

Longlevens Neighbourhood Partnership

Newsletter

February/March 2010

Annual General Meeting

It's time for the Neighbourhood Partnership's annual general meeting. This year it's being held at Longlevens Community Centre, Church Road on Saturday 27 March from 10.30am.

Please come along and support your partnership and find out about what's been going on in your neighbourhood.

Where: Longlevens Community Centre,
Church Road

When: Saturday 27 March at 10.30am

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Your neighbourhood



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All residents welcome!

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The Longlevens Partnership mini bus has arrived

Our 14 seater Peugeot mini bus was delivered 1 March. Equipped with a disabled access ramp it can accommodate up to three wheel chairs. Longlevens voluntary organisations will be able to hire the mini bus, paying for their own diesel, and a rate per mile to cover the running costs. The minibus could be used for those smaller journeys where the cost of commercially hiring would be prohibitive. Whilst it is particularly hoped that the mini bus will be able to serve the needs of the youth of Longlevens, the Partnership hope in time to provide access for the elderly to social activities.



The Partnership will be interested to hear from any voluntary organisation interested in using the mini bus.

We're looking for drivers

We'd also like to hear from volunteers willing to undergo training as volunteer drivers. Applicants are required to have a clean category D1 driving licence. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a CRB check.

To contact the Partnership for further information, or to request a volunteer driver application form, please contact 07531097965 or email us at Longlevens.minibus@googlemail.com.

An update from the Safer Community Team

Hucclecote Safer Community Team is continuing to work with the Longlevens Community Partnership on local priorities. Current priorities that have been raised through the Partnership are Anti Social Behaviour outside Tesco Express in Old Cheltenham Road & people cycling without lights at night. In Old Cheltenham Road residents & shoppers were having trouble from youths causing anti social behaviour in the area. Patrols have been increased in this area and several youths have been issued with dispersal warnings. This was followed up with visits to parents of the youths who were issued with these warnings. The SCT will continue patrols at Tesco at peak times to ensure that residents can go about their daily business in peace.



Nights will start to get lighter now, but we are still reminding people that it is a legal requirement to have lights on your bike if riding them at night. If you are stopped without lights you could be issued with a £30 fixed penalty notice. Operation Dazzle is underway and patrols will be targeting people riding without lights in Longlevens and the surrounding area.

The SCT have been involved in the application for CDRP funding (£500) which will be used by the Partnership to produce this newsletter. We are also preparing for the Annual Hucclecote SCT Primary Schools Football Tournament. Last year Longlevens Primary School narrowly lost, in the final, on penalties to Dinglewell. This year's competition will take place on 31 March at the University of Gloucestershire, Oxstalls Campus, come and support your team!

Finally, now that we have all opened our Christmas presents, we would like to remind everyone about keeping them safe. Don't make it easy for the criminals, with recent burglaries in your area, access to properties have all been made through doors or windows that have been left unlocked. Make sure all doors and windows are securely locked at all times of day and night.

PC Andy Plant

On the buses?

The campaign for low floor buses on the 97/98 route through the top of Longlevens.

As Longlevens has a higher than average number of older residents, as well as less able residents of all ages, the lack of low floor buses as found on the 94 route causes considerable mobility issues.

It is hoped that the partnership's new minibus will be able to be used to aid with short trips to the shops, doctors' surgery and the two churches in the area.

However, campaigning of Stagecoach will continue.

If you are able to help our campaign, especially if you have experience of campaigning for disability issues, please get in touch.

Longlevens@googlemail.com

Are potholes a problem in your road?

We have all heard in the media and experienced first hand that the severe winter has been taking its toll on our roads. Members of the Longlevens Partnership committee have been putting on their woolly hats and gloves to go out and inspect all the public roads in Longlevens to photograph and record the location of potholes in our district.



A report is being drawn up to present to the Council

If you spot a pot, do your bit and report it at www.filthahole.org.uk

Longlevens Playing Field - Dog watch

Longlevens Playing field is used for a variety of activities by both young and old. The new play area also provides an attractive and safe environment for young people to play.

