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A successful Launch for the Oliver's Battery Plan

More than 150 people were at the highly successful Launch Meeting of the Oliver's Battery Plan on 1st April.

So what next?

Expectations are now high and a momentum is building. The next major Event will be the **Community Survey**, distributed in **July**. This will provide demonstrable statistical evidence on the issues that concern the community, what we value and want to preserve, and what we want to develop in our Plan.

But before this, we are consulting individuals, specialist groups, shopkeepers, teachers and all those who make up our community, to identify issues to include in this Community Survey.

So keep an eye out for notices of meetings and drop-in discussion sessions. And give us your thoughts by filling out one of the slips on the red Suggestion Boxes that are in view in the Supermarket, and in St Mark's. Or send an email to the contacts at the end of this article.

Why not run a House Party? Or a Tea Party?

With any Community Plan, it's important to involve people at every stage, to keep moving forward, generating ideas of what might be possible, above and beyond solid issues like roads, transport, facilities, to think 'What if ...', to let the ideas flow. Thinking 'outside the box', in other words. We're suggesting that you can do this yourselves during the months of June and July

It's an idea that we've borrowed from Buriton - **House Parties**. It's a way of getting to know your neighbours, meeting up with friends and enjoying the summer weather and the long warm evenings (well, we can hope!). Follow the guidelines on the Sheet that comes with this newsletter, and let us have it back. We will collate and publish these - who knows what interesting ideas and events we might come up with



Keeping in touch

We are using social media to keep residents in touch with what's going on with the Plan, so that we keep everyone informed and do not lose the momentum that we are establishing.

- If you are on email, we are setting up a 'Mail Chimp' **Newsletter**, which will send out regularly. We already have nearly 200 residents on our list. If you want to join in on this, send your contact details to Connie or Maggie (emails at end of this article).
- You can also look at the new **Oliver's Battery Parish Council website**, <https://oliversbattery.wordpress.com/> which has direct links to the Plan. News of the Plan can also be found on Facebook on the **Oliver's Battery Parish Council Facebook** page.

We are trying to keep people informed who are not on email -

- If you know people who are not on email, but who would like to hear regularly about the Plan, then let us know, so that we can drop off copies of our information bulletins.
- We will be at the Spring Fayre at the primary school on Saturday, May 16th.
- We will also be at the Event on the Battery on Sunday, July 12th.

If you want to find out more about the Oliver's Battery Plan, or want to get involved in any way, please contact: Cllr Constance Leach on constance@leach154.plus.com.