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Introduction

1. The Wiltshire & Swindon Smartplace Programme developed from the decision in June 2002 by a range of public and voluntary sector partners in Wiltshire and Swindon to work together with BT to secure the benefits of broadband and related technology for the people and organisations of Wiltshire and Swindon. The programme aims to maximise the benefits from ICT and broadband technology for businesses, learners and communities across Wiltshire and Swindon. It will bring benefits for all sectors, both public and private, voluntary and community, in a holistic way, with particular focus on delivering long-term employability.
2. The programme comprises five themes: Business Development, Learning & Skills, Community Capacity Building, Broadband Infrastructure, and Marketing. Each of these themes will be implemented by means of a series of individual projects which, when taken as a whole, will realise the aims and objectives of the programme. This project forms part of the Community Capacity Building theme.
3. Tidworth was selected as one of the pilot sites for the Community Capacity Building theme because
 - 3.1. Tidworth has an active Community Trust already in place (Tidworth Trust) which has developed and published a community plan that already runs community capacity building projects
 - 3.2. Tidworth Development Trust already has identified its ICT Champion and has an ICT strategy in place which compliments Smartplace called e-info@tidworth. This project required additional funding to continue therefore Smartplace could build on the experience and success of this project
 - 3.3. Tidworth Development Trust has had the opportunity to combine funding from other organisations such as Kennet District Council to create a more sustainable resource in the community. Kennet DC expressed the desire to lead on this project for Smartplace.

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Project Objectives

5. The objectives of this project were:
 - 5.1. To continue provision of the e-info@tidworth service for the Community in Tidworth.
 - 5.2. To expand the e-info@tidworth services to include access to the Smartplace services such as business, learning and access to Authority Services.

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Project Deliverables

7. The project's deliverables were:
 - 7.1. A high visibility presence for Smartplace in Tidworth
 - 7.2. Positive publicity for Smartplace (eTidworth) on inclusion of the project in e-info@tidworth
 - 7.3. A community access point in Tidworth comprising 7 broadband enabled terminals in a combined Smartplace / Tidworth Development Trust centre.
 - 7.4. Tidworth Development Trust will develop plans with Smartplace partners to deliver the range of events that are scheduled for experience points (on a smaller scale.)

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Achievement Against Objectives & Deliverables

9. The Smartplace funding continued the provision of e-info@tidworth service for the community in Tidworth.
10. eTidworth successfully expanded its services to include access to some of the Smartplace services, e.g. the website.
11. Positive publicity was created for the Smartplace Programme.
12. eTidworth gave a high visibility presence for Smartplace in Tidworth, by being located in Tidworth High Street.
13. The project achieved the project deliverable of setting up an access centre with free Broadband and 7 PC's, for the public use.
14. eTidworth has become a training provider in its own right.

Conclusions

15. eTidworth has proved to be a successful project and has exceeded its project objectives and deliverables .
16. eTidworth has been successfully providing training in business and IT for ePewsey, showing evidence of cross partnerships within Smartplace.
17. Acting as a training provider brings in income i.e. more sustainability.
18. The project serves the military and civilian communities, enhancing social inclusion and promotes social cohesion in Tidworth.
19. eTidworth is capable of providing training courses to all Smartplace community projects.

Recommendations

20. The overall success of the eTidworth Project and the ongoing demand for ICT and business courses demonstrates that there is an overwhelming demand for Facilitator led ICT and e learning in the Tidworth community.
21. Access to Free Broadband and ICT facilities, is essential to helping bridge the digital divide and enhance social inclusion in this rural area of Wiltshire.
22. Consequently all efforts should be made to secure follow on funding so that initiatives developed as a result of SmartPlace can continue to benefit the Tidworth community