mindfulness
- **Conversation without fear** of where its going

Critically, the **360°** team are focussing on relationships, and allowing people to come first and issues and agendas later.

If you would like to know more about the **360°** team, please get in touch:

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### Feeling under the weather?

Do you know where to go for treatment in Swindon?

In the past 6 months over a third of people who went to A&E (Accident & Emergency) at the Great Western Hospital for treatment had minor illnesses which did not need hospital treatment. It is crucial that people do not go to A&E when their GP surgery is closed, unless it is an emergency.

#### Self Care

A range of common illnesses and minor injuries can be treated at home simply by using over the counter medicine with good advice, such as that from NHS Direct (details below) or your local pharmacy.

#### Pharmacists

Pharmacists are experts on medicines and how they work. They can answer questions about choosing the right medicine, give advice on different illnesses or health problems, and help you decide whether or not you need to see a doctor. Most pharmacies can now offer blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes testing.

#### NHS Direct—0845 4647

NHS Direct is a confidential health advice and information service. You can telephone 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and speak to a trained nurse or professional adviser. Or log onto the NHS Direct website at [www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk)

#### The NHS Swindon walk-in service

The walk-in service at the Swindon Health Centre in Carfax Street is open from 7 am to 8 pm on week days and 8 am to 8 pm on weekends and bank holidays. The Clover Centre at the Great Western Hospital offers fast and convenient advice, information and treatment without having to make an appointment and is open 24 hours a day. GP out-of-hours services work from the Clover Centre. If you need a GP urgently when your surgery is closed telephone: 01793 541111.

#### GP Surgery

Your local GP surgery provides a range of services including general medical advice, prescriptions and referrals to a specialist. A&E and 999 are for emergencies only. The nearest A&E department for most Swindon residents will be at Great Western Hospital. An emergency is a critical or life threatening situation such as:

- Loss of consciousness
- Heavy blood loss
- Suspected broken bones
- Persistent chest pain for 15 minutes or more
- Difficulty in breathing
- Overdose or poisoning

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

### Walking

The Partnership & Policy Team have recently taken up Swindon Borough Council's Active @ Work challenge and started the 6 week pedometer challenge, which encourages more walking with the aim of achieving 10000 + steps during the day. We will let you know in the next edition how we all got on.



#### Reasons for walking

Walking reduces blood pressure, lowers the levels of cholesterol in your blood, tones up your muscles and strengthens your bones. An excellent form of exercise for people who wish to lose weight or simply improve their fitness level through low impact and low intensity exercise

At normal speed allow your arms to swing freely and rhythmically, remembering that your arm speed controls your leg speed. Quicker, smaller steps will cover more ground than long strides, which tire your muscles. Resist the temptation to lengthen your stride to go faster. Strike the floor with the heel of your shoe, roll onto the ball of your foot and aim to push off with your toes. Avoid bending over, looking down on the floor, stay tall with your head up, checking for obstacles that are in your path. Control your breathing, take full breaths and exhale completely. When walking uphill, take smaller strides, leaning into the hill. If the hill is really steep, traverse (zig zag) up it to make it easier on your legs.

#### How long should I walk for?

Walk for 20 - 30 minutes duration most days of the week at a "talking" pace. Make sure that you are ready physically by seeing your doctor, especially if you have been sedentary for a while, and have any condition which could be affected by exercise, such as high blood pressure.

#### Your Clothes

It is important that your clothes are both comfortable and practical. Prepare to dress for any weather, especially in the UK, where the weather can change rapidly.

Wearing layers will enable you to both keep warm, as the air is trapped between the layers of clothing, and also let you take layers off as you start to get warm.

#### Walking Shoes

Avoid going for looks; go for comfort when choosing your walking shoes. Training shoes with a laced fit, with rubber soles offer good support for general walking on firm ground. If walking over uneven hilly ground a hiking boot with more support is recommended.

#### Staying Motivated

The key to keeping fit whilst walking, is to keep it regular and increase your efforts slowly at your own pace. Obviously the faster you walk, the more calories you will burn in a given time, however if you walk too fast you can soon become tired. Walking is a pastime where time should not be an issue; getting fit and being in the fresh air should be your main goal.

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

### Community Support

There are thousands of voluntary and community organisations active in Swindon ranging from brownie packs to sports clubs to residents associations. Working within these groups are tens of thousands of volunteers with a huge range of skills and experience. All this activity contributes a massive amount to the quality of life for people living here and to the reputation of Swindon in the wider world.

