



Community Planning E-Newsletter



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Welcome to our sixth community planning e-newsletter.

Again, we have attempted to cover a range of information that may help you, whether you are considering doing a community plan; already undertaking or reviewing one; or taking forward projects from a plan.

In this issue we have included an article on climate change - that can often cause concern or interest in communities and frequently get mentioned during the community planning process.

Best wishes from the Community Planning Team at CRCC.

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If your email address has changed please let us know so we can update our records.

Also if you think others might like to receive a copy of our e-newsletter then ask them to request one by sending us an email (see the bottom of this page for our contact details) with their name and email address. It would also be helpful to know if they are a Parish Councillor, a member of a local community group or just someone who is interested in reading it. Many thanks.



CORNWALL SUSTAINABLE VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2010

CRCC and SITA UK are running a new competition for villages across Cornwall with a population of 5,000 or less, and offering prize money ranging from £200 to £1,000. The winning village will also be invited to take part in a short professional film showcase.

Entrants will be judged across the following four themes:

- * local economy
- * village amenities
- * planning for the future
- * renewable energy and reducing environmental impact.

The deadline for entries is 31 July 2010.

For a profile form please contact Sharon Davey tel. 01872 273952 or email: communityplanning@cornwallrcc.co.uk.

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Everyone is aware that the Earth's climate is changing and it is an issue that is high on the political agenda. Action needs to be taken at all levels to help reduce the risks. The impacts of climate change can include flooding and droughts, but this will vary from place to place. Local councils/ community groups can play a role. A first step is to assess the risks in your community and take

action to help prepare for a changing climate.

Things to ask residents include:

- Isolation. Would any resident be isolated in the event of major weather problems ie flooding in Boscastle?; Would any resident be able to offer assistance to isolated individuals eg the owner of a 4x4?
- Sustainable transport. Would individuals consider car sharing? If a cycle path were created would any cyclists be interested?
- New-build/improvement projects. Would residents consider use of solar paneling, water conservation measures, ventilation equipment etc?
- Renewable energy. Would your community consider the use of such energy sources as wind, wave, etc?
- Local food. If local allotments were introduced would any residents be interested in growing their own food. If local farmers were willing to sell their produce locally ie farm shop would anyone be interested?
- Recycling. Would your community be willing to recycle garden waste ie composting?
- Co-op. Would anyone be interested in joining a co-op to purchase oil in bulk and thereby reducing costs?

Community Plans can play a vital role by consulting with the community and identifying actions they can make. Whether you ask about interest in allotments; or thoughts on renewable energy sources, these can help inform your community plan. Everyone can help - even if you: create a wildlife area; introduce bird boxes and feeders to an appropriate area; plant wild flowers; promote waste reduction (eg switch off a light as you leave a room, take a shower not a bath); etc.

Please note that where articles are contributed by partner organisations, (or by CRCC staff not within the Community Planning Team), contact details for further information or clarification are included as appropriate.

YOUTH

A community plan should consult with all members of a community. Youth is only one of the many themes that a plan could include. There are many ways to engage young people in the community plan process: a planning event - which is a visual map of the parish where you can place comments exactly where in the parish you wish; young people making a video of where they live/issues they feel passionate about; a youth questionnaire specifically designed for young people to give their views; one-to-one discussions with a group of young people; etc. In a parish appraisal some of the questions could include: Are you interested in a youth cafe? Do you think the playing field needs improvements?

But remember young people might want to influence future plans (not just focus on the current needs) eg housing, sustainability, getting involved in local projects and joining a youth council, etc.



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HELP LINK IN CORNWALL SPEAK WITH A STRONGER VOICE

The role of LINK in Cornwall is to listen to what you think is and is not working well with health and social care services and to bring your voices into the decision making processes of the people who plan and run these services.



It is an independent network run locally by individuals, groups and organisations. They are supported by Cornwall Rural Community Council working in partnership with Inter-Link Cornwall and Age Concern.

Here are some ways in which local people and their stories are already making a difference:

- LINK has a Task Group looking at access and availability of NHS dental treatment in Cornwall. From discussions with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) at our Dental Task Group the PCT will be writing a new Dental Strategy for Cornwall this year and LINK will be involved in this process. If you have anything you'd like to suggest be involved in this strategy please get in touch.
- LINK is also beginning to look at transport to services and will be involved in a group being set up to look at how transport to health and social care service can be improved. If you would like to feed in any suggestions you have to improve transport services please get in touch.

The more people who join in with LINK in Cornwall the more impact it will have on existing and future health and social care services. LINK in Cornwall has a statutory right to be heard. *Join in, take part!*
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