Dog walkers are welcome and use the space and are well provided for with dog bins around the perimeter of the space.

Unfortunately for some time the problem of dog excrement has become an unwelcome feature of the playing fields. Every week players and parents of children using the space to play have to make the ground safe beforehand by picking up the waste left by irresponsible dog owners.

Dog waste is not only an extremely unpleasant and unwelcome commodity it is also the perfect breeding ground for bacteria (Campylobacter and Salmonella) and other forms of infection. Some of these infections can lead to blindness in humans.

The city council and local Police Community Safety Officers are working together to monitor the area by including more signage to show that not cleaning up after your dog can incur a maximum fine of £1000.

If you spot someone not clearing up after their dog, get in touch with the Council on 01452 396 396 with as much information as possible.

The city council require the following information in order to take action,

- An address of the perpetrator, plus a description of both dog and owner. and/or
- A description of both dog and owner, and also time and location where the offence is regularly witnessed.

What is a Neighbourhood Partnership?

Neighbourhood Partnerships bring together residents and organisations in their area. It is led by local people who volunteer their time. Along with other residents they identify problems and work to find solutions. Gloucester City Council has set up 9 Neighbourhood Partnerships. They give local people an opportunity to have their say and get involved in issues which affect the community.

Go on – get involved in your community!



This leaflet may be delivered by a resident or elected member associated with the Partnership. This in no way infers affiliation to any political group. The Partnership is a non-political organisation.

THE WEEKEND STARTS HERE!

The Longlevens Teenagers Club (LTC), which is run entirely by volunteers, meets most Fridays between 7:30 and 9pm.

If you can spare the time to help, get in touch!

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Calling all women - Your Council needs you!

Gloucester City Council is offering six women, in the city, the chance to get to know what it's like to be a Councillor with its Women's Councillor Shadowing scheme.



The Council is looking to improve the representation of women within the local democratic system. Currently only 28% of Councillors are female, despite the fact that they make up around 51% of the population.

Applicants must be 17 years or older, want to make a difference in the City and their local community, be able to commit to a minimum of 15 hours over 4 months (May-August).

The cost of expenses, for example childcare/travel, can be covered.

Who knows you may even feel like putting yourself forward for elected office after this experience.

The closing date is 31st March 2010. Further information is available by contacting Leah Wellings 01452 396905, Leah.Wellings@Gloucester.gov.uk.

Senior Citizens - Enjoy a meal & make friends...

If you are over 60 and a Longlevens resident and would like the opportunity to make new friends and enjoy a meal together, why not join the "Luncheon Club" run by Kendal Road Baptist Church?

The Luncheon Club takes place at the Kendal Road Baptist Church Hall on alternate Wednesdays during term-time at 12:30pm, with the pre-lunch coffee morning open from 11:00am.

The Luncheon Club is wholly staffed by volunteers, and a donation of £3 to cover the cost of the meal is invited.

For more details, and to join the Luncheon Club, please contact Pam Latham on 01452-306857 or the Church Office on 01452-520752.

Whilst it is hoped that, in the future, we will use the partnership minibus to transport people to and from the Luncheon Club, at present you will need to be able to make your own way there and back.

Also at Kendal Road Baptist Church...

- Parents & Toddlers' – Tuesdays 10:00-12:00
- Kids Klubz @ KRBC – Wednesday or Thursday evenings
- Open Door (Coffee & Chat) – Thursdays 10:00 – 1:00pm
- Community Cinema – Saturdays (monthly) 6:00pm

For more details please see www.krbc.org.uk or call the office on 01452-520752.



It doesn't cost much to get in touch

The Longlevens Neighbourhood Partnership will only be able to function for the benefit of our community if the community gets involved.

That's where we need your help. If you have time to spare to do any of the following, please get in touch.

- * Project coordination
- * Campaigning
- * Leaflet delivery
- * Volunteer work
- * Event organisation

Or even if you've just got time on your hands.

We'd love to hear from you, after all, we are Longlevens.

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