We understand the sector is made up of many different organisations, some small and some larger. While they have characteristics in common they also have different priorities and needs. The immediate priority is to support and involve smaller volunteer-led groups while continuing to work with larger charities and not for profit companies.

#### Why

Community and Voluntary organisations make a huge contribution towards making Swindon a better place to live in,

- Energising individuals to do new things in new ways
- Getting people involved
- Keeping and building a sense of community and civic pride
- Giving the chance to local residents to decide how Council services are run
- Spotting and filling gaps in local life
- Offering services that money cannot buy
- Developing the skills of local residents
- Feeding local links and knowledge into the bigger picture
- Speaking up for the community

#### Funding

Funding for Community Groups is available annually and throughout the year. The criteria and priorities can change but the purpose of the funds is to support groups in the work they do. It is open and competitive and there aren't always enough funds to support everything that is put forward. However, we will always suggest other funders to un-successful applicants and time allowing assist with writing applications to other funders .

#### Grassroots Grants

The Grassroots Grants Fund provides opportunities for smaller organisations to bid for up to one thousand pounds a year for events, projects and activities. For the past year we have been improving opportunities for residents to influence and become involved in Council decisions and services. This approach is called Connecting People Connecting Places and community grants including Grassroots Grants will underpin the approach.

#### Who and what is Eligible for Grassroots Grants

Any '**small groups**' who have

A management group

A governing document (e.g. Constitution, Statement of Aims and Objectives)

A Bank Account

A small group is one with an income of less than £50,000 p.a.

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

The Council wishes to support expenditure that can be used to develop the service and/or the organisations. It will not support on-going expenditure and so applicants are advised that 'one off' items such as the following, are sought:

- Equipment for organisations to expand or develop activity.
- Training for volunteers to develop expertise within an organisation.
- Improvements to buildings.
- Support to Festivals.
- No identical applications will be supported in consecutive years.

### Priority Categories for 2010/11

To be eligible for a community grant your application must clearly demonstrate how it meets at least one of the following three priority categories:

#### 1. Community Festivals

The Council wishes to fund projects or activities that fund festivals and celebrations in local neighbourhoods or that celebrate the diversity of our local communities. Grants to Community Festivals will support events that promote the active participation of residents in community life. Swindon Borough Council has prioritised improving quality of life; the enjoyment of leisure and cultural activities and the delivery of a high quality & safe outdoor events programme.

It is expected that there will be two types of festival applications.

- 1) Applications from organisations that only manage the delivery of a specific festival.
- 2) Applications from organisations that provide a range of community services or activities bidding for support with a specific festival.

#### 2. Environmental Sustainability

Consideration will be given to projects or activities from community & voluntary organisations that endeavour to improve quality of life and the local environment.

"Environmental sustainability involves ensuring well-being and quality of life for everyone, now and for generations to come, by meeting environmental needs" (adapted from: 'A Better Quality of Life - a Strategy for Sustainable Development in the UK').

Swindon Borough Council has recently adopted the Climate Change Action Plan for Swindon and has an established Local Agenda 21 Strategy for Sustainable Development. Both are designed to improve the environment and quality of life for everyone. The existing Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement also support sustainable development.

#### 3. Discretionary Grants

The purpose of Swindon Borough Council's discretionary grants programme can be defined as: "Through investment in voluntary, community and not for profit organisations, the council's discretionary grants programme aims to improve the economic, social and environmental well being of the town". The Discretionary Grants scheme has four eligibility criteria which reflect Swindon Borough Council's 2010 themes.

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

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### Funding Deadlines 2010/11

Applications to be submitted by

**30th June 2010,  
30<sup>th</sup> September 2010,  
5<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

### Contact Us:

#### Applying for a Grassroots Grant

For an application pack contact James Whittleton in the Community Support Team:  
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Post: Community Support Team, Swindon Borough Council, Wat Tyler West, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Beckhampton Street Swindon SN1 2JH

### Zurich

Look for applications from organisations that work in areas of vulnerability and help people to move from dependence to independence. They consider applications for funding for project, capital, core, and service costs. The amount of funding varies but typically grants are under £3,000 Please read this section of the website 'are you eligible?', very carefully before you apply.

