

# “Working for Shipston”

## The Newsletter of Shipston Town Management Partnership Issue 2—January 2010

### Welcome to our Second Newsletter

It is now almost a year since the company was incorporated and this second news letter records our achievements so far.

We intend to use these to drive our campaign to attract more members into our organisation. We feel we can now demonstrate what “people power” can achieve and the more members we have the greater our ability to make things happen in Shipston.

We are proud that in under a year we have shown that we can get things done.

By gathering more support from residents, groups and businesses, we can increase our efforts.

Please complete the application form overleaf to join

### Stour Flood Defence Equipment Exhibition

On behalf of the Town Council, we are organising a Flood Defence Equipment Exhibition to be staged at Shipston High School on Saturday 6th February from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

We have attracted a number of companies who specialise in providing equipment to protect properties from flooding and are delighted to report that the event is being sponsored by AXA Insurance.

A major marketing campaign including the distribution of 6000 leaflets to properties along the Stour Valley is being used to promote the event.

Residents ordering equipment will be able to re-claim part of their costs from a fund set up by the District Council and we hope that this will attract good attendance which will, in turn, make the participation of exhibitors, worthwhile.

### Telegraph Street Area Office Saved for the Community

Reversing the decision by Stratford District Council to dispose of their Telegraph Street Area Office has been a major success for our organisation.

The puny alternative arrangement of opening a few hours every three weeks from the reception area of the Leisure Centre has incensed many of our residents who used the service.

After some heavy weight lobbying and subject to a satisfactory business case, SDC are now prepared to grant a long lease to STMP at minimal rent for reopening and operating this facility for the Town.

We have three months to attract sufficient business to cover the overheads. Our intention is to attract various service organisations, including the town, district and county councils to use the facilities and for services such as a tourist information point, Shipston business promotion point and to provide meeting space at nominal cost for local people and organisations



### Sponsorship—Key to Our Success

Sponsorship of any voluntary organisation is key to its success.

Shipston Town Management Partnership is continually seeking additional sources of funding to help us develop services and address new opportunities for the community



In this issue of “Working for Shipston”, we are delighted to acknowledge the support provided, through a grant from the Mid-Counties Co-operative Membership Community Fund, which is going towards the development of our web site and the production of these newsletters.

Other applications are under consideration.

### Public Address System for local events

Everyone who’s attended public functions in the town square will know how difficult it is to hear people speaking on the existing public address system.

Through Warwickshire County Council, we are aiming to obtain funds from the Section 106 Agreement for the Tilemans Lane “Village” Estate WCC to buy a professional PA system for use by all organisations in the town.

The plan is that a nominal fee (much lower than that charged by commercial hire organisations), will be charged to cover the set up, operation, storage, insurance and maintenance of the equipment.

This is a perfect example of the S106 Funds being used for the Community and where our organisation can support the endeavours of other voluntary groups in the Town.

It is hoped that the new system will be available in the summer.

## Storage Facility at the Sports Club – “The Black Shed”

The land occupied by the Sports Club is owned by the Town Council, who also have certain responsibilities for the structures thereon including ‘The Black Shed’ which is insecure and in a dreadful state of repair.

It needs replacing and with this in mind we have presented a number of options to the Town Council for consideration:

1. A larger replacement storage facility also to accommodate Council equipment currently stored at the Brailes Road Depot was considered but at £80,000 is simply too expensive to justify.
2. Downscaling to a simple replacement building can be done for £20,000 and while this is still on the table there has been little support from the Council.
3. A third option would be for STMP to raise commercial funds for the project. This would be subject to our acquiring or leasing the land on which the facility was to be built.

As yet, none of these options have not found favour with the Council so we remain in a “do nothing” situation, after all our hard work until the Town Council are able to determine a way forward.

We believe replacement of ‘The Black Shed’ is exactly this type of thing that the Council should use its reserve funds for – after all it has several hundred thousand pounds and has had for several years now.

Due to the rules under which the Council operate, this matter may not now be re-addressed for a period of six months, but it is our hope that once this period has elapsed, the members of the Council will re-consider how a solution to this need may be found.

Look out for progress in future newsletters and on our web site.

## Membership of the Partnership

Membership of Shipston Town Management Partnership is open to individuals/families, voluntary organisations and businesses located in Shipston.

The annual memberships fees are:

<b>Individuals/Families</b>	-	<b>£ 5.00</b>
<b>Voluntary Groups</b>	-	<b>£15.00</b>
<b>Businesses</b>	-	<b>POA</b>

A refundable £1.00 joining fee is also payable.

To join us, please complete the form below and send with your payment to SHIPSTON TOWN MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP, 53 Beecham Road, Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 4RJ



### SHIPSTON TOWN MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I/we wish to apply for membership of the **SHIPSTON TOWN MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP**

We enclose our payment for **ONE YEAR'S** Membership as follows:

Private/Family Membership	£ 6.00
Voluntary Organisation Membership	£16.00
Corporate Membership	POA

Name:

Organisation  
(see below)

Address

Post Code

Telephone No:

E-mail

Notes:

- First Year Membership includes Company Guarantee of £1.00, which may be refunded if membership lapses.
- Voluntary Organisations include Clubs, Societies, Associations, etc.
- Each subscribing member will have one vote at General Meetings of the Partnership and may stand for election to the Board of Directors

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