

**31st October 2010**

## **COMMUNITY ART PROJECT – UPDATE TEN**

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### **PRESENT NUMBERS IN PROJECT**

Since the last report three further bollards have been painted (plus one 'rogue – see later). Two belishas, and a lovely watercress design. The latter gained a small sponsorship donation.

### **FEEDBACK**

Luton Council have been in touch again about the scheme and there was some a very complimentary out-of-the-blue coverage by PRIAN, an organization that promotes good practice in urban design.

They describe the 'adopt-a-bollard' idea as a positive and low cost solution suitable for many towns at a time when maintenance budgets are being cut.

See:

[http://www.publicrealm.info/prian\\_blog.html](http://www.publicrealm.info/prian_blog.html)

### **FUTURE PLANS**

*Fairtrade* have organized a competition with various groups. The 'winning' bollard design will be judged in time for the *Fairtrade* launch at 'H's Coffee Shop' on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Scouts are designing bollards as part of an activity and the Youth Project are showing interest too.

There are plans to present a seasonal Christmas design.

The Five Gold Rings idea (five decorated bollards on Town Hall forecourt in Olympic themes) has gained good response from the new 'organiser' at B&DBC who has suggested it is launched on 22-24<sup>th</sup> July 2011 - when there is to be a Borough wide launch of projects. He has suggested the launch of these bollards ties in with that.

A leaflet is available on request.

### **FAMILY/CHILDREN COMPETITION**

Two base designs have now been drawn up and will, following approval, be used as part of a children's activity.

The children, under supervision, will use stencils to produce designs on top of the pre-painted backgrounds.

## **ROGUE BOLLARD**

On 18<sup>th</sup> September a decorated bollard appeared in town that had not gone through the bollard 'process'. It totally surprised me.

I can have no control on this, but at least it was well-designed and painted!

As it was the design is quite good and included a reference to an Art Exhibition. It was apparently done in good faith with well-meaning intentions.

I will put this to the Council next time I present designs to them.

(see update below)

I do need to make clear that I cannot be held responsible for anyone who decorates/graffitis, knocks down any bollard as some have tried to imply!

## **FINANCES**

All detailed finances are with Whitchurch Association.

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

## **UPDATE NOVEMBER**

The full Town Council approved the 'Rogue Bollard' (see above) and it is now within the Art Project's 'jurisdiction'.

Further designs were also approved which will appear on the streets in due course.

Please consider the environment before printing

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