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HAVE YOU HAD YOUR VOICES HEARD RECENTLY?

The Big Local community website for Radstock and Westfield communities is now live! This is the first time all residents from Clandown, Haydon, Radstock, Tynning, Westfield and Writhlington can come together online, upload comments, views and engage with the public forum.

The community website www.biglocalradstockandwestfield.org.uk for the Big Local 'Getting People Involved' project for the communities of Radstock and Westfield communities has been launched this week amidst the 18+ Creative Consultation events that are happening now and in May, as well as a new community questionnaire, which has a £50 cash prize for one lucky local.

Why is there a community website?

The community website is the hub of activity for the 'Getting People Involved' project, for the Big Local. The communities of Radstock and Westfield will get at least £1 million of Lottery money over the next 10 years through the Big Local. The community website will be the public forum for all the residents of the communities of Radstock and Westfield. Local people are encouraged to login to the website and upload their views and comments about the area in which they live.

What is the Big Local?

The Big Local is the trust that will look after the Lottery money for the communities of Radstock and Westfield - local people will decide how the trust fund will be spent! Big Local wants local people to work together over the next ten years to decide what their area needs or how it can be improved. The Big Local aims:

"To enable people to make their communities better places to live in, now and in the future, by helping them develop the skills and confidence they need to identify priorities that matter to them and to take action to change things for the better."

So, what is the 'Getting People Involved' project?

The 'Getting People Involved' project aims to gain a sense of what is important to the residents in the communities of Radstock and Westfield. The first stage of the project is coordinated by Creativity Works, a charity based in Radstock, during Spring 2011. They will host Creative Consultation events in April and May, start a community website and a community questionnaire. This is the beginning of involving residents in their Big Local community development.

The community website is just one of the main communication points in which all local people can have a say! The community website has the most up to date information on the 'Getting People Involved' project- all the dates for the public creative consultation events, information on the Big Local and an interactive forum to leave your comments and opinions. The website

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needs you to upload your views on what community means to you, what you value in your community, what your community needs and how you would like it improved. Use this website to get the opportunity to influence the Big Local!

Also, don't forget to download a questionnaire from the website, pick one up from local community venues or contact Creativity Works 01761 438852. Every completed questionnaire will be entered into a £50 cash prize draw. It will be drawn independently and the winner will be told **Monday 30th May 2011** –voice your views about the communities of Radstock and Westfield.

Public events: Creative Consultations for residents of the communities of Radstock and Westfield. Drop-in at any of the public events to express your views. Find out about the Big Local. Run by artists the events will engage you in creative thinking. Express what community means to you, what you love, what you value, what you would like to improve. Creative thinking, creative communities.

Writhlington- Monday 9th May 3 - 8pm – public event at Writhlington Village Hall

Westfield- Friday 13th May 3 - 8pm at the Methodist Church Hall, Westfield

Radstock - Saturday 14th May 11am - 4pm - at St Nicholas Church Meeting Rooms (next to the community café)

Tynning- Friday 27th May 3 – 8pm public event at Whisty Hall

For further information search www.biglocalradstockandwestfield.org.uk and start talking. See also www.creativityworksforeveryone.co.uk.

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Notes to editors

- The Big Lottery Fund (BIG), the largest distributor of National Lottery good cause funding, is responsible for giving out half the money raised for good causes by the National Lottery.
- BIG has set up an independent charitable trust, investing £200million in 100-150 urban and rural neighbourhoods across England that have been overlooked for funding in the past.
- **Creativity Works** was formerly nesa and North East Somerset Arts. Creativity Works is working with local partners to start a series of local creative consultation events that will involve local people. Creativity Works, is a charity specialising in delivering creative projects with communities. We believe creative activities encourage individuals and groups to explore, develop and grow. Our projects are targeted at specific communities, in areas of wellbeing and health and with people of all ages.