

GLoucester Partnership Update

Welcome to the May 2010 edition of the Gloucester Partnership Update providing the latest information on what's happening in the Partnership, partner news, knowledge and training.

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Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile

On Sunday 21st March the Sports Development Service at Gloucester City Council hosted the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile at Gloucester Park.



This fantastic family event brought our City together to raise money for poor and disadvantaged children living in the U.K and abroad. The 1, 3 and 6 mile routes saw just under four hundred participants venture through the heart of the City Centre to complete their miles taking in two of Gloucester's finest assets The Docks and The Cathedral.

Also embracing this fantastic event were Star FM who pumped up the crowd with a mass warm up, Gloucester Play Rangers who kept spectators entertained and a visit from the Gloucester Mayor to gear up the runners and start the race. A raffle was also organised with 10 prizes up for grabs which raised even more money for this great cause.

Launch of the new StreetGames Summer Term

As from 19th April onwards there will be seven weekly sessions in Tuffley, Matson, Tredworth, Linden, Kingsholm, Podsmead and Robinswood, then from 2nd June onwards an additional session in Kingsway will be added.



This will be the largest StreetGames programme offered to date. With participant figures rising this is set to be an enjoyable programme for the lead up to the summer! To see the new flyer in all it's glory and for more information please visit: <http://www.gloucester.gov.uk/Freetime/SportsDevelopment/sports.aspx>

Spring into Action and Join one of the Gloucester City Health Walks



Download our latest Walks Schedule

Put your best foot forward this Spring/Summer and join one of the regular Health Walks in Gloucester. For details of walks together with further news and information click [here](#)



The Gloucester Partnership is part of the Gloucestershire Conference. For further information please visit

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=3987>

Visit the Gloucester Partnership website to find out more

www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk



Quedgeley Wanderers investing in its 'Stars of the Future'

After last years successful Under 10s trip to play at Wembley, the committee of QWFC recently arranged for 60 boys and girls from other age groups to benefit from a days professional coaching at the world renowned National Centre of Excellence at Lilleshall.



Photograph by courtesy of Peter Teague Photography

Groups from Under 16's, Under 13's and Under 9's boys along with the Under 16's girls team took part in this exciting opportunity to be trained by some of the country's leading football coaches.

Lilleshall boasts some of the best sporting facilities in the country and often plays host to National Teams including England Ladies and England Under 21 football teams as well as visiting teams from abroad and other world class athletes from other sports such as gymnastics

Access to Youth Offer funding from Gloucester Children & Young People's Action Group (CYPAG) supported this Lilleshall trip. This funding is targeted at mainly young people aged 13 – 19 providing opportunities for young people to take part in sport, leisure and cultural activities.

FITNESS FOR ALL AGES



Buggy Fit (sponsored by Sports Development)

Buggy Fit is a national scheme which offers a sociable and effective opportunity for mums with buggy-aged children to exercise in a local open space. Run by Karen Crockett in Gloucester, the sessions are starting from 19th April and will take place every Monday at 1.45pm in Barnwood Park and Thursdays at 11.30am in Clock Tower Park. The hour-long sessions offer a series of toning and strengthening exercises. Karen is a qualified post-natal specialist and so the emphasis of the class is perfect for mums with babies. For further information visit <http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Events.aspx>

Active and Able

Seven weekly Active and Able classes are running in six venues in the Gloucester area. The sessions are aimed at an older audience and exercises concentrate on core strength and balance to help with falls prevention.



The class instructor, Simon Grodentz, leads the groups through a series of exercises from a seated or standing position using some basic equipment. The classes are fun and sociable and feedback from the participants has been very positive. Currently there are around 70 participants attending the sessions on a weekly basis. For more information please contact the Physical Activity Improvement Officer on 01452 396707 or e-mail sports.development@gloucester.gov.uk

Training

The Gloucester Partnership is a member of the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) and as part of our membership we receive a number of free places on their training courses.



Click [here](#) for the latest training programme. If you are interested in attending a course that would benefit you and the Partnership, please contact Mary Little, 01452 396976 mary.little@gloucester.gov.uk

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

At the last Executive meeting two important papers were presented to the board. The first was an evaluation of the last two years delivery against the Sustainable Community Strategy; the LSP Officer on behalf of the thematic chairs presented this to the board. This can be found at: http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Sustainable_Community_Strategy/Evaluation.aspx

The second was a recommendations paper, which was developed by the Executive Working Group. The board agreed all recommendations which included a new structure and improved links with the County LSP. The Board in its current form will meet for the last time in May before the new structure is rolled out in July.

For further information contact Lorna Robinson on 01452 39 6983 or email lorna.robinson@gloucester.gov.uk

Gloucester City Council

Local and District Shopping Centre Health Check Questionnaire April/May 2010

Gloucester City Council is currently in the process of undertaking research into the 'health' of local and district centres in Gloucester. Local and district centres are concentrations of shops and / or services designed to meet the everyday needs of the local community. In Gloucester there are 12, as set out below.



The results from this questionnaire will help shape future policy and identify any improvements that could be made to the centres during the future. The 12 identified Local or District centres are:

- Barton Street
- Bristol Road, Quedgeley
- Coney Hill Parade
- Finlay Road, Robinswood
- Glevum Way, Abbeydale
- High Street, Tredworth
- Hucclecote Road
- Matson Avenue
- Old Cheltenham Road, Longlevens
- Seymour Road, Linden
- Windsor Drive, Tuffley
- Seventh Avenue, Tuffley

Your feedback is needed! To complete the questionnaire or to obtain further information please visit www.gct-jcs.org.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Please visit the Gloucester Partnership website [Conferences and Events](#) for a list of meetings and events for 2010/11. If you would like more information on a meeting or event please contact Mary Little, contact details below (unless contact details are given).

Don't have Internet access?



If you don't have access to the Internet then please contact us and we will be able to send you hard copies of any further information you require. Contact: Mary Little, 01452 396976

Knowledge

"Keeping you informed of the latest developments in partnership working and creating sustainable communities"

The March edition of the Local Government Association Analysis and Research Bulletin is now available:

Please visit http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Updates_and_Bulletins.aspx for further details. The Bulletin includes links to:

The social determinants of health and the role of local government

This collection of articles published by the IDeA, assesses what local government can do to tackle the social conditions that lead to health inequalities.

Rural insights resident survey 2009

This Commission for Rural Communities (CRC) report provides information on; rurality and rural England, area, quality of life and economy, rural priorities and rural disadvantage.

Protect, support, provide: examining the role played by grandparents in families at risk of poverty

Research from The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) and Grandparents Plus, highlights that grandparents in families most at risk of poverty are under increasing pressure to take on a caring role.

How can we make the housing market more stable for vulnerable households?

This Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) publication gives two different perspectives on the kinds of reforms needed to provide long-term, secure housing for the people least able to afford it.

CLES BRIEFINGS

The Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) have recently produced the following publications:

- Local Work 99: Recovery from recession: A view from the Northwest
- Glossary of Regeneration & Local Economic Development 7th edition
- Demonstrating the local economic and social value of grant making with the vcs: think piece
- Local Work 100: Raising aspirations and tackling deprivation in King's Lynn: Lessons from 'Learning Catalysts'

To download the full documents together with previous bulletins visit the Gloucester Partnership website: http://www.gloucesterpartnership.org.uk/Updates_and_Bulletins.aspx

Contact Us!

We would like to hear about any news or events from your organisation that we can include in the next edition of Gloucester Partnership Update. Please contact Mary using the details below by Friday 18th June 2010. We are also keen to hear any comments you have about this newsletter:

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