

Wellington Heath Funding Agreed!

Herefordshire Access to Services Partnership (HASP) has approved our application for funding for Wellington Heath which means that their Community Access Point can now be installed.

This is tremendous news for the Wellington Heath Steering Group who have spent the last three months waiting to see if they would get a fully equipped CAP or not. Installation will go ahead as quickly as humanly possible.

The funding award is also great news for Welsh Newton, Walford, Burghill, Pudleston and Ewyas Harold, each of which will receive additional equipment to the value of £2000 (subject to them agreeing to the HASP conditions) which will equip the third tranche of CAPs with kit to the value of £17,500 each.

This announcement was a complete surprise to these 5 CAP Steering Groups - we had not wanted to add to their workload by building up hopes until we were sure it would happen! As this edition goes out, they will be receiving a 'pick list' from which they can choose their top-up equipment.

HASP works to identify the problems that people in rural Herefordshire have in gaining access to statutory, community, commercial and leisure services, and then supports the development of appropriate, sustainable solutions.

http://www.comfirst.org.uk/herefordshire_access_to_services_partnership/

Hand over of Assets.

We expect to hand over CAP equipment to Steering Groups in late September. We can only hand over the assets if we have a signed partnership agreement and a copy of your signed constitution, and we are satisfied that the Steering Group is acting in accordance with both these documents.

Eighteen & Rising

Three new CAPs are now operational since the last issue of 'The CAP Fits'. They are Welsh Newton (26th July), Burghill (2nd August) and Walford (3rd August). Welcome to the family!

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Pudleston CAP has a live Broadband connection but they are awaiting the arrival of a security cupboard for the equipment.

Ewyas Harold also has a live Broadband connection, however they have building work to complete and are awaiting Building Regulations permission before starting the work.

CAPs Update

Community Access Points (CAPs) provide a complete village IT resource within a social environment. Individuals can see and speak to relatives on the other side of the world through a free web link. Residents can use CAP equipment free of charge for personal or business use. Training courses both formal and informal are available, as are homework clubs and social events.

21 CAPs across the county are now available with statistics showing over 4000 uses to date; 900 logins by young people accessing the facilities; 2500 training hours completed; 194 volunteers helping to run and manage them

The CAPs Project has expanded and improved community life in Herefordshire. When it ends on September 28th, it will leave a legacy of access to information, services, learning, job opportunities and personal communication.

Lingen Launch *David Driver*

The launch of Lingen CAP on Friday, 27 July from 7-9 pm was a great success with 45 people attending. We spent from 2.30



Getting involved at Lingen's

pm to 6.30 pm setting everything up. People arrived in numbers right from the start and the Steering Group were kept busy giving advice and demonstrating the various equipment & software. A good mix of age groups attended, with young people using the music keyboard software and the Driving Instructor Tests. In fact many older people had a lot of fun taking and failing their

theory test (what is a toucan crossing?). Others tried Skype with the webcams across the hall from laptop to laptop and were looking forward to linking up with relatives abroad in the near future. People were very impressed with the range of activities available

Two videos were shown of last years Lingen Art and Crafts Exhibition, made and edited using CAPs software and equipment.

The evening was enhanced by a lovely buffet.

Two new volunteers joined the committee and we look forward to the community making good use of the facility in the future.



Huge interest from locals

Have you joined the online CAPs forum yet? If not then please send an email to herefordshire_caps-owner@yahoo.co.uk For help, advice and much more.

News Roundup

Cowpats Pam Parry
 Good News! ... our Drop-In sessions are proving to be very popular ! A fabulous array of people using them too! Even a queue for laptops sometimes!
 We've had the younger ones talking to friends on line, playing music and games (& supposed to be doing homework!). Also absolute beginners and intermediates doing the computer tutor courses, people printing out old family photos, e-mailing, buying tickets for the Royal Welsh Show on-line and loads more!
 We have a homework club on Wednesdays from 6-7 pm then everyone from 7-9 pm and on Saturdays 9.30-12 noon for everyone.
 I anticipate us opening for more hours soon hopefully! We've also had a local bike club using our OKI to print their newsletter and other enquiries too !
 We recently met with Cathy from Holme Lacy College and

some local Farmers. The aim was to identify the types of things that are of interest to Farmers and then arrange training in those areas.
 Our COWPATS room is now kitted out ... tables, adjustable chairs, more storage etc, it's looking good!
 Our CAP e-mail address is: powcowpats@hotmail.co.uk

