

The Pulborough Community Partnership
– *Building a better future for Pulborough*
What's Happening?

The last issue of the Parish Magazine some of the projects that the Pulborough Community Partnership, are working on were reported.

This is a short review of some the other projects – for more details on any of these projects please contact Les Ampstead on 01798-875402.

Lower Street children's quiz packs

- Three quiz packs of information covering the buildings of Lower Street from Swan Corner to the Oddfellows are being developed by Jane Aylott with St Mary's school. These are designed to help local children understand how Pulborough village has developed and the way people live and work today and in the past.
- Initially the packs will be used as a resource for teachers in the local schools from the start of the September term. The packs will also allow teachers to take children behind the scenes in Pulborough businesses, discover where ghosts are allegedly found, but most of all, to see with new eyes and understand what is around them in the village in which most of them live.

Sports Facilities

- The extent of the proposed improvement of sports facilities for Pulborough is totally dependant on what funding can be made available. Maximising the funding of this major investment in the community is a key project for the Partnership. Getting grants takes time, expertise and persistence.
- This project, led by Russ Phillips, is now working with the Parish Council, each of the sports clubs and the social club to present our best case for grant support to a whole range of funding agencies, from national ones such as Sport UK to local ones like Horsham District Council.

Village Design Statement (VDS)

- The VDS is a document that will describe what everybody in Pulborough wants Pulborough to “look and feel” like. It will cover buildings size and style, the views we want, the use of space, planting of trees and shrubs and anything else that defines the look and feel we all want for Pulborough.
- The VDS will be used by developers and planners to help them manage inevitable change in a way that enhances the character of the village.
- We have a team of five local people led by Michael Comyn, including a Parish councillor, who will be consulting the community on what is required and developing the final document with the support of Horsham Planning Department over the next year or so.

Tourism

- Pulborough’s scenery and history are a great under recognised asset in expanding business within the area. This was the view of a recent study tour by a number of businesses supported by the Business in the Community programme.
- In response to the widespread view that we ought to develop business and employment within the area a project has been established run by Roger Patterson and Kevin McCluskie to examine, with relevant local business, what in reality is the tourism potential of the area and how best to realise it.

Community Partnership

Now that we have embarked on projects it was essential that a framework existed that set out the aims, objectives and disciplines that we would work to. To this end a Constitution for a Community Partnership has been produced and agreed with the Parish Council. The main aim of the Partnership is to oversee the implementation of the Projects that the Community identified. The first meeting of the Partnership is planned for Monday 5th July at 7.30 pm and is open to anyone who is interested in pursuing the objectives set out in the Action Plan.

Funding

On the 22nd April the South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) announced an investment of some £7 million in Small Rural Towns in the South East. Pulborough was listed as one of the Towns eligible to bid for funding, as it had carried out a Healthcheck, formed a Community Partnership and had an Action Plan to address the issues raised by the Community.

If you can help or want to know more about any of these projects or the others that the Partnership is engaged upon please contact: Les Ampstead (the programme facilitator) on 01798-875402 and lampstea@hotmail.com