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# BIRKENHEAD CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE **WIRRAL**

### Birkenhead Constituency Team Neighbourhood Engagement Update September 2015

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.

### Safe in Town Card

The Safe In Town Card Scheme has now been launched.

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.

All the Safe Zones have received their supporting documents and all staff have been briefed on their role and responsibility of being an active member of the scheme. The process to distribute the Safe In Town Cards to the community and voluntary groups who work with people who benefit from carrying a card has now started.

Hopefully all the hard work and planning between the Birkenhead Constituency Team, partners and groups will pay off and the scheme will encourage people to be active in their community in peace and safety.

## **Rock Ferry Community Garden**

The Rock Ferry Community Garden has been chosen by the Eden Project as a case study to include in a national book they are producing.

The project was chosen as one of 30 out of a possible 700 to be highlighted in the book.

This announcment coincided with the launch of the garden. So far it has attracted the attraction of the media with the Liverpool Echo, Bay TC and Wirral Glove all attending the launch of the garden on the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

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In conjunction with the Library and One Stop Shop, the Birkenhead Constituency Team has been working with a local Community Interest Company (CIC) to develop the project.

The project to provide a resource for the local community will be used by residents, volunteers and local groups it is a great example of how the council can work in partnership with a social sector organisation to offer a service that everyone will benefit from.

### For information on any of these projects please contact.

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