

Input to Wellesbourne & Walton News – July Edition

Neighbourhood Plan team starts collecting views

The Wellesbourne Street Fayre offered the Neighbourhood Plan team the first opportunity to start engaging with residents and to get feedback on the local issues that need to be addressed.

We were delighted at the number of people who came to our stall to find out what we are doing and to offer us a whole range of comments to consider. The stall was decked in banners and “prompts” to get residents thinking about areas where they might wish to express an opinion. These ranged from housing, traffic and parking through to issues such as healthcare, leisure facilities, open spaces, jobs etc.

People were able to leave their comments in a specially prepared leaflet which provided background on the Neighbourhood Plan. They were also encouraged to write on luggage labels and tie them on a “wish tree”. This proved to be successful as people were able to read what others had already written before making their own comments. The incentive to give us feedback was made all the more attractive by being given free entry to a raffle prize, which was kindly donated by Shah’s, of a £30 meal voucher for use at their restaurant. The raffle was drawn by Cllr Anne Prior and the results can be found on our website: www.w-w-w.org.uk.

In all, we believe that about 150 people visited the stall and on average left us with 3 comments to consider which covered a range of “likes”, “dislikes” and “wishes”.

Having now started on our journey to find out the views of our residents, we will be following this up with a stall at the Wellesbourne School Fete on 28th June and we also plan to hold a similar event at the Walton Fayre on 10th August. Additionally, to capture the views of as many people as possible, there will be an “open forum” session in a local hall. We will also be contacting voluntary organisations, businesses and land owners to seek out their views.

All this feedback will be developed into a questionnaire to be sent out to all residents which is planned take place in October. The responses that we receive on the questionnaire will be used by the team to form the basis of the policies and proposals that we will be developing next year after which we will come back to you again to get your views on what we have done.

Just as a reminder, you can find out more about what we are doing by visiting our website at www.w-w-w.org.uk or by emailing your comments to info@www.w-w-w.org.uk and we will gladly add to those that we have already received.

Make sure you have your say on the future of our villages!