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“Gateway to Cornwall”

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30th August 2004

Dear

May I invite you to join a “Gateway to Cornwall” Networking Experience boat trip with Plymouth Boat Cruises leaving from Saltash public jetty at 6.0 pm on Friday 3rd September returning to the same place at 9.0 pm.

The Steering Group recommended that a boat trip would be an excellent opportunity for getting all the groups together along with others who have been contributing to the process so far. Even if you have not been able to attend meetings, please feel free to come on this trip and have your say while enjoying a pleasant evening on the river.

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There is no charge for the trip, although any voluntary contributions are welcome and would go towards defraying costs. The boat has a reasonably stocked bar but please note that Plymouth Boat Cruises does not allow private alcoholic drinks to be brought on board.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

John Evans
Community Agent

To: John Evans, Community Agent, “Gateway to Cornwall”

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Networking Experience Boat Cruise leaving Saltash public jetty at 6pm on Friday 3rd
September 2004

Signed.....

Date.....

First Name	Surname	Invited 19/8	No.
Ron	Adcock	L	
Heather	Ahern	L	
Ian	Aisbitt	e	
Sally	Alexander	L	1
Marie	Appleton	e	
T	Arroll	L	
Bob	Austin	e	0
Trevor	Bardwell Jones	e	
Graham	Beatty	e	
Katie	Behennah	e	0
Susan	Bennett	e	
Alan	Berry	e	1
Steve	Besford-Foster	e	
Richard	Bickford	e	
Liam	Bradley	e	1
R	Budd	L	
David	Carter	e	
Brian	Carter	e	1
R	Chappell	L	
Pamela	Clayton	L	
Peter	Clayton	L	
Hugo	Contreras	e	
Emma	Cook	e	
Trevor	Cooper	e	
Willam	Cotton	e	2
Kia	Curry	e	0
Ron	Daniel	e	
U.M.	Davey	L	2
Tricia	Davis	e	
Flok	de Rijke-Winter	e	
Jack	Dinham	e	
Karen	Dolman	e	
Maggie	Dowell	L	1
Justin	Dudley	e	1
Andy	Dunstone	L	
Mavis	Edmonds	e	0
Christina	Elie	L	
David	Elliott	L	
Clare	Ellison	e	1
Joe	Ellison	e	1
John	Evans	e	1
Raymond	Feltham	L	3
Gillian	Furse	e	0
Martin	Gee	e	
Ruth	Gilmore	L	
Julian	Grail	e	2
Baz	Gregory	e	
Susan	Haley	e	
Keith	Halsey	e	1
Sidney T	Harley	L	
Andrew	Harris	e	

Arthur	Hearl	e	
Mike	Henwood	L	
Malcolm	Hocking	L	
Kevin	Hollis	e	
Derek	Holly	e	
Sue	Hooper	e	
Leigh	Hughes	e	
Karen	Hyams	e	
Ben	Hyams	e	
Kathryn	Ironside	e	
Andrew	James	e	1
Guy	James		3
Jenny	Jefferies	e	
P	Keast	L	
David	Kent	L	
Sally	Lewis	e	
Martin	Lovegrove		2
Bill	Mancey	L	
Chris	Marsh	L	
Margaret	Matthews	e	1
Joyce	Mepsted	e	2
Audrey	Miller	L	
Pip	Miller	e	4
H	Neale	L	
Julie	Neely	L	
R	Noble	L	
F	Noblett	L	
Ray	Oatham	e	
Mary	Orr	e	
John	Parker	e	0
Pamela	Parsons	L	0
Nick	Pearce	L	
Dave	Pearn	L	0
Brian & Benita	Pedley	e	2
P	Pengelly	L	
John	Phare	L	2
Sarah-Jane	Prattent	e	
Bryan	Preston	e	0
Harry	Price	L	
Andy	Rance	e	
Bruce	Reid	e	0
Sue	Renfree	e	
Colin	Richings	e	
Cynthia	Richings	e	
Sylvia	Robins	L	
	Rogers	L	
I G	Rogers	L	
P	Russell	L	
Bill	Ryan	e	
J	Shepherd	e	
Marilyn	Small	e	0
Wendy	Smith	e	
Dave	Smith	e	1
Sharon	Soper	e	2
Nick	Soper	e	

