

The West Norwich Partnership is a community led and independent registered charity. It is managed by a board of volunteer trustees and is supported by a committee of people from the community and representation from Norfolk County Council, Norwich City Council, the local police, the youth service and the voluntary sector. The organisation works for the people who live or work in the areas of Chapel Break, Clover Hill, Threescore, Earlham, Larkman and Marlpit.

Our three core areas of work are:

- Working with young people
- Community Safety
- Community Support

This review looks back over the past twelve months which have seen many successful initiatives and developments. It also notes exciting plans for the future to ensure that the partnership is able to meet the demands of the community which it serves.

**REVIEW
2004**



Summary of Activities 2004

Schools bookmark competition

As part of a crime and disorder initiative between WNP, Norfolk Constabulary and Norfolk County Council, West Norwich Partnership ran a bookmark design competition open to all first and middle schools in the area. There were lots of excellent entries and several prizes and certificates were handed out. The overall design 'You Shatter a Window, You Could Shatter a Life' was designed by a Year 6 pupil at West Earlham Middle School, 5000 copies of the bookmark were produced and distributed throughout the community. The school also received £100 in book tokens. Future crime and disorder initiatives and continued partnership working are to be implemented in order to remain pro active with relevant issues.

Marlpit Mardle

This social group for people aged over 55 which had been set up with the support of WNP in 2003 has flourished and celebrated its 1st anniversary in style earlier in the year. The group continues to meet weekly and is well supported. It has managed to become self sufficient with respect to finances but WNP continues to provide support with publicity and in arranging for specialist agencies or groups to offer information and advice.

Campaigning

There was much concern within the community about many of the proposed post office closures and WNP were actively involved in raising such concerns locally and nationally. A public meeting was held in a packed local hall and included representatives from Post Watch, the federation for small businesses, the local press, local city and county councillors as well as Charles Clarke, MP. Although the post office closure had an initial reprieve it was sadly decided later that it was to be closed. However the community commitment and support was overwhelming and highlights the importance of continued involvement in other local concerns.

Summer Sorted

A hugely successful scheme which provided around 1500 places to young people and families during the summer holidays. Funding support from BBC Children in Need enabled many people to enjoy activities and family days out at greatly subsidised prices. Activities included climbing, sailing, DJ mixing and skating, whilst there were 8 family trips including Duxford Air Museum, Pleasurewood Hills and Banham Zoo. Excellent feedback was received from those who attended and a colourful review of the summer including many photographs was produced highlighting the fun had by all. There was much demand from people to be able to provide similar activities during other times of the year, rather than just for the summer holidays. In order to meet the needs of the community, WNP is planning to develop the scheme accordingly.

Summer Sports

In addition to the above, West Norwich Partnership also ran 3 days of activities for young people in partnership with Norwich City Council, NELM and SPAN (Sports Partnerships Around Norwich).

Working with young people

Apart from Summer Sorted and involvement in schools, WNP have been looking at ways of engaging more effectively with young people in the area. Difficulties with suitable venue availability in some parts of West Norwich and concerns about anti social behaviour have meant that new ways of working with young people have been explored. Partnership working with agencies including Norfolk Youth Service and The Matthew Project have included WNP staff meeting with young people on the streets during some evenings and holding events including bowling and DJ mixing as a way of finding out what the young people want to do rather than simply trying to provide what is thought that would be of benefit to them.



New Partnership Manager

April saw the arrival of Ian Hollis as the new partnership manager. Ian had previously worked for BUILD, a Norwich based charity for people with learning difficulties. WNP had excellent support prior to Ian's arrival through Kathy Browne (now Community Manager at Kettles Food) and John Aiken (Former Head of Adult Education)

Personal development

Lynda Wilkinson (WNP chair) became a Learning Champion for the Voluntary Sector Initiative for Professional Development after successfully completing a Voluntary Sector Management Course at Norwich City College. Development amongst WNP staff included the completion of an Open University BA (Hons) degree in Health and Social Care and another member of staff completing a 2nd year of an Open University Course. Other courses attended by staff included Pitman's Excel Proficient, SAGE and book keeping.

Plans for 2005

- Developing the 'Sorted' programme to cover all school holidays and some weekend/evening activities.
- Working in partnership with other agencies and local groups to establish a cohesive service to benefit young people in the community. This will include establishing new projects to meet the needs of young people
- Continue working alongside schools, the police and Norfolk County Council to address crime and disorder issues and community safety.
- Make our services more accessible to the community through a mobile unit. Other agencies and groups can use the unit to share their expertise, resulting in increased joined up working and a more efficient community service.
- A variety of activities and events to celebrate West Norwich Partnerships 10th anniversary.
- Network events with local groups to enable them to receive support and advice on matters such as funding and volunteer recruitment.

