

**Community Vibrancy
Working Group Reports
(combined)**

Name of Project	South Devon Rural Transport Partnership
Date	11 June 2007
Summary of Progress	<p>Given the SDRTP ceased to exist after 31 March 2007, a small working group met on 23 April to look at any outstanding issues. The notes of the meeting are attached.</p> <p>It was felt by the group that the key outstanding actions could be picked up by the existing officer resources, but the additional pressures to the Devon Rural Transport Partnership (DRTP) – itself only funded until March 2008 - should be drawn to the attention of partners.</p>
Milestone Reached	<p>Shopmobility project - has a steering group formed, when/if the Lottery bid for the project is secured. DCC have now confirmed the £30,000 match-funding contribution from the Local Transport Plan can be carried forward to 2007/08, if the Lottery bid is successful.</p> <p>Devon Wheels to Work project - has been launched. A funding bid for the South Hams element of the project is expected to be received to SHDC in due course.</p>
Issues for SHSP to consider	Access to patient transport remains a key issue for remote rural South Hams communities and the current service providers in the voluntary sector.
Action recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHSP to continue liaison with Dilys Slater and request future updates on patient transport. • SHSP partners to be asked to help promote the Wheels to Work scheme. • SHSP to request an up-date from DRTP on the results of the Rural Carers project.

South Devon Rural Transport Partnership – Outstanding actions at 23 April 2007

Present: Roger Grainger, Matt Bell, Lynn Thornton, Amanda Denham, Kay Dawson and Amanda Harvey.

Work area	Action	Who
1. Transport Needs Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can this now be captured by future parish planning activities? • LT believes she has previously provided some generic questions to be asked in PP questionnaires / exercises. • Any actions resulting from PP will need to be sign-posted to relevant organisation, such as: DRTP / Community or Public Transport Teams at DCC. 	<p>MB to liaise with CCD over inclusion of transport-related questions by future PP groups.</p> <p>KD to up-date the 'Who can help us' sheet, and provide contact details in SHSP responses to new PP.</p>
2. Ring and Ride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingsbridge area remains unserved by a Ring and Ride service, but does have several community buses. 	<p>DCC Community Transport Team to continue 'watching brief'.</p>
3. Accessible vehicles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific outstanding actions. 	<p>DCC Community Transport Team to continue 'watching brief'.</p>
4. Transport to Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remains a key area of concern, especially for gap areas identified in the South Hams, but work is still underway to establish what / how the services will operate. 	<p>SHSP to continue liaison with Dilys Slater and request future up-dates.</p>
5. Wheels to Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project launched in April 07, but no service yet delivered in South Hams. • CGF application awaiting further details. • Project will need promotion across the South Hams. • Project has links with Devon Pound. 	<p>KD to assess completed application on receipt.</p> <p>SHSP partners to be asked to help promote the scheme.</p> <p>MB to follow up potential links to Devon Pound.</p>
6. Transport leaflets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed for Buckfastleigh, Ashburton and Totnes. Ivybridge already had leaflet. These need to be kept up-to-date. • Dartmouth and Kingsbridge have not yet produced a leaflet, nor have any South Hams parishes. • A template exists that can be reused. • CGF and locality budgets could help printing costs. 	<p>KD to email clerks to see if any interest in producing a transport leaflet.</p> <p>DCC Community Transport Team could offer support.</p> <p>See also 12. Volunteer Drivers below.</p>
7. Shopmobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting outcome of lottery bid, expected May / June 07. • Steering Group is in place. • Longer term sustainability issues as this is not an income generating project. 	<p>DRTP to continue to offer support to the steering group.</p>

8. Partnership working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific outstanding actions. 	D RTP to continue.
9. Rural carers project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation event on 4th May 07 should high-light key needs. 	D RTP to provide future update to SHSP.
10. Support for Community Transport organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific outstanding actions. 	D RTP to continue to offer support to groups.
11. Information hub.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility Planning activities – South Hams coastal fringe was identified as a priority area. However, this piece of work is not likely to be progressed until 2011, as although poor public transport provision the area it is not recognised as deprived. 	No specific action identified.
12. Volunteer Drivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No specific outstanding actions. 	<p>K D to raise awareness with CVS / Volunteer Centre.</p> <p>Potential to advertise on future transport information leaflets or SHSP newsletter.</p>

