

"This is Swindon" Winter 2011



SSP Conference— March 18th 2011

Our next SSP Conference is being held on Friday 18th March 2011 at the Great Western Hall in Steam.

This Conference aims to continue the work from the Conference in October 2010 and help our partners produce the delivery plan for One Swindon.

Invitations have been sent to over 700 potential delegates including partner organisations and community and voluntary groups, but if you have missed it, full details are available on the Conference 2011 page of the Swindon Strategic Partnership website.

Alternatively, you can contact Janet Beattie for a booking form at jbeattie@swindon.gov.uk

Due to the popularity of our conferences we ask that your booking form is returned to us by 1st February 2011.

Happy New Year & Welcome Back

Welcome to our Winter 2011 edition of the Partnership newsletter.

This edition is smaller than previous ones, with a few updates from our partners.

The Spring 2011 newsletter will have a new look, feel different and have lots of information on the exciting journey of One Swindon, the next steps and how you can get involved.

As always if you have anything for the newsletter please e-mail it through to swindonsp@swindon.gov.uk

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Theme 4: A healthy, caring and supportive community

Swindon Carers' Charter and accreditation ceremony

Health and social care services that have strived to achieve the high standards set out in the new Swindon Carers' Charter were recognised at an accreditation ceremony. The NHS Swindon Carer Liaison Team held the event to acknowledge the hard work of many services in the town which help support people who care for loved ones, friends and family.

Joanna Ridley, Carers Development Manager said, 'It is important that carers have the same opportunities as everyone else in society and can have a life outside of caring. Health and social care services in Swindon have a responsibility to provide carers with high quality support. The Swindon Carers' Charter sets out the standards services need to meet in order to give much-needed support to carers.'

This was the second event of its kind with even more Swindon services being accredited. Awards were presented by Michelle Howard, Chair of NHS Swindon. Awards were received by Headway, the Community Rehabilitation Team, the Community Stroke Team, Windswept, the Early Intervention Team, the Memory Clinic, services within Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, the Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities, Central South West Community Team and North West Community Team, joint health and social care teams, the Contact and Assessment Team, Freshbrook Surgery in West Swindon and Prospect Hospice.

To find out more about the Charter and other useful information, please visit www.swindon.nhs.uk

Groundwork Community Games Programme

Groundwork has joined Cadbury to help bring their Spots v Stripes campaign to communities across the UK. Cadbury Spots v Stripes; the idea in a nut shell:

We think games are great. They get people playing, they bring people together and sometimes they even reveal an undiscovered talent. That's why, with the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games around the corner, we've launched Spots v Stripes.

We're asking the nation to choose sides and split into Spots or Stripes in order to play, what's quite possibly, the biggest, longest game ever. Footy, cricket, bike races, online games, games you've made up like full-contact tiddlywinks or even a simple game of 'tag'. You can play pretty much any game you can imagine. So how do you take part? First, pick the side you want to play for—Spots or Stripes. Then whenever you play a game against someone from the opposing side, the winner scores a point for his/her side. All the points will be logged online and updated live on our Score'o'tron. Spots v Stripes will be popping up all over the place. Alternatively, got an event coming up you would like us to come along to and deliver games at? Want us to pop down to your office, Care home or School? Give us a call to discuss your requirements and get the Spots v Sports crew to your area. Oh, and it's all **FREE**.

Also between now and 2012 Groundwork will be looking for volunteer Games Ambassadors to help support Spots v Stripes games and activities all year round. If you are interested in getting involved in the largest game the nation's ever seen then please contact: Ricky Bush—Community Games Co-ordinator, Groundwork South West—01752 217721 ext 416 (077663334321), ricky.bush@groundwork.co.uk

www.spotsvstripes.com

Visit our website: www.swindonsp.org.uk

Theme 4: A healthy, caring and supportive community

Want to do something different?



Could you spare some time to have some fun? Girlguiding South West England is waiting to hear from you!

Girls, young women and volunteers from all over the country have spent the past year celebrating 100 years of Girlguiding and now are excited to get going with the next 100! Here in the South West there are in excess of 7000 girls want to join the fun, but can't - simply because we don't have enough adult volunteers.

Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and Senior Section enjoy a wide range of games and activities at their weekly meetings and like to get out and about for trips away! Volunteers would be involved in supporting and enabling the girls get stuck in with what they set out to achieve as a unit or smaller patrol groups.

Volunteering with Girlguiding UK is a fantastic way to make a real difference to the lives of girls and young women in your community – and gain amazing experiences yourself. Whether you can help out every few months or make a regular weekly commitment, we can find a role to suit you.

For further information, to register your interest or chat about volunteering with the Project Worker, Esther Lomas or member of our team contact:

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New to Guiding?

Request an info pack to find out about how 'Guiding goes on' in South West England and how you could get involved.

Email – subject:
Info Pack



Current projects: Help urgently needed in Minety and Malmsbury for Guides who require an extra leader. Minety Brownies would love to re-open, they invite enquiries from those interested in leading or helping in any way. Please do get in touch if either opportunity interests you.

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

Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust

The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust



Registered Charity No 1073127



The Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust provide a Courtesy Home Security Service for older, vulnerable and disadvantaged people in Swindon and Wiltshire, who have become, or are at risk of becoming victims of house crime or domestic abuse.

Operators visit homes and conduct a full security survey and fire risk assessment. With the agreement of the client, devices are fitted to make the property secure. The Trust spends as much time as necessary to offer reassurance to clients and explain how to protect against crime in the home.

Referrals are made to by a variety of agencies, including the Police, Wiltshire Fire and Rescue, Victim Support, Age UK, Neighbourhood Watch and Social Services.

The Trust also offers talks to retirement clubs, where home security can be discussed in relaxed surroundings.

If you have a community group or club that you would like the Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust to come and give a talk, please call the office to arrange on 01225 794652.

And Finally.....

Forthcoming Events

29th January 2011—Coalition Event, Haydon Centre.
10.30—2.30—more information available from Michelle Trant on Swindon (01793) 466515 or e-mail to: mtrant@swindon.gov.uk

18th March 2011—9.00—4.00—SSP Conference, Great Western Hall, STEAM
Contact Janet Beattie for more information at jbeattie@swindon.gov.uk

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

Please send your comments to swindonsp@swindon.gov.uk



Next edition

If you have any articles for the Spring 2011 edition of "This is Swindon" please send to the Partnership Team at swindonsp@swindon.gov.uk by Friday 15th April 2011.

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