	Souter	e	
Leslie & Kitty	Stephens	e	
Rose	Stuart	L	1
Felicity	Sylvester	e	4
Steve	Tait	e	0
Janet	Thomas	L	
Stephanie	Thomas	e	0
Mona	Tomaszewska	L	2
Brian	Walker	e	
Steve	Warnes	e	
Charles	Wayne	L	
Mary	Wells	L	4
Betty	Westlake	L	1
Jim	Westlake	e	
Brian	Whipp	L	
Alan & Kay	Wilson	e	
Tony & Christine	Woodhouse	e	2
Gillian	Woodland	e	0
Sarah	Wormall	e	
Joan	Worth	L	

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26th August 2004

Mrs M Arnill
Cornwall Children's Fund
Caradon Enterprise Centre
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Liskeard PL14 3UT

Dear Mrs Arnill

Thank you for your recent letter. I am sorry I didn't manage to contact you about a recent meeting of the Community Group dealing with health issues in the community. The Group is next meeting at Saltash Guildhall at 7 pm on Tuesday 7th September and you would be very welcome.

I am enclosing a summary of 2 earlier meetings and also some general information relating to MCTi. I hope these are helpful.

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“GATEWAY TO CORNWALL”

FEEDBACK FROM NETWORKING EXPERIENCE BOAT TRIP – 3RD SEPTEMBER 2004

SWOT Analysis of the Gateway Area

Strengths

- Area has strong diversity, i.e. heritage, culture, race, environment etc
- Area has low crime rate
- Innovation of sustainable housing projects, providing low cost and environmentally sound housing
- Area has an outstanding river side area that should be the envy of the region – ideal for leisure, tourism and holidays
- Community still has a strong sense of identity
- Many activities and organisations exist for all ages

Weaknesses

- Not making sufficient use of the river, e.g. boat trips to Mount Edgcumbe, Calstock, and unreliable ferry service to Plymouth Barbican
- Insufficient cohesion / no shared vision / too insular / parochial
- Insufficient facilities for conferences etc
- Saltash Fore St needs a face-lift, i.e. needs smartening up
- People by-pass Saltash on their way to somewhere else.
- Much of PL12 area is a dormitory for Plymouth
- Poor access to information about organisations, facilities and activities in the area
- Drab buildings and architecture
- Saltash roads clogged with traffic
- Saltash traffic calming schemes have “gone mad”.
- Unreliable / poor public transport
- Saltash Waterside area needs bus service to connect it with Fore St and beyond
- Public transport fares too expensive
- Too few trains stop at Saltash and St Germans
- Too few people take an interest in local surroundings or attractions
- Too much rubbish by the roadsides

Opportunities

- Rivers could be used more effectively, e.g. bird watching boat trips, dining cruises etc. (as done on River Dart)
- Identify and capitalise on existing and developing networks
- Opportunity to set own direction – take national initiatives, make them local and own them
- The area could come together
- Developing and promoting the riverside
- Use the MCTi process to maximise consultation

- Good road link to A38 and M5
- To create a unique community, maximising our heritage, offering an extraordinary opportunity to involve all the PL12 community to the envy of everyone else. (Are we brave enough to do it!)
- Should be able to develop as a centre for tourism connected with the AONB.
- Need to push to attract “soft” industry with training so that locals would be able to find employment
- Increased advertising and marketing for tourism

Threats

- Too little imagination, lack of pulling together and fear of trying
- Too much complacency - waiting for someone else to do something
- Becoming increasingly a dormitory town – no ownership
- Increasing difficulty in maintaining separate identity
- People reluctant to recognise the need to change
- Broadmoor Farm development!!!
- Poorly integrated and unconstrained housing developments
- Lack of infrastructure to support increasing population, e.g. insufficient and inadequate surgeries, schools, post offices etc.
- Road improvements will encourage increased use of cars
- Poor range of shops in Saltash does not attract use by the community
- Too many empty shops in Saltash Fore St

SPORTS

The Sports Group’s first meeting identified the following priorities for sports provision in the Gateway area. Do you agree with them? What else would you add?

