

**Community Partnership Executive for North Dorset  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER TEAM REPORT  
Update, October - December 2008**

**24<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

<b>STRONG &amp; INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES</b>	
<b>Blandford Forum area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Shaping the Future” DT11 Forum CSP draft consultation period ended, final draft being prepared</li> <li>• Website launch postponed</li> <li>• Volunteer centre organising first community lunch in Blandford 26<sup>th</sup> November, DT11 exhibiting at event</li> <li>• Milborne St Andrew Parish Plan questionnaire prepared</li> </ul>
<b>Gillingham area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAN consultants received, report event being prepared for end January</li> <li>• Some support from outlying Parishes for Leisure &amp; Community Centre project</li> <li>• Fund-raiser appointed for Leisure &amp; Community Centre project</li> <li>• Website being revamped and modernised</li> </ul>
<b>Shaftesbury area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yeovil College preparing business plan for Community Hub, site selection ongoing</li> <li>• Review of CSP ongoing</li> </ul>
<b>Sturminster area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch of Local Products book</li> <li>• Successful Cittaslow event at Exchange held</li> <li>• Sturquest Community Partnership action plan consultation ongoing</li> <li>• New volunteers recruited to Partnership working groups</li> <li>• Successful community lunch held at Exchange</li> </ul>
<b>Stalbridge area</b>	
<b>District</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus groups involved in NDDC Equalities agenda</li> <li>• Successful themed workshop “Improving Access to Healthcare for Older People” on behalf of CPEND managed and facilitated by CDW team</li> <li>• CDW team involved in rationalising CPEND structure and work programmes</li> <li>• CDW representation at Dorset's Approach to Community Engagement</li> </ul>

<b>SAFER COMMUNITIES</b>	
<b>Blandford Forum area</b>	
<b>Gillingham area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDW continues to chair PACT meetings</li> </ul>
<b>Shaftesbury area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDW attending PACT meetings</li> </ul>
<b>Sturminster area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PCSOs continuing regular drop-in sessions at the Community Office</li> </ul>
<b>Stalbridge area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Community Beat Officer agreed to be on youth shelter steering group</li> </ul>
<b>District</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDW Team working with North Dorset Community Safety Partnership</li> <li>• CDW attending Dorset Safer Neighbourhood conference</li> </ul>

<b>HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING</b>	
<b>Blandford Forum area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BLCAG formal request to Parish Councils for funding, very mixed response</li> <li>• BLCAG website to go live imminently</li> <li>• BLCAG article in village magazines ongoing with request for parishioners to show support</li> <li>• Key stakeholder consultation on the development of the development of new football pitches on land to the north of the Blandford by-pass</li> </ul>

<b>Gillingham area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gillingham Area Leisure &amp; Community Centre planning decision granted</li> <li>• Leisure &amp; Community Centre project business plan presented to NDDC</li> <li>• Liaison work with Westminster Hospital project ongoing</li> <li>• Voluntary Car Scheme CRB checks complete</li> <li>• Healthy Walks group developing shorter walks scheme for GP referrals etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Shaftesbury area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shaftesbury Swimming Pool group formally hosted at Taskforce offices</li> <li>• Shaftesbury Leisure Centre is closing– Business plan awaited for swimming pool and facilities on Barton Hill</li> <li>• Adult Education and PCT applications for Hope group (Mental Health) successful, taskforce agreed to provide limited administrative support</li> </ul>
<b>Sturminster area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management agreement being finalised between St Osmond's Trust, DCC and School</li> <li>• Discussions between PCT and Age Concern over future management of Hydro Pool ongoing</li> <li>• North Dorset Netball club have applied for small grant funding</li> </ul>
<b>Stalbridge area</b>	
<b>District</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding secured for Women's Day (Women's Action Network Dorset) in March</li> <li>• Working group for CPEND and CDW team to establish project plan for “health hotline” following accessibility workshop</li> </ul>

<b>CULTURE</b>	
<b>Blandford Forum area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New arts &amp; culture working group established to identify opportunities for art gallery and exhibition centre</li> </ul>
<b>Gillingham area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Shaftesbury area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following successful Gold Hill Fair Parade have been approached for support for event next year</li> </ul>
<b>Sturminster area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iyami music project recruiting underway</li> </ul>
<b>Stalbridge area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>District</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

