

Stamford Vision: Business

Notes from the meeting of 5.01.06

1. Business Awards: Thursday February 16th at the Arts Centre. MR updated us on the progress made, 70 local businesses applied which is excellent, even more so as this is the first year. The shortlisting will take place this week. A video will be produced of all the shortlisted businesses and the judges will meet together to decide jointly on the business of the year. The Mercury will begin to feature the shortlisted teams from next week.
The piece that Stamford Vision had in the Mercury resulted in two enquiries for the Adaptive Reuse Scheme which is good news.
2. Post code survey: This will be circulated during January/ early February.
3. Future projects for 2006:
 - o Benchmarking: Once the Welland Group of towns has started on this project we can compare our data gathering more widely. The business group is committed to continuing with the data gathering that it currently does during 2006.
 - o The need for space for businesses in Stamford: This should be the major focus for the group during 2006. This ties in with the initiatives on the new Planning development framework and the Welland Quarter. We need to begin to consider the steps which need to be overcome to attract, say, an innovation centre to the town and understand what this would contribute to the town's economy.
4. AOB: There was a discussion about the web presence of Stamford and the business group confirmed that if the marketing group wished to take this forward they would support them and feed into the process.

Date of the next meeting Thursday 2nd February 2006