

The news from the meeting of the Core Group held on Thursday the 7th October 2010

Training Services

A new contract to deliver Skills for Life has been offered to ODEF for 2010/11. The start of the contract has been delayed pending the appointment of a new tutor to replace Lynda Conroy.

Flexible Routeways Programme

ODEF has commenced a contract with Working Links to deliver the government's Flexible Routeways programme. The programme is aimed at assisting unemployed people into work and is performance-related. So far since 1 July, ODEF has helped six people into jobs through the programme. There is a good opportunity to extend the contract to include more clients in the future.

Wild Sherwood Project

ODEF has obtained lottery funding to commence the Wild Sherwood Project which is a work-based programme offering assistance into employment through volunteering and skills training. The project is undergoing a development period for three months.

Transport Action Team

The Transport Action Team held a meeting on 28 September 2010. The following issues were discussed:

- (i) The Action Team members agreed that the L,D and ECR Railway Association should undertake any future negotiation with Network Rail, rather than ODEF doing this work. A copy of a letter sent to the County Council from the Rail Association was also tabled for discussion.
- (ii) The Action Team discussed the forthcoming alterations being made to the Ollerton roundabout and the implications of the various diversions being put into place. There was also information received from the County Council regarding re-routed bus services in Ollerton following the roundabout alterations.
- (iii) The Action Team was notified that the Core Group had agreed that ODEF should carry out no further action on the proposed Ollerton bypass until the roundabout improvement work had been completed.
- (iv) The Action Team agreed to write to the police about the ongoing problems caused by the building works on Main Road in Boughton.

The chairman remarked that there had been some positive news received about the start of the Ollerton roundabout improvements and that it was now a possibility that the works will be carried out soon.

Forum Meeting

The next Forum Meeting is scheduled to take place in November 2010 and is being organised by the Dukeries College.

The Eco Shop

The Eco Shop is continuing to be operated by volunteers and is open every morning from Monday to Thursday.

Feel Good Foods Action Team

The Feel Good Foods Action Team met on 27 September 2010 and discussed the proposed tenancy arrangement with the Dukeries College for the community garden. A number of changes were made to the original proposal. The Action Team was informed that the funding application to Local Food was sent from ODEF at the end of August and the decision will be known by the end of December.