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Your views are important. Please tell us what you think.

Does your community need a CAP? Contact us - details on left.

News in Brief

South Wye Learning Centre Launch

Eardisley CAP gets provisional approval

Canon Pyon forms a steering group

Cradley forms a steering group

Preston on Wye Application for provisional approval before the board

Launch date for Weobley CAP

Launch date for Mansel Lacy CAP

Wootton still waiting for BT connection

Individual CAP web pages being built

CAP Project website being updated

Welcome to 'The CAP Fits'

the Community Access Points Newsletter designed to keep Steering groups & users in touch.

This is YOUR newsletter and it needs your input to make it work. Through it we can share news, views and ideas to improve CAPs and make them sustainable. It is hoped that the next issue will have a 'Your View' section and become an interactive forum with Steering Group members, CAP volunteers and users all sharing their thoughts, feelings and ideas about their CAP. It's **Your** CAP and we value your input. **If you're thinking it, Email it!**

CURRENT CAPs STATUS

Michaelchurch CAP ●
The Bridge Inn
Michaelchurch

Weobley CAP ●
The Rookery
W. Primary School

Mansel Lacy CAP ●
The Community Centre

Lingen CAP ●
The Village Hall

South Wye Learning Centre CAP ●
Redhill, Hereford

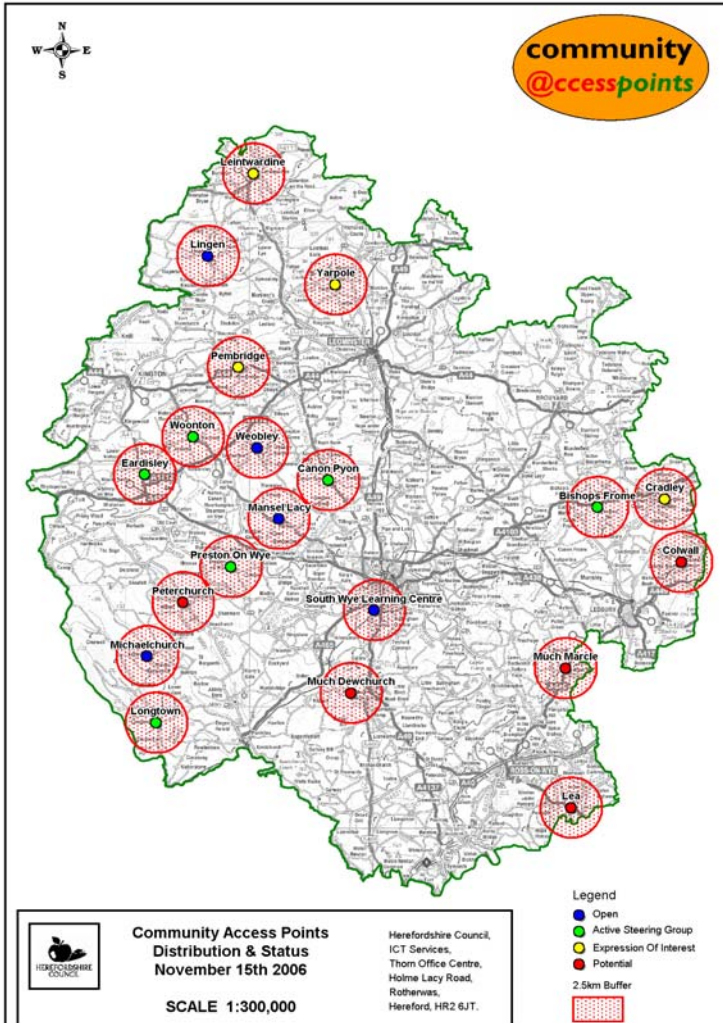
Wootton CAP ●
The Lion Inn

Longtown Kiosk ●
Approved subject to roll-out

Eardisley CAP ●
Approved subject to roll-out

Preston on Wye ●
Awaiting approval subject to roll-out

Bishops Frome ●
Steering Group building their bid



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News Roundup

South Wye Learning Centre

The South Wye Learning Centre launched their Community Access Point on Saturday 11th November. They put on their first digital photography workshop using the equipment provided by the CAP project and it was a great success. All are welcome to drop in and use the facilities. The centre also offers training courses.