<http://www.wscf.org.uk/grants-applicationprocess.asp>

### Community Foundation Wiltshire and Swindon

The Community Foundation are based in Devizes but cover Swindon and have a number of grants that will be appropriate for different types of activity and organisation. You can get details from their web site below. All applicants are required to complete an on line Expression of Interest. This takes a short time but is how they decide which of their funds is most appropriate to the applicant. They want to fund disadvantaged groups and although grants vary few are above £5,000.

<http://www.wscf.org.uk/grants.asp>

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### Highworth—Year of Culture

2010 sees Highworth celebrating their Year of Culture. Full details and a programme of events is available at

[www.highworthculture.co.uk](http://www.highworthculture.co.uk)

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

### The Platform

The Platform, Swindon's latest resource for young people, was officially opened with two celebratory events at the end of March.

Housed in the former Railway Museum in Faringdon Road, the building dates back to the early 1840's. It was initially used by GWR as a hostel for male railway workers and was converted to a family hostel in 1861. It became a Wesleyan Chapel in 1869 and finally a railway museum in the 1960's. In 2001 the railway museum closed, relocated and became STEAM. After this time the building was used by Community Crossroads for a number of years and hosted a range of community services.



In 2008 the decision was taken to turn the building into a provision for young people. At this stage it was then renamed as The Platform by the first young people to be involved in the consultation process. The name was chosen to retain the link back to its railway heritage.

To date over one million pounds has been spent on making the building fit for purpose and creating a provision with a wide array of equipment and facilities. The aim is to make The Platform the central hub for positive activity for young people in Swindon.

Those responsible for developing The Platform's offer to young people have the mission to make it the number one youth facility by delivering world-class services that will directly improve the quality of young people's lives in Swindon.

Provision currently available includes Information, Advice and Guidance from the connexions team who have relocated from Temple Street, a weekly Duke Of Edinburgh session and a Saturday drop in supported by the contraceptive and sexual health team. The building is also being used by a variety of organisations and has hosted two major events seeking to provide training and employment opportunities for young people. Major Friday and Saturday evening activities are being planned to start at the end of May.



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

### National recognition for local supporting teenagers Charity



Work in Swindon to restore young people's self-belief has been recognised in a national awards ceremony.

Youth Charity Inner Flame has been honoured with a Seen and Heard award, sponsored by BT and the UK Youth Parliament.

It received the national award in recognition of the significant contribution that it has made to lives of young people in the South West. It was chosen by a panel of young people as the best project from a young person in the south west.

The award was presented to Inner Flame's co-founders David Wreathall and 20 year old Glenn Bridges at the houses of Parliament by Olympic silver medal winning diver Leon Taylor.

Mr Wreathall said: "We were very pleasantly surprised because we haven't been going that long."



Picture courtesy of Inner Flame website.

"National recognition is fantastic this will help to build credibility and reach more young people, who love the support we offer them." Glenn Bridges commented, who was 18 when he co-founded the organisation.

The charity was started in 2008 and launched officially in April 2009. Its aim was to inspire young people to reach their potential.

Organisers run an intensive four-day residential course of physical challenges, workshops and speakers, designed to help participants to develop their self-esteem, build confidence, find a clearer sense of direction and take action towards their goals.

Members of Parliament and the House of Lords, including Conservative MP Anne Widdecombe, were at the awards ceremony.

Mr Wreathall said the current economic climate was damaging for young people because so many could not find work.

He said: "Most of them don't have much confidence as they could have. Some of them have struggled to deal with stuff that's happened to them, some of them just don't believe in themselves and are holding themselves back. We have got a powerful, strong experience for them to make rapid changes."

More information available at: <http://www.innerflame.org.uk>

Visit our website: and [www.swindonsp.org.uk](http://www.swindonsp.org.uk)

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



### Reports of Anti-social Behaviour Reduce

Latest figures from the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) show a fall in the number of anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents reported to the police and the borough council in Swindon over the past eight months.

In February 2010, 690 incidents of ASB were reported - the lowest monthly figure recorded to date, down by a third compared with the number of incidents reported in February last year (1032), and almost half the number reported in July 2009 (1198).



Reports of 'rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour' have seen the largest reductions overall - down 33% between July 2009 and February 2010. The reductions are the result of strong partnership working between Community Safety agencies and communities. Agencies have acted on information provided by local people, and have used the full range of tools and powers available to tackle issues.

Cllr Colin Lovell, Cabinet Member for a Safer and Stronger Borough, said: "These figures reflect the tough and ongoing partnership action that's taking place to tackle local ASB issues, helping to make neighbourhoods safer and more pleasant."

