

Town Partnership proposal

This is a motion to establish a town partnership.

Ware is blessed with many amazing community groups that have produced a thriving town.

One great example of this is the Southern maltings as it is has successfully built a community arts centre showcasing talent and providing opportunities through Herts inclusive theatre, its guitar club and the many workshops it hosts

The Mens shed have teamed up with ware swifts to provide hundreds of boxes to house an iconic endangered species

CAEH have helped disadvantaged residents to claim hundreds of thousands of pounds in entitlements, referring some to the ware charities to provide much needed assistance.

These partnerships between organisations have produced wonderful results, and due to those partnerships and their successes I propose we establish a ware town partnership board.

This would take the form of a quarterly meeting of representatives from major religious, local business groups and charities based in or active largely in Ware, and representatives of WTC.

From this meeting I would hope to derive the following:

- Information on the state of community groups and charities within the town which-will enable us to better understand and plan what's needed from the council and give us more information for the allocation of grant funding.
- Facilitate the exchange of work between groups on projects one group alone would be unable to complete
- To publish quarterly reports on achievements, needs and ambitions

An organisation encompassing all group within Ware would be unworkable, therefore I would recommend that representatives of these groups should be limited to 12 people, including 2 representatives from Ware Town Council. The other 10 members will be invited at the discretion of the Clerk under Ware Town Councillors guidelines. The chair of the meeting should not necessarily be a Ware town councillor and should be elected via the representatives for a term of 1 year via a simple majority.

The appointed 10 members should include:

1. a member from the local town centre business group
2. a member from Citizens Advice East Herts
3. a member from a group combatting isolation local social/alwaysbeyou/The mens shed
4. a member of Samaritans
5. a member of a local environmental group
6. a member from community policing
7. a member from a local Sports Group
8. a member from the Southern Maltings

9. a member from local religious institutions

10. a member of the Ware charities

There is an expectation that in appointing representatives that they would liaise with other groups within their sphere, IE always be you with the mens shed.

I do not expect this to take much officer time, beyond the inviting and scheduling of meetings the taking of minutes of publishing reports compiled by the partnership.