

# Stamford Vision: Business

Notes from the meeting of 1.12.05

1. Andrew Moore has been involved in a bad car accident and he is currently still in intensive care. TH agreed to send a note expressing our concern to Anne on behalf of the group.
2. Welland Enterprise  
The Deputy Chief Executive of the Welland Enterprise, Emma Chapman gave a presentation setting out the business support which currently exists from Welland Enterprise and how this in turn fits into the overall framework for business support. Welland Enterprise will have a manned office at Stamford railway station in 2006. From this they can support their core offering locally, which is free business advice for start up, pre start up and existing businesses. They provide support in planning, training, access to finance as well as a Business Mentor scheme. They are also involved in business networks. They are a national pathfinder in their Welland Turnpike Programme and this looks at the cohesion of business support at a local level which currently is quite fragmented across the East Midlands. Finally, she outlined three programmes of specific support which will be available in Stamford in the new year:
  - § New Entrepreneur Scholarship – a 12 week programme available for long term unemployed to consider self employment.
  - § East Your Living Programme – a 1month training opportunity available for all.
  - § Welland Business Growth Programme – a 7 week training programme.
3. Business Awards:  
All on track for Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> at the Arts Centre. Already there have been over 40 entries which is very encouraging.
4. Business Survey: CLH took the group quickly through the more detailed analysis of the findings. This has now been circulated as a pdf document.
5. Post code survey: Part of this has been distributed by AM before his accident and the remainder will be distributed by AH in January. This will be flagged up in our spread in the Mercury about the Business Awards.

Date of the next meeting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2006 and thereafter on the first Thursday in the month.

Why not put them in your new 2006 diary now?

Stamford Vision's annual review is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm at Stamford Town Hall.