Name of Project	Community Planning
Date	11 June 2007
Summary of Progress	<p>Community Planning Database: Funding has been secured through Devon Renaissance for the South Hams element of the project (Objective 2). The tender has been advertised. The suppliers should be appointed in August and the first working prototype should be with us during September. However, this may change according to the supplier's own timetable.</p> <p>Town and Parish Plans: New enquiries and meetings with Stoke Gabriel and Bigbury parish representatives. As reported at the last meeting, the MCTi group in Kingsbridge (KSAP) has been unable to secure funding for support services, and has, for the time-being, limited its activities to those of the core group of volunteers.</p> <p>Other: The Devon Towns Forum on 14th July is looking at improving community engagement. Any SHSP partners keen to attend should contact Devon Towns Forum on: info@devontownsforum.org.uk or 01805 624874</p>
Issues for SHSP to consider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to "Better 2 tier working" and consistent support for community planning.
Action recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued support

Name of Project	South Hams Volunteer Centre
Date	11 June 2007
Summary of Progress	<p>The Volunteer Centre is progressing well and is near to placing the 100th volunteer.</p> <p>It will be 'Volunteers Week' during the first week of June and there will be a display in reception at SHDC encouraging the benefits of volunteering.</p> <p>Discussions have taken place about Employee Volunteering and a meeting will be held with interested partners in due course.</p>
Issues for SHSP to consider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging staff to volunteer. • Presentation by the Volunteer Centre Coordinator to the SHSP.
Action recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your organisation is seeking support the enabling employee volunteering, or just to promote volunteering amongst your teams of staff, please contact either Laura Whitehead or Howard Owen on 01803 862266.

Name of Project	ACTIVE SOUTH HAMS
Date	11 June 2007
Summary of Progress	<p>Physical Activity & Community Sports Network Active South Hams formally recognised as the above network to promote physical activity, sport and healthy well being across South Hams. Terms of reference and local Action Plan developed.</p> <p>Big Lottery Fund – Play Bid Completed and submitted in March. Various projects included with local partners; Skate parks, Play Bus, Play Rangers & Play Schemes.</p> <p>Leisure Youth Nights Good participation still, slight fall in numbers with summer evenings. Lots of staff training taken place – leisure & youth service. Developing closer links with local clubs and coaches – apply for Youth Opportunity Funding to develop activities.</p> <p>Health Walks Since start of scheme last summer; 200 participants walking 1,500 times, 25 leaders, 7 weekly walks across 4 towns. Dartmouth due to start this summer. Successful in attracting people with poor mental health, learning difficulties and those from isolated areas. But need to attract those from GP referrals.</p> <p>Green Exercise Projects Submitted bid to Natural England for a pilot project to develop ‘green’ activities across South Hams to use the outdoors.</p> <p>Tone Leisure Development Review of Exercise Referral programme taken place, Flexercise programme to care homes about to start, as well as junior holiday camps.</p>
Issues for SHSP to consider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Walks DCC PSA2 funding now spent on development. Without additional new funding, scheme has been re-shaped to a voluntary project with ongoing staff support from Tone Leisure, SHDC and PCT. • Sport England / Active People Review of Regional Plan for Sport taking place; 2009 -13, continue focus on community sport, links with 2012 Olympics. Results / targets from Active People survey for each LA area very important – set local targets.
Action recommended	To continue to support the work of the Active South Hams Task Group

Name of Project	ENGAGE EFFECTIVELY WITH ALL SECTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY (networking activities, Community Partnership Forum, website, newsletter etc.)
Update provided	11 June 2007
Summary of Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Community Partnership Forum to be held on Tuesday 2nd October 2007 at the Flavell Centre, Dartmouth. • SHSP Summer newsletter being drafted. • Training for new councillors (13 June) will include an introduction to community planning and the South Hams Sustainable Community Strategy.
Milestone Reached	<p>The next Community Partnership Forum will have a 'Healthy Communities' theme. The event will run from 10am – 12.30pm. We will be looking for a volunteer to chair the meeting. Several organisations have already expressed an interest in giving presentations.</p> <p>The 'search' facility on the SHDC website has been improved to make finding information on the SHSP and the Sustainable Community Strategy easier to find. Links have also been made on the CVS website and DCC website.</p>
Issues for SHSP to consider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners that have not already created links from their websites to the Sustainable Community Strategy and SHSP pages, to consider doing so. • Are staff in your organisation aware of the SHSP / Sustainable Community Strategy?
Action recommended	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do partner organisations have any news they wish to share and/or consultation activities that could tie in with the next Community Partnership Forum event? • Would a member of SHSP like to volunteer to chair the meeting? • Forward any articles suitable for the Summer 2007 newsletter to Kay by end of June 2007.