

21st April 2010

COMMUNITY ART PROJECT – UPDATE SIX

(First Report to Whitchurch Association)

I am now three weeks into the timetable set myself in order to proceed through the summer months (start 31st March, end target 31st October), the project having been delayed last year within the Steering Group.

PRESENT NUMBERS IN PROJECT

One further design has been presented to and approved by the Town Council, making four ready to start.

It has been designed by children. The decoration will be converted into a paint by numbers format so that the children can paint it themselves, under supervision of course.

The White Hart this week has given me very good information that Arkells will put a lot of support into the project. Today (Wednesday) I was informed they will probably offer their top signwriter for two bollards outside the pub. I am awaiting a call or a meeting with Mr Arkell himself! For publicity purposes these should be the first implemented, as I hope that a high profile launch can be held at the White Hart which can boost business involvement.

There is also one other sponsored bollard in the design stage with drawings being worked on. Hopefully this too will go to the next TC meeting.

The present situation is that c.16 are presently in the system at various stages:

4 approved, ready to decorate;

4 in design stage;

3 in concept stage;

5 being considered as possibly for a special feature.

FAMILY/CHILDREN COMPETITION IN MAY

A Competition for families and children is being announced in the next Parish magazine (May 1st).

Any family is being invited to enter a design with the theme 'Life in Whitchurch', while children can design one called 'Whitchurch Fun'. Closing date is 31st May.

TEMPLATES NOW AVAILABLE

Templates are now available for anyone who wishes to submit a design. Just ask.

PRODUCTION UPDATE - TESTING

Early this week the first test patches of various paints were painted on one bollard to assess the best materials to use.

Laquers and anti-vandal protection are also being tested.

Once these are determined then the first bollards will be decorated.

BOLLARDS MADE AN ELECTION ISSUE

I cannot finish without mentioning the regrettable actions by an election candidate moving the fun-focussed community art project into election issue.

The true summary of the project posted on the Town Hall Notice Board is much welcomed.

Present finance:

Start budget: £ 5722

Artist design fees: £225

Balance: £5497.

John

<http://www.whitchurchbollards.org.uk/>

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