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## News

Welcome to the South West (Swindon) Warden Resource Centre newsletter. This is the second edition of what will be a monthly newsletter providing the latest information on our services, as well as other news that will be of interest to regional practitioners.

### Time to train!

Our training facility is now up and running. We have experts who can advise on and undertake a variety of training needs. This is the training that we are running, in brief:

#### Accredited Core Training:

The Resource Centre is the only organisation in the South West authorised to deliver core training for Wardens that leads to a nationally recognised qualification.

This modular programme has been developed by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM). The Neighbourhood Management & Wardens Team commissioned grime, crime, training and e-learning experts to create a flexible learning package, comprising 29 modules, 17 different modules for Wardens. An extra 12 modules are for Managers and Supervisors. Courses last five days with 2.5 days for the Managers and Supervisors. This course may be undertaken in a single block or in modules over an extended period of time. The course will be held between 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April at Swindon.

We are still waiting for the Distant Learning Package to be sent to us and once it's arrived we will give you an update in the next edition.

If you are interested please complete an application form available from our website or get in contact with us.

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Also if you are a Warden Manager and want to train to become a trainer, then please contact Mark Walker to discuss this further on 01793 464605.

## **Non-Accredited and Additional Training**

The Resource Centre also provides optional (non-accredited) core training modules, to enhance your wardens' skills. We can be very flexible about the delivery of these modules and will arrange courses around your working patterns.

If you wish to discuss this or have any further questions then please contact our Training Officer Lynn Jarvie on 01793 464426.

We will also be starting up our new Enforcement Power Training in late May 2005 so watch this space!

## **News on Study Visits**

We have now arranged a date for a Study Visit, which is due to be held in Swindon on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. If you are interested in coming along then please let us know as soon as possible so we can provide you with the best service.

We have also arranged another Study Visit to Torbay to be held in April, dates yet to be confirmed.

We want to encourage Wardens to share ideas and best practice. Also discuss The Junior Warden Youth Engagement, Environmental and Play Project. Study visits last 1-2 days, providing an excellent platform for Wardens to meet each other and exchange success stories from their day-to-day work.

Delegates are welcome both from within and outside the South West region.

If you have any best practice to share before the study visits, please can you forward them on to us to [swresourcecentre@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:swresourcecentre@swindon.gov.uk)

Not interested now? Why not keep our contact details, you might be interested in the future! Or if you are interested now, but would like to do the training in the future then please let us know now on Swindon 01793 464370.

## Information for the regional network and Study Conference

The next meeting of the South West Regional Network and Study Conference will be in March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Taunton Holiday Inn M5 JCT.25.

If you are interested in attending please contact me on 01793 464370/464487 for dates and times or alternatively you can email me on the above address.

## National Warden Network

***Hold the front page! ...***

## Wardens! How you can contribute to an exciting national proposal

We are currently looking at ways to strengthen the national Wardens network. To this end we will be working with other practitioners from across the UK in developing a Wardens Service Charter. Once created, this document will outline the common service aims of all Wardens, and go some way in explaining the massive scope of your day-to-day work. Of course, you are the only people with a genuine grasp of that work, so the charter must be built around the stories of wardens at work.

Please tell us what you would like to be included in this charter; it could be related to the aims of the job, or maybe you have an experience that you feel would help explain the Warden ethos.

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You can leave suggestions in our resource centre mailbox at:

[swresource@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:swresource@swindon.gov.uk)

We look forward to hearing your views.

## Other information

### Scheme Support Training for Resource Centre Advisors

This is a new two day programme designed for Resource Centre Advisors and will be held in the near future to be announced.

This will result in payment to your scheme of £350 random. If you are interested then please get in touch with us.

The aims of this course is to ensure that participants:

- Fully understand the scheme support role of the RCA (Resource Centre Advisor)
- Can organise and undertake a scheme support visit
- Understand the key scheme support issues
- Know the limitations of the RCA role, and
- Are familiar with the required scheme support visit report forms.

If you require any further information on this or would like to attend the course then please get in contact with us.

### We Need Your Help!

We have tried our best to map all the schemes in the South West Region but we might have overlooked some, and they could be in need of Training and other services that we can supply them!

If you know of any local Warden Schemes around your area big or small, we would very much appreciate it if you could please let us know who they are because we don't want them to miss out!

We look forward to hearing from you.

## Reminder!

This is a final reminder to anyone who has not yet returned the data collection questionnaires (pro-formas). Please can you fill them in and return them to [swresource@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:swresource@swindon.gov.uk)

Also if you have any pictures of your wardens, at work or in the community, and would like to share them with us, so that we can include them in our publicity materials then can you please forward them to me as soon as possible so you don't miss out!

Or if you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me on Swindon 01793 464370/464487.

Thank you

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## Let Us Know!

We would very grateful if you can give us feedback on the newsletter and advice on how we can improve it.

Also if you would like us to include anything else which we have missed out or you would like us to include something about your scheme that you would like for the rest of the region to know then please let us know so we can add them to our future newsletters!