



## **Neighbourhoods Bulletin** **August 2011**

Welcome to our August 2011 edition of the Neighbourhoods in Warrington monthly bulletin, which will give you a brief summary of what is happening in all areas. We hope you find it interesting and informative.

### **What has been happening in the SOUTH AREA?**

At the last **south area board** meeting on Tuesday 5 July working group members outlined their achievements towards delivering the area plan, and where further work is needed. Achievements included reduction in anti-social behaviour due to projects such as Broomfield's Youth Project, and more children's and youth activities at Westy Community Centre, reduction of isolated older people due to activities such as Senior Social in Lymm and Hatton Senior lunches, and improved health due to the work of the well being mentor, health drop ins and health walks. Areas where more work is happening include reducing smoking in Latchford East, supporting voluntary run youth organisations, and supporting Westy Credit Union.

The board also discussed the Local Transport Plan (LTP3) funding **for projects that will improve the transport network for pedestrians and cyclists**. The south area has £12,000 to spend on such improvements over this financial year. Projects could include items such as dropped kerbs, cycle stands and traffic islands. The board agreed that the Community Capacity and Transport working group would short list projects for the board approval in September. If you have any projects that you would like considering please email David Boyer on [dboyer@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:dboyer@warrington.gov.uk)

A meeting was held in **Appleton Thorne** to discuss the possibility of a **play area** in the village. At present villagers walk about 30 minutes to the nearest play area, meaning that time to use the area is limited. Sharon Harris, Appleton Parish Councillor, and teacher at Applethorne Primary School, has been working on this project, and has identified some potential land near Appleton YO1.

**Inspector Gary McIntyre** is leaving the south area and taking up a new post as Detective Chief Inspector. In recognition of his hard work Stockton Heath Parish Council has awarded him freedom of the parish. Gary says that he feels a sense of belonging to the area, and notes that it is again unbelievable that in June we

have recorded the lowest ever crime rate in South area at 155 crimes. It was only a few months ago we recorded the lowest ever crime rate at 183 crimes. This is testament to the fantastic partnership working across the area.

The **South Area Local Fund** funds community groups for projects that meet the priorities of the area plan. It can provide funding up to £1,000, or with working group support up to £3,000. **Community Chest** funds community groups who have smaller projects to make a difference in their community. The deadlines for applications for both these funds are, 26 August, 7 October, 18 November. For an application pack and more information please contact Michelle Butterworth on 01925 572072. The following grants were awarded in the last funding round:

- £1,000 commissioning to set up Can Do Club in south area, to support people out of work.
- £210 to 2137 Lymm Air Training Corps for hoodies for new recruits.
- £1,000 to Sir Thomas Boteler School for music event, Boteler Out Loud.
- £800 to Grappenhall Sports Football Club for storage facilities.
- £3,000 to Warrington Youth for Christ towards React Family Fun Days at Victoria Park and Broomfields.

### **What is coming up in the next few months.....?**

A group of residents, along with Stronger Together, borough councillors and organisations in Latchford West are working together to form a **new group to represent Latchford West**. They are organising a couple of community events to listen to the local community and to encourage people to get involved in the new group. These include an afternoon tea at St Hilda's Mission, Slater Street on 4 August at 2.00pm, where you can find out more about the community event that they are planning for the autumn. For more information please contact Michelle Butterworth on 01925 572072.

A **new plan for Latchford East** is currently being developed with Stronger Together and Blatchford East ward forum. West Community plan was formed in 2002 and the new plan will look at progress since then and what the local community and service providers see we need to do next. To get involved come along to Westy Community Centre on Wednesday 10 August at 1.00pm. For more information please contact Michelle Butterworth on 572072.

**VPX** will be at Victoria Park on Tuesdays 2, 9, 16, and 23 August from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Last year this event attracted 500 people and a Cheshire and Warrington Sports Partnership award for innovation. Come along and get involved in this free event and enjoy Rampworx, MC and DJ workshops, football, rugby, basketball, golf and face painting. For further information contact Tom Reid or Tony Spruce on 01244 612630 or go to [facebook.com/vpxwarrington](https://facebook.com/vpxwarrington).

**Play schemes** will be happening in the following places this summer:  
Quays Community Centre, 1-19 August, 10.00am to 12 noon

St Margaret's Community Centre 1-19 August, 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
Cobbs Infant School 1-12 August, 10.00am to 12 noon  
Appleton Parish Hall, 15-26 August, 10.00am to 12 noon  
Westy Community Centre 11,18 and 25 August, 1.00pm Forest School Walks

Also the **Mobile Play Team** will be at  
Elizabeth Park, Thelwall, 15-19 August, 10.30am to 12.30pm  
Ridgeway Grundy Park, Lymm, 15–19 August, 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
Victoria Park,15-19 August, 2.00pm to 4.00pm

**Working groups** are delivering the priorities of the south area plan, and would like to invite anyone who has an interest in making a difference in the south to get involved. The next meetings of these working groups are as follows:

- 24 August, Credit Crunch, supporting people back into employment, especially NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) young people, and supporting people affected by the current economic climate.
- 22 August, Neighbourhood Action Team – reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 13 September South Scoff – a networking meeting for people who live and work in the south area.