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West Sussex LINK

ELECTION SPECIAL NEWS BULLETIN

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LINK takes exciting step forward!

In this special Bulletin we are pleased to report that West Sussex has taken a significant step forward in the development of the Local Involvement Network (LINK) with the successful election of its first Stewardship Group.

The ballot

The election count, overseen by independent scrutineer, Robin Kemp, took place on 31st March and revealed that 168 valid ballot papers had been returned.

With 287 ballot papers issued to those who had registered with the West Sussex LINK, this represents an excellent response rate of 58.5%

“The result demonstrates a real commitment by those who have signed up to LINKs to getting the right 15 people in place”, says Regional Manager, Amanda Eastaugh.

Stewardship Group meeting

The Stewardship Group will play a key part in making the West Sussex LINK a success. Its role will include prioritising and steering the work of the LINK.

The group will meet for the first time on 22nd April and this will be an important opportunity for group members to get to know each other, to share their skills and experience, and to voice their hopes for the LINK. They will also be introduced to host organisation *Help & Care* and have the chance to identify the support needed to enable the group to do its job.

“This is an exciting step forward in the development of the LINK and I am looking forward to welcoming the members personally at the meeting”, says Amanda.

So who are the people who have volunteered to help steer the work of the LINK? More will be revealed in future Newsletters.

The LINK team

The Stewardship Group meeting will be hosted by the West Sussex LINK team which, following recent recruitment activity, is now six strong. In addition to Regional Manager, Amanda, the team consists of three Development Officers - Jo Fisher, Olly Grice and Mark Habibi (part-time) - plus recent recruits, Diane Ruban (part-time Administration Assistant) and Malcolm Gates (part-time Communications and Online Support Officer).

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Congratulations and welcome to the LINK Stewardship Group!

Lilian Bold

Anthony Davies

John Gooderham

Stuart Henderson

Vicki King

Mary-Ann Letten

Christopher McCrory

Paul Renshaw

Tony Reynolds

Terry Rixon

Patrick Shanahan

Betty Smith

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