

# **MARKET DRAYTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

## **ACTIONS 2014 TO 2016**

1. The following relate to tasks / plans identified in the MD Town Plan published in September 2011 which were and continue to be actioned in the period 2014 to 2016 as appropriate within a current context ; these include direct action by the MDCP , investment, lobbying or support and result in plans and projects by appropriate agencies / organisations. Thus they may be dependent on issues being considered in the context of the priorities of local authority and other agencies. A number are taken forward by the MDCP directly in a lead role or in a supporting context where the lead is more appropriately taken by other organisations.

The advent of the MD Neighbourhood Plan in early 2017 will continue to refocus priorities.

### **2.1. Visitor / Tourism issues**

- Promotion of the tourism economy of the town by the launch of the MD Tourism/ Visitor strategy
- Supporting the development of the canal basin area in conjunction with the Canal and River Trust and improving the environment
- Identifying opportunities for improving the Gateways to the town
- Organising the Market Drayton Community Arts Festival in 2014, 2015 and 2016
- Participating in the review by SC of funding for the Arts in the County for 2016 onwards
- Supporting local events and publishing two local walks on gardens and towpath, town and farm

### **2.2 Planning and developments**

- Participating in a Market Drayton Town Council long term planning initiative for the town via the Neighbourhood Planning process
- Supporting retail developments e.g. Buttercross Village
- Obtaining a grant of £10000 from Portas Pilot funds for community development
- Supporting the SAMDEV proposals

### **2.3 Enterprise and Education**

- Supporting the development of the Market Drayton Learning Partnership and its stakeholder forum.

### **2.4 Services and facilities**

- Lobbying for more cycle and pedestrian friendly oriented facilities e.g. cycle racks ,litter bins , cleanliness etc????????????????????/
- Supporting the concept of the town as a walker / cycle friendly town

## **2.5 Biodiversity and climate change**

- Developing Walkmill Meadows into a town nature reserve
- Ensuring the transfer of responsibilities to Shropshire Wildlife Trust by April 2016

## **2.6. Incredible Edible Market Drayton**

- Developing and sustaining Incredible Edible Market Drayton- IEMD - e.g. work with:
  - SHG ,
  - Corbet Court ,
  - Fairfield's estate ,
  - Longlands school

## **3. MDCP - Communications and organisation**

- Implementing communications policy re work of MDCP via the local town newsletter Drayton Messenger , Local Joint Committee, MD Town Council , Town meetings etc
- Implementing a new accounting system
- Updating methods of working and revised Terms of Reference
- Reviewing the work and membership of the MDCP and groups , now some 70 in total with some 45 being active members
- Refocusing the work of the MDCP to quarterly meetings and groups :
  - Drayton Arts Festival
  - Tourism and Visitors
  - Environment and Climate Change
  - Incredible Edible MD
- Developing websites to publicise the work of the MDCP and its groups ;

[www.mdcpc.co.uk](http://www.mdcpc.co.uk) – 7313 site visits

[www.discovermarketdrayton.co.uk](http://www.discovermarketdrayton.co.uk) – 147877 site visits

[www.draytonartsfest.org](http://www.draytonartsfest.org) - ?????? site visits

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