

Birkenhead Constituency Team Neighbourhood Engagement Update F

Neighbourhood engagement is a vital element of the Birkenhead Constituency Committee work.

There are a number of projects being developed in partnership with the local community, statutory organisations and community and voluntary groups that will benefit Birkenhead in the future.

Here is an update on how a number of these projects are progressing and the benefit they will bring to the community.

<h3>Safe in Town Card</h3>

The Safe In Town Card aims to make Birkenhead a safer place.

The purpose of the scheme is to give vulnerable people the peace of mind and confidence to enter Birkenhead Town Centre and receive help and assistance if they need it.

There are two main elements to the scheme. Firstly any vulnerable person can carry a card with their details and the details of a person to contact if they need assistance. Secondly there will be a number of 'Safe Areas' around the Town Centre for vulnerable people to go to receive help.

Working with statutory partners to identify the most suitable Safe Areas, the list of areas where vulnerable people can go to for help and assistance has now been confirmed. These are:

- Birkenhead Fire Station
- The Lauries
- The Pyramids Food Court
- Europa Pools
- Wirral Met College (Conway Park Campus)
- Conway Park Train Station
- Birkenhead Bus Station
- Community Police Station in the Town Centre
- Birkenhead Town Hall
- Police Station
- Woodside Ferry Terminal

The Safe In Town card is in the process of being designed and printed. Once completed the cards will be distributed to all the social sector groups who work with vulnerable.

Rock Ferry Community Garden

The physical building of the community garden at Rock Ferry Library and One Stop Shop is complete and the Birkenhead Constituency team is working with the Library and One Stop Shop and a local Community Interest Company moving the project forward.

Providing a free community resource for local groups, schools and residents to use will always be the main purpose of the garden. However by working in partnership with the Community Interest Company ensures that the garden will be maintained, kept in use and offer more activities to the community.

Once the garden is officially complete there will be an official opening of the for all interested parties.

For information on any of these projects please contact.

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