Community safety involvement

Continuing the importance placed by WNP on community safety has seen links maintained with local police including supporting with property marking. WNP staff also supported the police with bike marking at Freshers week at the UEA. Coasters promoting the importance of property marking were produced and were widely distributed and are included in crime prevention packs by the local police. Flyers were also produced for some of the local schools highlighting the dangers and risks in trick or treating. As mentioned earlier, concerns from within the community with respect to anti social behaviour has seen WNP working alongside other groups and agencies (as well as the young people themselves) to help develop strategies to improve relationships and facilities.

Biz Fizz

WNP worked successfully with Norwich City Council, New Economics Foundation and The Civic Trust in order to bring Biz Fizz to Bowthorpe. This is a scheme that enables and supports local people into business or provides support to existing businesses. In conjunction with Norwich City Council, WNP employed Anne Francis in June as Biz Fizz coach and she has continued to build up and work with a local client base. She is also supported by a local panel consisting of many business and local experts. Anne who is based at WNP's offices can be reached on 01603 507457 or bizfizz@wnplive.org.uk

Community support

Instead of offering financial support in the form of grants, 2004 saw WNP looking to provide alternative methods of support to local groups. This included sign posting groups to other funding bodies or agencies with particular expertise. WNP was however able to offer continued support for the production of Bowthorpe News, a great source of local information that goes out to over 6000 homes. With the review of our financial structure, WNP hopes to be able to provide grants again in the future.



Comments from the Chair

The last 12 months have perhaps been the period of biggest change for the West Norwich Partnership since its conception in 1995. Not only did we have a change in Manager, but we also had to move from our previous premises (Bowthorpe Youth and Community Centre), and this all came at the same time.

After James Kearns, our previous manager left following 6 highly successful years, the partnership were for several months without a full time manager. During this time I must thank Kathy Browne and then subsequently John Aiken for their support. Thanks to input and advice from Mike Shenstone at Norfolk County Council John Aiken, former Head of Adult Education agreed to carry WNP forward until we were able to appoint another permanent manager. From here things for The West Norwich Partnership started to look up as John came with a wealth of knowledge and experience and was able to introduce WNP to a number of important connections.

The Trustees were then highly delighted to appoint Ian Hollis in March this year as the new partnership manager. Ian joined WNP from BUILD, a voluntary organisation for people with learning difficulties. He brings with him experience of the voluntary sector and has shown a great deal of enthusiasm to maintain and develop the partnership.

Everyone involved with WNP feels very positive and excited about the future and for me the 2 major highlights of the year have been the success of the bookmark competition and the Summer Sorted programme. I feel that the partnership is addressing the needs of the community by looking to develop the 'Sorted' programme, liaising more closely with young people in the area and by identifying better ways of getting out and reaching the community. To help achieve this, we rely on continued support from within the community and amongst other groups and agencies. The partnership always strives to act upon the wishes of the community it serves and is keen for more people to come forward and offer their invaluable ideas in order to continue moving in the right direction.

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Financial Summary

For the year ended 31st March 2004

	Unres- tricted	Rest- ricted	2004 Total	2003 Total
RECEIPTS				
Grants	45,142	5,825	50,967	73,456
Activities in furtherance of the Charity's Objects	1,333		1,333	3,920
Venue Hire	4,534		4,534	6,442
Administration services	84		84	398
Bank interest	319		319	837
Miscellaneous	268		268	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	51,680	5,825	57,505	85,053
PAYMENTS				
Grants in accordance with the Charity's Objects	2,931		2,931	7,673
Cost of Activities in furtherance of the Charity's Objects	4,562	5,825	10,387	22,297
Support costs				
Property expenses	11,055		11,055	4,456
Equipment repairs	464		464	0
Insurance	324		324	1,294
Venue hire	209		209	184
AGM	730		730	1,129
Administration costs				
Staff costs	22,905		22,905	46,310
Volunteer costs	293		293	1,165
Stationery, telephone, etc	5,563		5,563	5,246
Equipment	3,337		3,337	538
Website	865		865	0
Subscriptions	52		52	52
Miscellaneous	14		14	4,791
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	53,304	5,825	59,129	95,135
NET EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR				
	-1,624	0	-1,624	-10,082
Balance brought forward at 1 April 2003				
	8,625	0	8,625	18,707
Balance carried forward 31 March 2004				
	7,001	0	7,001	8,625

Thanks to the following organisations that supported us during the year:

Norfolk County Council, Norwich City Council, BBC Children In Need, Norfolk Council for Voluntary Youth Services, Norfolk and Norwich Voluntary Services, Norfolk Youth Service, UEA, NELM, Norwich Union, SPAN (Sports Partnerships Around Norwich).