<b>OLDER PEOPLE</b>	
<b>Blandford Forum area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigating funding for Age Concern/NORCAT new community bus</li> </ul>
<b>Gillingham area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary car scheme CRB checks complete, launching in January</li> </ul>
<b>Shaftesbury area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with POPPS on bid for League of Friends for Westminster Hospital</li> </ul>
<b>Sturminster area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular liaison meetings with POPPS</li> <li>• Working and training with volunteers at Community Office</li> </ul>
<b>Stalbridge area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>District</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful themed meeting on “Access to Healthcare for Older People”</li> <li>• Involved in POPPS wayfinders evaluation</li> </ul>

<b>YOUNG PEOPLE</b>	
<b>Blandford Forum area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New trustees at Treads, new project manager to be appointed, request for support for new projects received</li> </ul>
<b>Gillingham area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fledgling Young Peoples assembly have given permission for changes to the skate park as part of the Leisure &amp; Community Centre redevelopment</li> </ul>
<b>Shaftesbury area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy eating café funding approved through CPEND small grants</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taskforce approached by DCC to help set North Dorset Youth Assembly</li> </ul>
<b>Sturminster area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IT Diploma have completed Sturquest website, ready for proof-reading</li> <li>• Supporting recruitment for Iyami music project</li> <li>• Meeting held with Student Council and sub-committee formed to help with Sturquest consultation for action plan</li> <li>• Meeting with new area youth worker for Sturminster &amp; Stalbridge</li> <li>• Provisional group formed to develop skate park consultation</li> </ul>
<b>Stalbridge area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steering group meeting for youth shelter arranged</li> <li>• Met with Stalbridge Youth Centre members</li> <li>• Initial meeting held to look at development of Jarvis Field play area</li> </ul>
<b>District</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDW representation on the 0-19 Third Sector Forum</li> <li>• CDW representation on the Children &amp; Young People's Plan for Dorset</li> <li>• CDW representation at the Information, Advice and Guidance conference for young people</li> </ul>

<b>ECONOMY</b>	
<b>Blandford Forum area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RDA have offered DT11, through the CSP, £5k to look at marketing of town centre in association with local traders</li> <li>• DT11 has been approached by Wimborne to look at joint marketing strategy</li> </ul>
<b>Gillingham area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Shaftesbury area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tesco EIA tender about to go out to consultants</li> </ul>
<b>Sturminster area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation given to Chamber of Commerce and discussion with Chair regarding support for local businesses</li> <li>• Successful Cittaslow event</li> </ul>
<b>Stalbridge area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>District</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skills survey postponed</li> <li>• CPEND has ongoing involvement with the Sowing Seeds LAG, draft local delivery plan due end November 2008</li> <li>• Provisional meeting with North Dorset Skills Broker about Train to Gain</li> </ul>

<b>TRANSPORT &amp; ACCESS</b>	
<b>Blandford Forum area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Gillingham area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary Car Scheme as above</li> </ul>
<b>Shaftesbury area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans for Gateways to town are being developed</li> </ul>
<b>Sturminster area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Stalbridge area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
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<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>	
<b>Blandford Forum area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stour meadows improvement working group established and have had consultation with Environment Agency</li> <li>• Climate change group formed and DT11 has joined Climate change Coalition</li> <li>• Stourpaine Bridge working group formed</li> <li>• DT11 has been asked to pilot community carbon toolkit through climate change coalition</li> </ul>
<b>Gillingham area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land transfers still not resolved</li> </ul>
<b>Shaftesbury area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motcombe Allotments bid to DSP small grants</li> </ul>

<b>Sturminster area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition Towns Sturminster Newton, held. Group formed.</li> <li>• Open Spaces group reviewing action plan to incorporate transition towns and Dorset rural roads approach</li> </ul>
<b>Stalbridge area</b>	•
<b>District</b>	•

<b>AFFORDABLE HOUSING</b>	
<b>Blandford Forum area</b>	•
<b>Gillingham area</b>	•
<b>Shaftesbury area</b>	•
<b>Sturminster area</b>	•
<b>Stalbridge area</b>	•
<b>District</b>	• CDW representation at Signpost Housing Stakeholders conference

CDW Team, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008

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