



## &gt;&gt; Chair's Intro:



Ros Cassy

Welcome back to Newslink. We missed our October issue due to staff changes but thanks to Shaun Heywood's efforts we are now back in production again. Shaun joined the SP team at the end of October on a year long placement from Southampton Solent University where he is taking a Business Studies degree. Shaun will be working with Henry and me on a number of projects including the Skills and Employability Board which has its first meeting in early December and the Fit for Purpose review of the SP and its member partnerships.

You will see below that Phil Woolas, MP visited Southampton last month and was very impressed with the community initiatives he saw and was delighted that so many members of local groups and organisations were on hand to meet him. It is encouraging to have Southampton's success recognised by government ministers and the media.

## Draft City of Southampton Strategy

## &gt;&gt; Consultation Launched:

The new City of Southampton Strategy has been launched for consultation. The new strategy sets out the 20 year, (2026) vision for the City, and heralds a radical departure from the existing Community Strategy which it will replace from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007.

With 6 over-arching objectives, drawn from the city vision, it describes the current challenges we face, identifies key trends up to 2026 and our long term aspirations to improve economic, social and environmental well-being in the City.

As part of the consultation process we welcome any comments you may have regarding the Strategy. In order for us to collate the responses, please visit [www.southampton-partnership.com](http://www.southampton-partnership.com) where you can access the draft Strategy along with the consultation questionnaire for all stakeholders to feedback their views and comments. Please note that the consultation period ends on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

## Local Government White Paper Launched

## &gt;&gt;Minister Phil Woolas visits Southampton to spell out future of Local Government:

Local Government Minister Phil Woolas visited Southampton on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October, meeting residents, local leaders and councillors to explain how the Local Government White Paper published the same day will impact on their lives.

The Minister met community representatives at the Northam Community Centre and then walked with them around a new affordable homes development and a pocket park, which displays public art. The park was designed by local people and the minister talked to residents about how they turned their area around.



The Local Government White Paper was published at 11.30am on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October and presented to the House of Commons by Ruth Kelly, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

The White Paper articulates the Government's vision for a new localism in the country. The white paper places strong emphasis on the need to get citizens more involved in development of public services in a local area as well as provide a strong framework of directly accountable government in our councils.

>>[Click Here](#) for the White Paper from the Department for Communities and Local Government Website

## LDF Core Strategy Newsflash

>>Consultation Comments Needed by 4<sup>th</sup> December

A reminder to all stakeholders who wish to comment on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy, the strategy can be found at [www.southampton.gov.uk/building-planning/planning/ldf/dev-plan-docs/core-strategy/](http://www.southampton.gov.uk/building-planning/planning/ldf/dev-plan-docs/core-strategy/)

Alternatively to have a one to one meeting with planning officers to discuss the future plans for the city contact [city.plan@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:city.plan@southampton.gov.uk) or 023 8083 3919.

## >>Saints star picks out winning road safety sign

Southampton football star Bradley Wright-Phillips, took time out of a busy training schedule to pick the winning entry in Swaythling Housing Society's Drive Safely Art Competition.

Located next to the St Mary's Stadium, Chapel is a flagship scheme of 174 new homes. Of the 174 houses and flats, 3% are shared ownership, 34% affordable rent and 63% open market sales. Many of the affordable homes have been made available to people living in the local area.

Eleven youngsters from Swaythling's Chapel development in Southampton took part in the competition, assisted by Baseline Project, which works with young people from the inner city area, to design a road safety sign for the 20mph zone at Chapel.

The winner, 12 year-old Lauren Hatcher, will see her picture developed into a road safety sign that will be displayed at the award winning development.



## Female Self-Employment

### >> Self-Employment Support Event:

Co-ordinated by Southampton Enterprise Gateway, this event is designed to offer support and advice to women looking to obtain the occupation of their dreams via self-employment.

As well as being a free forum for advice and wise-words, ladies who attend can pamper themselves with henna tattooing, Indian head massage, and facial analysis.

The event is on Thursday 16 November, from 7.30pm-9.30pm at the Pickles Coppice Centre Millbrook, Southampton.

Tel: 08454 586456

E-mail: [info@sotonenterprisegateway.co.uk](mailto:info@sotonenterprisegateway.co.uk)

## Later Years Partnership

### >>Southampton Seniors Council Launched

The Southampton Seniors Council was launched by the Later Years Partnership in October to make sure that the interests of senior citizens are fully represented in the city.

Welcomed into existence by the Mayor, Council Leader, Henry Pavey standing in for Ros Cassy of the Southampton Partnership, and John Beer the chair of the LYP - the 15 Seniors Councillors represent the five Neighbourhoods Partnership areas, ethnic minority interests, and key seniors organisations.

