

Calendar of Events Everyone welcome

Tuesday 6 July 7pm
Food Group Meeting venue tbc

Saturday 10 July 10am – 12.30pm
Community Market at St John Ambulance Hall, Blackmore Drive

Tuesday 13 July 7pm
SVEAG (Energy Group) at The Community Partnership Hall, Mill Lane

Sunday 18 July 12.30pm
Big Lunch on The Ham

Wednesday 28 July 7pm
Co-ordination Group at The Community Partnership Hall, Mill Lane

Saturday 31 July 10am – 12.30pm
Folk Week Community Market at All Saints' Hall

Community Markets

The Community Market has moved back to the St John Ambulance Hall on Blackmore Drive. This has proved very successful with many more people visiting. The Market will remain at this venue but some of the dates have altered. The new dates for 2010 are:

Saturday 10th July
21st August,
11th September,
9th October,
6th November
18th December

However during Folk Week there will be an extra Market on 31st July but this will be at All Saints' Hall



THE BIG LUNCH

Sidmouth Eastern Town



The Ham Playing Field was presented to the people of Sidmouth for their recreation by John George Galloway Radford on 26th March 1896.

The Vision Group for Sidmouth invites you to join us for a picnic

on the HAM field for THE BIG LUNCH

Sunday 18th July 2010

Eat, Drink, Talk, Play together
Meet your neighbours on "the village green".

Bring a picnic to share on the Ham field from

12.30 pm on Sunday 18th July 2010

Free

All ages.

Sidmouth residents, friends, visitors and pets.

No electronic music. No speeches. No buying. No selling. No fund raising. No campaigning. No barbecues. No litter. No product promotion.

Then walk up the Byes to the Lions' DUCK DERBY.

THE VISION GROUP FOR SIDMOUTH

for the sustainable development of town and valley

www.visionforsidmouth.org

NEWS UPDATE July 2010



Sidmouth Community Garden

Unfortunately the Community Garden Project has been discontinued due to the problem of Japanese Knotweed which would have taken a few years to eradicate. However the Vision Group is still looking for some suitable land on which to continue this project, so if you know of an area within Sidmouth and the Valley please contact 07973 137592 or through the website.

THE VISION GROUP FOR SIDMOUTH

seeks to promote a vibrant community and resilient local economy based on the principles of sustainable development.

Our Action Groups are engaged in several projects, so please contact us to get involved

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Report from the AGM

The VGS held its AGM at Kennaway House on Wednesday 23rd June. Business began with Robert Crick being re-elected as Chair for the next year. In his speech he talked about disappointments becoming challenges and then opportunities, the first being the resignation of Jeremy Woodhead as Secretary after 5 years of dedication to the job. It will be difficult to replace Jeremy but this has provided the opportunity to reorganise the roles of the officers.

The following were then elected:

- Deputy Chair and Coordinator - David Bramley
- Treasurer - Kerry Gibbons
- Minutes and Agenda Secretary - Rita Hedley
- Press and Publicity Officer - Elizabeth Bramley
- Web - Rob Mitchell and Rita Hedley
- Transition Town Coordinator - Rob Mitchell
- Knowledge Management Officer - Graham Cooper

The role of Secretary remains open at present so if anyone is interested in finding out what is involved please contact Robert Crick, ramcrick@gmail.com

Keynote Speakers:

Following an interval and raffle the Keynote Speakers, Councillor Stuart Hughes, DCC Portfolio Holder Highways and Officer Andrew Ardley, DCC Transportation Manager (Policy) addressed the audience and took questions.

Stuart Hughes confirmed that there was wide agreement amongst the participants in the Traffic and Transport Round Table that the 3 most important issues to address were -

1. arrangements for a park and ride or park and change
2. creating a more pedestrian friendly environment in central Sidmouth
3. creating a traffic management plan for Sidmouth

Stuart also confirmed that general support exists in the next Local Transport Plan for creating additional cycleways in the Sid Valley area (Sidford to Sidbury and potentially Feniton).

Andrew Ardley described the process used by Devon County Council to create the next Local Transport Plan which will be for the 15 years from 2011 to 2026. Public consultation on draft proposals will begin in September 2010 and proposals and comments can be accessed and made via the DCC website.

In response to questions, Andrew Ardley also confirmed that

- local plans are consulted in connection with the general planning exercise, and town plans, where they exist, are part of such reviews.

- the County is keen on encouraging employers to come up with employee travel plans to reduce traffic and energy use.

Working With Others

VGS is keen to work with other groups in the community. If you belong to a group which shares our vision on a particular project then we would like to hear from you so that we may help each other. For example the Seafront Group has just run a public consultation week the results of which are available on the website. www.visionfordidmouth.org

Sidmouth Community Market

St John Ambulance Hall
10am until 12.30pm
Saturday 10th July



**Local vegetables, meat,
cakes, chocolates, crafts,
flowers, refreshments,
workshops.....**

Free Entry

**The Market has a Community Stall set
aside for local people to sell their
excess fruit and vegetables or
homemade wares.**

**Contact Kerry on 07973 137592 for
more information.**