A multi-sports outdoor centre

- An indoor centre is needed more than an outdoor centre. An indoor facility has many different uses and would serve the community well. A sports hall or multi-use hall can accommodate sports, arts, the old and the young on a mass participation basis.
- An outdoor sports facility has already been built at Saltash “Salt Mill” (but not finished).

The completion of the Saltash Leisure Centre – either to provide a multi-sports hall as originally proposed (and now dropped because of funding constraints), or by adding a dance studio and purpose built martial arts facility to the existing facility

- Agree strongly that some sort of indoor sports facility should be available.
- There is a demand among the young for a well organised martial arts group
- Excellent idea, especially if it caters for people of all ages
- There is a strong feeling that proportionally more Council Tax is spent on Liskeard facilities than on the Saltash area. We need a good leisure facility welcoming everyone.

Further development of Saltash Waterside as a centre for water sports

- Great in principle – but where is the parking?
- Please - no more boats on trailers
- Develop facilities to encourage young people to take up canoeing, rowing and sailing.
- Existing young river users of Saltash Waterside area are poorly served – no changing facilities or showers, no storage areas, nowhere to socialise
- The area is scruffy and needs to be tidied up

More activities geared towards the growing number of active elderly people – such as concessionary off-peak rates at the Saltash Leisure Centre

- There are already concessionary rates at the Leisure Centre, i.e. £1.60 entry for swimmers who are 60+, instead of £2.20
- Gym sessions could be looked at
- The Saltash Leisure Centre needs to advertise more aggressively to attract both the old and the young. Cost need to be adjusted to accommodate both.
- More activities are needed for the growing number of families

A sports network to co-ordinate and lobby views

- *Nil responses*

Other Comments

- Saltash “Salt Mill” outdoor area is a disaster! It needs supervision and more activity areas to attract people. At present many young people are put off using the existing excellent skate boarding facilities because of the unwelcoming attitude of a small number of young people who monopolise them.

HEALTH

The Health Group’s first meeting identified the following priorities for Health provision in the Gateway area. Do you agree with them? What else would you add?

Better mental health provision – in particular an informal drop-in centre for all ages

- Definitely – very much needed for all types of mental illness
- Well publicised, informal, anonymous advice for people with drugs problems – possibly leading to the free supply of relatively harmless drug substitutes – if there is such a thing!

Make fuller use of St Barnabus

- I tried but was sent to Derriford!
- We fought to save St Barnabus! It needs facilities such as an X-ray department. It is a nightmare that everyone is forced to go to Derriford.

NHS Dentist

- One dental practice in Saltash is not enough for the area – we must press for increased provision

An “adopt a granny” scheme – to encourage befriending between the generations

- Free bus passes for the elderly
- More ramps in Saltash for wheelchair access

Other observations

- Health should have a strong link to leisure provision. Leisure and community centres should be a focal point to bring people together.
- We could do with better health provision generally – it is a nonsense that people have to wait a week to get an appointment at either of the Saltash surgeries
- Health needs to work in conjunction with Social Services and the Local Education Authority to provide a complete multi-agency approach
- Revival of the “well woman clinic” scheme is needed

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7th September 2004

Dear

I attach notes from the boat trip on 3rd September. Altogether 52 people enjoyed a cruise round Plymouth Sound and up the River Lynher.

The notes provide a SWOT analysis of the PL12 area and also feedback on health and leisure / sport items previously raised at the Community Group's meetings.

I hope you can make it to the Steering Group at the Guildhall Saltash on 9th September.

Yours sincerely

John Evans
Community Agent