



Press Release

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Meetings to Forge the Future of the Caerwent Community

People living in and around the historic Monmouthshire village of Caerwent are being urged to help forge its future.

Everyone from the Caerwent, Dinham, Llanfair Discoed, Crick and St Brides area are invited to one of two public meetings being held on July 11 and 13, where they will be encouraged to put forward their ideas about how they would like to see their villages develop. The meetings will take place at Caerwent Village Hall, Highfield, Caerwent on Friday July 11 from 10am to 5pm and at Caerwent Community Centre, Lawrence Crescent on Sunday July 13 from 2pm to 5pm.

Residents of all ages are welcome at the events, where Deserie Mansfield, Social Enterprise Development Officer with adventa will explain the process of developing a Community Led Plan, which presents an unparalleled opportunity for people to take responsibility for making things happen locally.

Adventa, which works to deliver Monmouthshire's Rural Development Plan, has helped several other villages and communities throughout the county develop their own Community Led Plan as part of its objective to help rural communities realise their full potential. The planning process enables residents to develop a shared vision for the long-term sustainability of their community and how it should develop over the next five to 10 years. The plan can then be used to influence local area planning decisions, support funding applications and influence service providers.

At the meetings in Caerwent, attendees can have their say on a wide range of topics and identify what they feel is important to the future and wellbeing of their community. "We are encouraging the people of the Caerwent area to join the thousands of people in hundreds of communities across the UK who are already using community planning to make changes for the better in their area for themselves and importantly for the future of their children," said Deserie. "We are keen to identify what is important to the residents of the Caerwent area and to understand their current and future needs. Topics might include their requirements for community facilities and services, suggestions for improving the environment, their ideas for sports and leisure activities and their views about local transport and local provision for young people."

For more information about the event, please contact: Deserie Mansfield, 01633 748311 or 07816 066046 or email: DeserieMansfield@monmouthshire.gov.uk. For more information about adventa visit www.adventa.org.uk.

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Realising Rural Potential

Adventa takes an original approach to realising the potential of Monmouthshire's rural businesses and communities - working together, providing expertise and support and embracing new ideas. Aspirational Monmouthshire, adventa's exciting new programme aims to stimulate entrepreneurial and organic growth under the theme of Food and the Rural Landscape. The project covers five sectors: Rural Enterprise, Social and Community Enterprise, Sustainable Tourism, Food Tourism and Development and Festivals and Events.

Adventa 's programme is part of Monmouthshire's wide-ranging Rural Development Plan, which is led by Monmouthshire County Council's Economy and Enterprise section and will bring an additional £3 million into the county to benefit rural communities and small businesses. Adventa's projects receive funding through the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2014 which is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

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