

Transport Interchange plans explained at Forum



The **Whitehaven Transport Interchange** is a high priority scheme in the Local Transport Plan Capital Programme to deliver improved transport facilities in the town and to assist in economic and environmental regeneration. The proposed development site is to the north of the town centre, adjacent to Tesco supermarket and the railway station.

Key Objectives are to create:

- Pedestrian friendly environment;
- Improved links between the Interchange, harbour and the town centre;
- Cycle link between the waterfront and the C2C cycle route;
- Reduced traffic dominance in the Interchange area;
- High quality car parking environment at the railway station and;
- Public space at the gateway to Whitehaven.

Display Boards showing the final design are at Whitehaven Railway Station.

Development of the new South Whitehaven Communities Together Trust

The South Whitehaven Communities Together Trust aims to build on the improvements made by South Whitehaven Neighbourhood Management, promote inclusiveness and empower local people.

The Trust is seeking to recruit a board of Trustees to take this agenda forward. An Advisory Group will work alongside the Trustees to ensure they keep to community priorities.

A conference was held on 1st September for members of the community and agencies, with the purpose of establishing vision and priorities for the new Trust; explore any alternatives to the name 'SW Communities Together'; identify volunteers to form an Advisory Group to the new Trustee Board.

Application forms to become a Trustee were available to take away from the Forum.

Community Updates

08 South Whitehaven Evening Bus

Woodhouse Action Group, local Councillors and representatives of Home Group aim to go on the bus and either fill in the questionnaire for people, or ask them to be taken away and filled in at home. The group would like to get an insight into why people use the bus, whether it's for work, leisure etc. Information will be used to demonstrate that there is a need for the 08 service.

Neighbourhood Wardens Update

Keith presented the Forum with results from the Speed Indicator Device which had

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been deployed in August, September and October. The SID had been located on Meadow Road, Mirehouse Road, Homewood Road, Whinlatter Road, Woodhouse Road, Snafell Terrace, Egremont Road, Kells to Ginns, St Bees Road, Loweswater Avenue, Hensingham Main Street, Greenbank Avenue, Overend Road, Red Lonning and Cleator Moor Road.

Examples of the worst results are:

76% of drivers speeding down Egremont Road, with 13 vehicles exceeding 41mph.
70% of drivers speeding along Greenbank Avenue, with 23 vehicles exceeding 41mph.
70% of drivers speeding along the St Bees Road/Greenbank with 23 vehicles exceeding 41mph.

Firework Display at Copeland Athletic Stadium, Hensingham on Wednesday 3rd November at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 and must be purchased in advance – call 01946 61230

Home Service Charge Consultation
Latest information is that Home hasn't developed a timetable for consultation yet, but they will use the Neighbourhood Forum to consult the community if the dates match up.

Cumbria Choice
Choice based lettings is a method of letting social housing which is being introduced across the country. Each district council and housing association in Cumbria has signed up to this new scheme. The main principle is that properties are advertised so that customers can see what properties are available for letting.

There will be a more detailed presentation at the next South Whitehaven Neighbourhood Forum.

Cumbria Amnesty Appeal

Information was given on a petition for a county wide gun and knife amnesty with the hope that it will roll out across the country at a national level. MP Jamie Reed has agreed to present the petition to Parliament at the end of October.

If you took a petition form away from the meeting, please ensure it is returned to Rob Huck as soon as possible.

West Cumbria MRWS Partnership

Dates for workshops have now been confirmed; the nearest one for this area is at Whitehaven Civic Hall, Tuesday 23rd November between 12noon and 8pm. More information can be found at www.westcumbriamrws.org.uk

Customer Relations

If you have any comments, compliments or complaints about Copeland Borough Council services, please contact Marissa Joyce on 01946 598525 or email customer.relations@copeland.gov.uk

Grants Awarded

Copeland Amateur Theatrical Society were awarded £ 450
Whitehaven Bowling Club were awarded £450
Mirehouse Social & Labour Club were awarded £750

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 1 December 2010



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