



Committee and date
Brown Cleve and Highley
Local Joint Committee.

Brown Cleve Zone.

Wednesday 21st October 2011

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Report of Linda Monteith - Community Action Officer

Key principles of my role

- Build capability and capacity within communities to deliver the Big Society across Shropshire
- Co-ordinate local involvement of the community across a range of agencies, helping integrate public services and increase efficiency and responsiveness
- Encourage community led planning and local project development and implementation, maximising external funding opportunities not readily available to the Council
- Work with the voluntary sector in identifying and supporting community activists and volunteers developing and sustaining effective local groups, including social enterprises, and enabling local people to do more for themselves
- Work with local partners in effectively addressing community safety and crime and disorder, specifically multi agency work on localised concerns such as anti social behaviour
- Develop the capacity of the town and parish councils and maximise their potential to take on delegated services
- Support the community to engage and work effectively with their local councillors, on a daily basis and through the work of the LJs
- Encourage and foster networks of support within and across communities, assisting the local member as necessary to carry out their community leadership role effectively

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Groups/ events worked with:

- Ditton Summer Show – I attended this year's show to promote the Brown Clee Toolkit event. I spoke to local groups about the toolkit, funding and the LJC.
- Brown Clee held their Toolkit event on 14th July at Cleobury North Village Hall. 16 people attended this event. Some comments from the evaluation forms, "Interesting to talk about local community and meet other local people" "Well worked discussion process and opportunity to present opinions"
- I am continuing to support the community of Neenton
- I have worked with Brown Clee Girl Guides, Ditton Playing Fields Association, and Eardington Parish Clerk regarding funding for Benches.

I continue to have a hot desk at Oak Farm on a Thursday between 9am and 3pm. Please do email me or call before hand, as I can be visiting groups during this time, to ensure I will be there when you call.