Eardisley
 The cinema group is going from strength to strength with a most professional pre-film advertising sequence drawing funds into the CAP. Fifteen advertisers are now signed up, many businesses having approached the CAP with requests to be included. The Eardisley SG have put a huge amount of effort into making their CAP an integral part of their community. The group are most professional in the way they have taken the CAP ethos on board and made their CAP something the community would find difficult to be without

Sponsorship training
 Our last planned major training session took place at Eardisley CAP on Monday 13th August.
 18 people attended and the session generated much interesting discussion. The course notes and handouts are all available on the Forum.

Final CAPs Get-together
 Don't miss the 'Meet the Partners' Networking Event. Meet representatives of organisations who work to support community groups like CAPs. Find out what they can offer - e.g. advice, training, funding, resources, partnerships - to help your CAP thrive. Promote your CAP and its facilities to organisations who want to extend their services into rural Herefordshire. Everyone welcome. Register through the online forum. Thursday 13 September, 6 pm - 9 pm at The Pyons CAP, Canon Pyon Parish Hall.

Charging for CAP Services

Commercial hire costs for ICT equipment is probably much higher than you think. In order to help inform your SG discussions here are some examples (prices per day):

- Data projector £50 min.
- 5ft x 4ft tripod screen £10
- 8ft x 6ft fastfold screen £45
- Laptop £75
- P/A system £45
- DV camcorder £89

Source: http://www.ppav.co.uk/Equipment_Rental/pricelist.asp

Careful consideration should be given before hiring equipment out for longer than a day as it means the kit is not available in the CAP. It is also important that the

hirer indemnifies the CAP against damage whilst the kit is on hire. There is an example form on the Yahoo forum.

IMPORTANT NOTE - CAP insurance does not cover kit hired out.

Remember, a replacement bulb for the data projector will cost over £200, and if your hirer reneges.....!
 When costing printing, it is worth doing the sums first.
 $Cost = (Ream\ cost / 500) + (cartridge\ cost / prints\ per\ cartridge) + (printer\ wear\ \&\ tear) + (running\ cost).$
 E.g. for colour print on plain paper, (Ream £5 / 500) = 1p (+ Ink cost £30 / 80 sheets) = 37.5p (+ wear & tear) = 1p (+ costs) = 40.5p per sheet then add 20% for wastage and profit = 50p per sheet. Photo paper costs approx 50p per sheet before the above costs are added.

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Project End

As most of you will be aware, the project comes to an end on September 28th. We'd like to produce a final 'The CAP Fits' in Mid September with at least one item from each CAP. Please get someone from YOUR CAP to write about the difference the CAP has made to your community. Tell us how much effort your Steering Group has put into building your CAP. A great many of you have put in a huge amount of time and effort to get your CAP up and running. We know it, but we want everyone else to know what you've achieved!

Please remember to send in your CAP returns by the 7th by email.
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Current CAPs STATUS

Michaelchurch CAP The Bridge Inn, Michaelchurch	●
Weobley CAP, The Rookery, Weobley Primary School	●
Mansel Lacy CAP, The Community Centre, Mansel Lacy	●
Lingen CAP The Village Hall, Lingen	●
South Wye Learning Centre CAP, Redhill, Hereford	●
Almeley-Woonton CAP The Lion Inn, Woonton	●
Cradley CAP British Legion Club, Cradley	●
Cowpats CAP Preston on Wye, Village Hall	●
Canon Pyon CAP The Parish Hall, Canon Pyon	●
The Fromes CAP, The Village Centre, Bishops Frome	●
Eardisley CAP Village Hall, Eardisley	●
Yarpole CAP Village Hall, Yarpole	●
Leintwardine CAP, Community Centre, Leintwardine	●
Pembridge CAP Village Hall, Pembridge	●
Bodenham CAP, Brockington Golf Club, Bodenham	●
Welsh Newton Village Hall Welsh Newton	●
Walford Memorial Hall Walford	●
Burghill Simpson Hall Burghill	●
Pudleston (live - not open yet) Village Hall Pudleston	●
Ewyas Harold (live - not open yet) Memorial Hall Ewyas Harold	●
Wellington Heath Village Hall Wellington Heath	●
Open	●
Approved	●

