



Welcome

Welcome to the latest issue of **Communicate**. Please use it to share news from [Wychavon Strategic Partnership](#), the three area-based [LSPs](#) and the [Worcestershire Partnership](#) with your colleagues and networks. Get in touch with Tracy with your comments or content for the next issue by 20 May 2013.

[Audrey Steel](#) – Strategic Partnership Chair
[Tracy Perkins](#) – Wychavon Council

Strategic Partnership (SP)

The Partnership last met on 27 March 2013. Click [here](#) to view the agenda and minutes.

We heard about the Shenstone Group, its background, membership and the role of the Group. The Shenstone Group has been working on [Worcestershire Next Generation](#), which we will hear more about at our next meeting.

We looked at the latest [Worcestershire Viewpoint](#) results for Wychavon and the three area LSPs. These will be useful for partners when setting their annual priorities.

We reviewed and gave feedback on the **action plans** produced by the three area-based partnerships. These were signed off by [Wychavon's Executive Board](#) on 23 April and will shortly be available on the Wychavon website.

We had a presentation on the **Alcohol and Obesity Plans** 2013-2016 and their key aims. The plans were recently approved by the Worcestershire Health and Well-being Board.



The future direction of the Opportunity Vale of Evesham (OVoe) project has been discussed and it has been agreed that:

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- OVoe maintains its presence in the existing areas and these become the core communities.
- Certain elements of the OVoe project are extended to other communities within the existing wards, such as Wickhamford, Childswickham, Aldington and Lenchwick
- Certain elements of the OVoe project are extended into three new rural wards to enable the OVoe project to operate within the South East of Wychavon. These three new rural wards will be Honeybourne and Pebworth, The Littletons and Brefforton and Offenham

For more information contact Project Manager - [David Manning](#).

Local partnerships

[Droitwich Area Partnership \(DSAP\)](#)

[Evesham Market Town Partnership \(EMTP\)](#)

About 225 people attended the first public consultation meeting for Evesham's Town Plan. The event wasn't what people expected, and that was quite intentional. Our Town Plan proposals will be built on the hopes and ideas of residents, not presenting our ideas to rows of seats. It was great to see so many people getting stuck in and putting up their 'likes', 'dislikes' and hopes and dreams for the future of the town. We have over 1,000 contributions to collate, and they will be made public in due course and fed into the working groups we are setting up. We also need to get the involvement of more young people, younger adults and the surrounding villages who are customers of the town. Later in the year there will be another public meeting to share our progress and, almost certainly, ask residents to do a bit more work for us.

[Pershore Market Town Partnership \(PMTP\)](#)

The Partnership received a presentation by Ian Binks from British Telecommunications about the upcoming improved Superfast Broadband roll out. The cabinets within Pershore will enable the majority of commercial and private premises to have access to Superfast Broadband. This will be a significant upgrade to the current provision in Pershore.

The installation of a two Mega Watt hydropower unit at Pershore Weir has finally received approval from the Environment Agency and is expected to go ahead later this year.

[Worcestershire Partnership \(WP\)](#)

To support the new governance structure the Partnership Team has recently undergone a staffing restructure.

[Alan Smith](#) is the new Worcestershire Partnership Relationship Manager. Alan is responsible for driving the Partnership forward, fostering constructive relationships to share best practice, innovation and ideas in order to support partners to achieve their goals.

The dedicated funding post has now gone but Alan will continue to signpost partners to funding opportunities. You can still continue to access the free funding information website funded by the Partnership which provides a comprehensive database of funding opportunities including government, lottery, EU, non-government and other available funding in Worcestershire. For more details visit [Worcestershire 4 Funding](#).

Other news

Wychavon District Council has a new set of promises to deliver as part of its four year strategy which takes the council up until April 2016. The promises for the year ahead and beyond cover the council's three priorities: **strong economy, strong environment and strong communities**. Click [here](#) to find out more.

HealthWatch is the independent consumer champion for the public - locally and nationally - to promote better outcomes in health for all and in social care for adults. You can learn all about its vision and strategy and what its work involves [here](#).

Wychavon budget consultation

Further government funding cuts mean that Wychavon District Council needs to save another £1.4 million over the next two years. On 1 May, the council launches a two month long spending priorities consultation exercise. Residents and businesses are invited to have their say to help Wychavon make the right decisions when it sets its budget for 2014/15 and beyond. To find out more, or to give your views if you are a Wychavon resident, go to www.wychavon.gov.uk/budget2013. Businesses can give their views at www.wychavon.gov.uk/spending2013.

Useful web links

[Federation of Small Businesses](#)

[Evesham Our Future](#)

[Evesham Cardiac Rehab](#)

[St Richard's Hospice expansion plans](#)

Out now

[Police and Crime Plan](#)

[First Voice of Business](#) – the magazine of the FSB

[WYCHAVON magazine](#) – due out w/c 6 May –

Diary dates

Wychavon Strategic Partnership:

21 May 2013

Droitwich Area Partnership:

5 June 2013

Evesham Market Town Partnership:

13 June 2013

Pershore Market Town Partnership:

18 June 2013

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