HESTERS WAY PARTNERSHIP

AGM and Partnership Meeting

21st November 2016
INTRODUCTION

The HWP has experienced a successful year.

We would like to thank the following for their contributions and commitment to the Partnership this year

- Thanks to Jenny Perkin and Jacquie Boyer plus Rachel Clifford and Andrew Stratton for all their hard work in making this possible.

- Thanks also to the Board of Directors for their commitment, support and guidance throughout the year.

- Thanks to the individuals, residents, volunteers, officers and organisations who attend meetings and commit time and energy to all our partnership projects.
ACHIEVEMENTS

The HWP key achievements;

- Sport and Play Project
- Dreamscheme Project
- 5th Green Flag Award
- Business Breakfast Club
- Easter Eggstravaganza
- Neighbourhood Development plan
- MUGA fundraising
- Glow Sports fundraising
- Public art fundraising
Thanks go out to all partners for their support and cooperation.

We would like to thank our funders this year;

- Cheltenham Borough Council (Positive Activities Fund – Sport and Play / Glow Sports)
- Cheltenham Borough Homes (Community Investment Grant)
- Police and Crime Commissioner (MUGA, Dreamscheme)
- Gloucestershire County Council (Active Together - MUGA)
- Think Travel, TCV and Feed in Tariff
- Bromford Living and Guinness Partnership for their valuable local contributions

- Thanks to all the Viewpoint advertisers
HWP provides £100,000 grant support to HWNP for facilities management of the centres. Thanks to Friends of Springbank (FoS) and all the volunteers for providing invaluable support.

Tenants provide financial viability and services to the local community including:

- Springbank Surgery and dentists / Hesters Way Healthy Living Centre
- Cheltenham Borough Homes
- Desirable Childcare – Nursery services
- The Cheltenham Pharmacy
- JT’s Cafe
- Other tenants; NHS, Carers Gloucestershire, District Nurses, Rethink, New Horizons, Andrew Bird Hearing, Mandarin Centre, Listening Post, the Cutting Shop, JT’s Cafe, People and Places.
- Local groups including; bowling, POPPS, walking groups, martial arts, yoga, line dancing, garden group, art groups and community cafe.
This year the HWP proportion of the CIG fund included the following projects:

- **Easter Eggstravaganza** community event
- **Viewpoint magazine** three issues
- **Meetings management**
  - Neighbourhood Coordination
  - Children and Young People
  - Neighbourhood development plans
- **Business Breakfast**
  - Nine speaker events
Hesters Way CRC
- Solar panels on track with 23000kW generated to date

Springbank CRC
- The wind turbine has generated 10,000 kWh to date
- Total income for the two projects since inception in April 2010 is > £10,000

Springfield Park
- In June Green Flag Status was renewed for a fifth time
Neighbourhood Development Plan is well under way with a Forum having been set up and an area of benefit agreed. The group has come up with visions and aspirations for west Cheltenham for the next near future. Ideas include;

- Promoting and expanding community facilities
- Green environment improvements
- Traffic and parking solutions
- Walking cycling and public transport for all
- Sustainable Housing
- Local Economic and employment opportunities

Plans to complete during 2017 are still on track.
Activities and Projects

- **Hesters Way Sport and Play Project** in KGV.
- A new **Glow Sports Project** to start in 2017
- **Dreamscheme**; at Rowanfield and Hesters Way Primary Schools local primary schools
- **MUGA**; Funds for a new MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) Negotiations due for completion before Xmas.
Evidence shows that criminal activity in the area is increasing for the first time in many years. There are over 4,000 recorded incidents per year.

- **Burglary is still a major issue** but aside from a small number of serious incidents crime rates are very low.
- It remains to be seen if the new reduced community policing budget in North Cheltenham Local Policing Area will have a detrimental to the service provision.
- The **Aston Project** has received positive feedback from various quarters and has further awards from the Police and Crime Commissioner.
Neighbourhood Coordination Meetings

- Addressing local issues e.g. **speeding**, **dog fouling**, **parking**, **drugs dealing**, **neighbour disputes**, **ASB**, **litter**, **burglaries**, **planning and development**
- **Partners include** Gloucestershire Police, CBH, CBC, GCC, Neighbourhood Watch, Churches, GlosCol, HWNP and Family Space
- **Mobile Soapbox** at local community events
- Addressing **development issues and the JCS**
VIEWPOINT Magazine;
Featuring local issues, stories, events and photos in West Cheltenham. Copies distributed throughout the area.

DIRECTORY
Updates directory of activities, groups and organisations and interactive map available on the website.

WEBSITE; www.hwpartnership.org.uk
Unique visits to the website this year total over 15,500. Useful for meeting minutes, links and background information.

TWITTER; @hwpartnership currently have 590+ followers.

FACEBOOK currently have 215+ likes.
Coronation Square
- Growth Asset Management continue with improvements and redevelopment of flats.
- New recent announcements but some key new tenants in the pipeline.

Springbank Shopping Centre
- Newland Homes undertook community consultation earlier in November.

Christ College Site
- The site is almost complete with 90 properties including 12 affordable and 6 shared ownership.

Cheltenham Spa Railway Station
- Plans for a development of the station ongoing. A new parking permit plan will be introduced in the new year.
OTHER ACTIVITIES

Other Hesters Way Partnership Activities;

- Chairing of Positive Participation Partnership (PPP)
- Member of Positive Lives Partnership (PLP)
- Midsummer Fiesta; www.midsummerfiesta.com
- Community and Mobile Soapbox
- Chairing and administering the Neighbourhood Coordination Panels for St Marks, Hesters Way, Springbank and Fiddlers Green.
- Cheltenham Cycle Forum membership
- VCS Round Table member
- VCS PPP and Public Art Panel representative

Thanks for listening and here’s to a successful 2016-17