

Connecting Communities: Update for Parishes Liaison Meeting, Wednesday 17th June

As reported previously to Parishes Liaison, our Connecting Communities Forums are designed to help local elected members, parish councils, public services and residents to work better together to address areas of local concern. Three Forums are currently operating- in the Somer Valley, Chew Valley and the Keynsham area. The next steps for Connecting Communities are:

- To extend the Area Forum approach to the Bathavon area- an initial workshop on this is planned for 23rd July
- To hold a series of workshops (details below) to support the production of shared action plans by the three existing Forums, based on priorities the Forums themselves have identified
- To continue to refine and improve how the Forums operate, building on the outcomes of these workshops and our work so far, with the aim of:
 - ✓ Involving more local groups and residents
 - ✓ More effective use of time at the Forums
 - ✓ Greater involvement of partners

In addition-

- Area Profiles have now been produced with local data
- The Working Group on Options to strengthen community representation and civic governance within Bath meets again on 19th June at 12.30 in The Guildhall. Papers for the meeting have been circulated to parishes.

Details of Area Forum Action Planning Workshops

Chew Valley	5pm, 20 July	The Wellsway, Harptree Hill, Harptree
Bathavon (initial workshop)	5pm, 23 July	St Gregory's School Hall, Odd Down
Keynsham	5pm, 28 July	Community Space
Somer Valley	5pm, 30 July	Conygre Hall, Timsbury

Further information on Connecting Communities is available on this link:

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/neighbourhoods-and-community-safety/localism-and-community-planning>

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