Chief Inspector Mike Jones from the Police in Swindon said: "Through strong partnership working with local people, the borough council and other agencies, we've carried out proactive operations to target specific locations and persons, which has led to a reduction in reports of ASB."

#### Recent Partnership Action on ASB:

- Five Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been issued to people reported to be causing a nuisance around the Poplar Avenue area of Pinehurst.
- Eleven Acceptable Behaviour Contracts have been issued in Penhill.
- Several successful drug warrants have been issued in both Pinehurst and Penhill.
- Fourteen ASBOs have been issued since March 2009 (two in Pinehurst, two in Penhill, three in Moredon, three in the town centre, one on Stratton, one in Park North, and two borough-wide).
- Prolific and persistent offenders are being closely managed via regular police patrols of key areas, proactive stop-checks and visits.
- Swindon Borough Council has cut off certain alleyways in Pinehurst, making access to problem areas difficult for perpetrators.
- The new multi-use games area, launched last summer behind the Treecourts estate in Pinehurst, is reported to be contributing to a local reduction in ASB.

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

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- Refurbishment and redesign of the Braydon Court shops in Penhill has made the immediate area more secure and reduced reports of ASB.
- Swindon Borough Council's Family Life programme, which provides families with parenting support and guidance, has helped to reduce ASB in some cases.

Keeping Swindon **Safe** Swindon Community Safety Partnership

### Young People use Design Skills to Tackle Anti-social Behaviour

Over one hundred students across the borough sent in entries to the Community Safety Partnership's 'Tackle it, don't tolerate it' anti-social behaviour art competition.

The competition, which was open to 11 to 16 year olds attending a secondary school in the borough, invited students to produce an image, or a collection of images that portrayed what anti-social behaviour meant to them. Winning artwork will appear on new leaflets for victims of anti-social behaviour, to be distributed across the borough.

Prizes were presented at a special awards ceremony at the County Ground by Dave King, editor of the Swindon Advertiser, and Kevin Amankwaah who plays in defence for Swindon Town Football Club.

Chief Superintendent Paul Howlett from the police in Swindon also gave a brief talk about the importance of partnership working with young people when dealing with anti-social behaviour issues.

Richard Palusinski, Head of the Community Safety Partnership, said: "We were delighted with the number of entries that we received. The hard work and clear talent of the young people made it very difficult to select winners. All of the entrants should be congratulated, particularly those who received prizes. The story told by the pictures received gives a very good indication of how anti-social behaviour is viewed by young people today."

1<sup>st</sup> prize went to Amie Brown, yr 9, Nova Hreod School - she won a DS lite

2<sup>nd</sup> prize went to Tom Glover, yr 8, Kingsdown School - he won an iPod shuffle

3<sup>rd</sup> prize went to Amelia Bryant, yr 7, Kingsdown School - she won £20.00 of book vouchers



The photo shows (from l to r):

Tom Glover, Chief Superintendent Paul Howlett from the Police in Swindon, Amie Brown, Kevin Amankwaah, Amelia Bryant, Alan Harper, Group Manager, Wiltshire Fire and Rescue.

Picture courtesy of Swindon Advertiser

## And Finally.....

### Forthcoming Events

Open Days are being held by Swindon Borough Council's Community Facility Team in three of their Community Facilities. For more information on these Open Day's please contact Bob Johnson at [bob.johnson@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:bob.johnson@swindon.gov.uk)

- 22nd May 2010, 11.00 am—3.00 pm Central Community Facility Open Day
- 22nd May 2010—Penhill Family Fun Afternoon
- 17-27th June 2010—Old Town Festival
- 24th June 2010—Housing Information Fayre, Lower Penhill
- 26th June 2010, 11.00 am—3.00 pm Savernake Street Community Facility Open Day
- 3rd July 2010—Pinehurst Fun Day
- 24th July 2010, 11.00 am—3.00 pm Broadgreen Community Facility Open Day
- 31st July 2010—Swindon Mela
- 14th August 2010—Swindon PRIDE
- 11th September 2010—Penhill Community Information Day
- Late September 2010—North Central Cluster-wide Forum (details tbc)
- 8th October 2010—SSP Conference. More details to follow.



#### Next edition

If you have any articles for the Summer 2010 edition of "This is Swindon" please send to the Partnership Team at [swindonsp@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:swindonsp@swindon.gov.uk) by Friday 18th June 2010.

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