For more information contact Charlie Hislop on 02380 386876 or

[charlie.hislop@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:charlie.hislop@southampton.gov.uk)

## Southampton City NHS

Southampton City Primary Care Trust Primary Care Trust

### >>Launch of new one-stop centre for disabled people

Southampton City Primary Care Trust's (PCT) Josian Centre, which brings together vital services for people with disabilities, was officially opened by The Mayor of Southampton, Councillor John Slade and service user, Mr David Lamb on 2 November 2006.

The centre, in Empress Road, houses a wide range of Southampton's health equipment services under one roof. These include Southampton City PCT's own wheelchair service, continence advisory service, equipment store, and equipment demonstration and advisory service.

Designed to be a one-stop centre for disability services, the centre also offers advice and information, assessment of clients' conditions and links to other specialist services

For more information please contact Andrea Musk, Public Relations Officer, Southampton City Primary Care Trust on 023 8029 6928.

## City College

### >>City College Enrols Best Ever Numbers



September 2006 saw Southampton City College enrol its best ever numbers of young people. More than 1300 students aged 16-19 were enrolled onto full time courses for the 2006/07 period

This success can be attributed to a number of factors. Firstly City College have excellent relationships with the schools in the Southampton area. The College has a dedicated schools liaison team who have worked hard to build up close links with all the secondary schools in the vicinity of City College.

City College has invested heavily over the past three years in re-developing their city centre campus. The College has already invested £20 million to develop brand new facilities for motor vehicle, brickwork, hair & beauty, art & design and business students.

## >>University Selected as 'Exemplar' Employer

The University of Southampton has been selected to join 80 'exemplar employers' judged to be carrying out innovative work to improve equality.

It is one of seven universities chosen by the government-backed business-led equality campaign 'Opportunity Now' which aims to recognise and support organisations that carry out best practice when it comes to the career prospects of their female employees

The project was launched in September by Ruth Kelly, Minister for Women, following a government report from the Women and Work Commission, 'Shaping a Fairer Future'.

Tony Strike, Director of Human Resources, commented: 'The recognition showing us as equality and development exemplar is a testament to the quality and innovation of the staff in the Human Resources Department.'



### New Housing

#### >>New Homes for Christmas

A £350,000 project to convert a large 1920's semi-detached house in Hill Lane, Southampton, into 5 one-bedroom flats has been completed in time for the new Residents to celebrate Christmas in their new homes.

Developed in a partnership deal between Western Challenge and Southampton Council it is planned to allocate the flats to four couples and one single person on the city's housing register. Apart from there being a small communal area each flat has an allocated parking space and bike storage.

The homes could be ideal for nature lovers as the area supports a large variety of wildlife, including the largest ever recorded population of the internationally rare great crested newt.

*Want to know more? Contact Mike Collis, Community Development Manager, [Mike.Collis@WesternChallenge.co.uk](mailto:Mike.Collis@WesternChallenge.co.uk)*

### No Limits Advice and Counselling Service

#### >>New Funding for Young People's Service

No Limits, the young people's Information Advice and Counselling Service in Southampton, has been given £31,714 by the new youth volunteering charity V.

The money will be used to develop new volunteering opportunities for young people, training and supporting them to offer information and advice to other young people and helping set up and run a No Limits youth board to advise the Management Committee about the running of the organisation.

V is the new youth volunteering charity launched in May 2006 whose mission is to inspire a million more young volunteers in England aged 16-25.

For more information call 023 8023 6237 option 1 or email [nolimits@wheatsheaftrust.org](mailto:nolimits@wheatsheaftrust.org) we are especially keen to hear from anyone under 26 years old.

### >> Calendar of Activity

#### November 2006



#### 16<sup>th</sup> – Film Screening Event from CityEye:

Friends Meeting House, Southampton  
>> For further information go to <http://www.city-eye.co.uk/networkingevents.html>

#### 18<sup>th</sup> – Compassionate Living Fair

The Sir James Matthews Building, Solent University. 10am-4pm  
>> More info [www.octoberbooks.org/clf](http://www.octoberbooks.org/clf).

#### 28<sup>th</sup> - SP Executive meeting:

5:00pm to 9:00pm.  
>> More info from Henry Pavey, 023 8083 3332  
[henry.pavey@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:henry.pavey@southampton.gov.uk)

#### 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – 'Meri Christmas' by ArtAsia

Nuffield Theatre  
>> More info from Emma, 023 802 26212

#### December 2006

#### 12<sup>th</sup> – 'Bhangra Boat Party' by ArtAsia

Nuffield Theatre  
>> More info from Emma, 023 802 26212

#### 14<sup>th</sup> – SP Steering Group Meeting:

1:00pm to 4:00pm.  
>> More info from Henry Pavey, 023 8083 3332  
[henry.pavey@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:henry.pavey@southampton.gov.uk)