

ST JAMES NEWS

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PLENTY TO SAY AT OPEN DAY

Open day on 9 June brought close on 100 members, new and old, and associates together to look at the draft proposals, attend the first AGM and enjoy the Map of St James cake.

The consultation boards are now on the website, together with the comments form. Thank you to all who handed in comments forms on the 9th. Closing date for more comments has been extended to 21 June.

The Forum's working group and David Bell, who is writing the draft neighbourhood plan, will be considering all comments, verbal and written. Your input is an essential and welcome part of this work.

NEW STEERING GROUP

The Forum's first AGM on the 9th was attended by 71 people, at least 57 being members. Following discussion on the draft constitution, the amended version will be published after 18 June.

With thanks to all who agreed to be nominated, we now have an elected group of officers and members for the Steering Group for 2012/13.

Jo Hawkins	Chairman, Horseguards
Ruth Stringer	Minutes Secretary, Oxford Road
Paul Hedley	Treasurer, Powderham Crescent Residents' Association
Robyn Connett	Membership Secretary, Well Street
Di Boston	Prospect Park
Aylwyn Bowen	Thornton Hill & West Avenue RA
Mark Clemoes	Oxford Road RA
Jonathon Dawson	Hoopern Street
Meg Hitchcock	Prospect Park RA
Frazer Osment	Prospect Park
Mark Phillips	Devonshire Place RA
Annette Plaut	St James Terrace

Contact to be advised – Bury Meadow RA

City and county councillors and officers of Exeter City Council have standing invitations to Steering Group meetings.

VOLUNTEERS FOR PROJECTS – JOIN IN

Through our task groups and the consultation events in April and June, we have a list of identified projects - the issues and places on which you want to see action either by or on behalf of local residents.

The Forum may not be the group which takes a particular action. It may be more appropriate for a residents' association, the council or another organisation. However, we don't want to lose the current impetus and enthusiasm and are inviting volunteers to sign up now. Your names will be passed the groups handling specific projects.

Let us know if you are interested in one or more of the following topics by writing to **ESJF, c/o St Sidwell's Community Centre, Sidwell Street, Exeter EX4 6NN**

Environment and gardens
Roads, rail, bikes and feet
History and architecture
Business and development

CHILDREN'S PAINTINGS ADD COLOUR TO KING WILLIAM CAR PARK

The hoardings around King William Street multi-storey car park have been enlivened in the past week by the addition of paintings by pupils of St Sidwell's C of E Primary School and the children of the Mosque. The hoardings are due to remain in place for another two months.

Matrix, contractors for the refurbishment work, and Exeter City Council invited ESJF to co-ordinate the community project. Matrix paid for the printing and installation of the panels.

Many thanks to St Sidwell's and the Mosque for their willing participation and the delightful paintings, and to Aylwyn Bowen for masterminding the project for us.