Eardisley

The Eardisley CAP has been given provisional approval by the project board. They are now anxiously awaiting project roll-out approval.

Preston on Wye

Preston on Wye's Application for provisional approval goes before the board this Friday. Good luck to this extremely enthusiastic community.

Weobley

Located in the Rookery, adjacent to the primary school, the Weobley CAP aims to provide computer assisted classes as part of the extended schools programme. This is in addition to all the more usual CAP facilities that are on offer.

Members of the community are invited to come along to the launch days being held on 27th November and 6th December.

Canon Pyon

Canon Pyon formed a steering group at a well attended Community Meeting on 13th November.

Cradley

Cradley also formed a steering group on 13th November at

another well attended Community Meeting (10 people who couldn't attend took the trouble to send apologies).

Mansel Lacy

Mansel Lacy Church now has a CAP as well as a tower! The Community Access Point went live on 11th September. People will be able to use it for a range of activities including accessing the local job market, speaking to distant friends and relatives using a webcam link, and pursuing hobbies. The CAP offers computers with internet access, printer and scanner together with a huge range of software. It also has a digital video camera, projector and screen which will be used by the community to film village events and show them. "There is something here for everyone", said CAP steering Group Chair, Cal Edwards. "We are especially keen that people who have not used a computer before will come in and see how easy it all is. We can help them to email and even see and speak to family in other counties or countries"

Woonton

The Lion Inn at Woonton will become CAP number 5 when it opens in December. This is when BT complete their upgrade of the local exchange which will also enable more people in that community to obtain broadband. The Woonton CAP has exciting plans for involving the whole community and hope to have an official launch during December with the opening conducted by a famous local TV personality.

Roll-out approval

The Project Assessment report is due at the end of November and we hope to have approval before Christmas.

CAP web pages

Individual CAP web pages are currently under construction and will be part of the county portal 'myherefordshire.com'. The pages will echo the familiar portal style but will reflect the needs and local information of each individual CAP. The CAP Project pages are also being updated and links provided to the CAPs pages.

Sun and Wind Power Drives Lingen

Lingen Community Access Point is now in operation- and it's all been done using the sun and a windmill! The Community Access Points Project commissioned QiComm to provide a wireless connection to Lingen where Broadband is unavailable. They took a wireless signal from Leintwardine and transmitted it to a distribution point above Lingen which is powered by the wind and the sun as there is no normal electricity supply. Environmentally friendly, the antennae at these distribution points are extremely unobtrusive being just 40 cm long and 10 cm wide (16" by 4") with an output power of only 2 Watts (about the same as that from a mobile phone). Locals and visitors alike are encouraged to drop in and use it. Not just a drop-in point though, clubs and organisations can use the full IT facility for their group meetings.


"Mansel Lacy Church now has a CAP as well as a tower!"


CURRENT CAPs STATUS (Cont)

Canon Pyon 
Steering Group building their bid

Cradley 
Steering Group building their bid

Yarpole 
Community meeting planned for 30th Nov.




Leinwardine 
Community meeting planned for 14th Dec.

Pembridge 
Community meeting planned for 16th Jan 07

6 further communities have expressed interest and are pursuing

Other enquiries are in the pipeline

Could YOUR community fill this space? Contact us.

Key: Live 
Active SG 
Active champion 

What is the Community Access Points (CAPs) project?

As part of the Herefordshire In Touch (HIT) programme funding has been secured for a series of Community Access Points (CAPs) in the County. The purpose of the CAP project is to provide accessible, secure and sustainable broadband facilities within rural communities. In addition to the broadband connection, local communities are provided with a package of IT equipment and software that is designed to meet their needs

and are supported in establishing a local steering group to coordinate the activity of the CAP. The anticipated benefits of the project are social, economic and environmental. Those who find it most difficult to access new technologies will be helped; community cohesion will be enhanced with the introduction of a new community facility attractive to all ages and available to local groups; economic activity will be supported through access

to new training facilities; people will be able to access information and services on line and so reduce the need to travel. Funding for the programme has been secured from Advantage West Midlands (AWM) through Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) funding (via the Herefordshire in Touch programme) and from GOWM through the Objective 2 programme.