

EXPAND
INDEPENDENCE
CHANGE
OPPORTUNITIES
HOME
SOCIAL
PLAY
POSITIVE
COMFORTING
ENVIRONMENT
CHOICES
LEARNING

INVITATION

GREEN SHOOTS

HELP DESIGN A NEW HOME
FOR THE THIRD SECTOR IN TAUNTON DEANE

Consultation Events

Designing a new resource for the 3rd sector in Taunton Deane

Would you like to participate in this exciting new development at the Albemarle Centre?

CONSULTATION EVENTS with lunch provided



FRIDAY 22nd JUNE

11:00—1:00

WEDNESDAY 11th JULY

11:00—1:00

MONDAY 16th JULY*

10:30—1:30

- The Albemarle Centre is well used by many voluntary sector and statutory sector organisations and in addition, provides permanent accommodation for other local charities and self-help groups.
- During a general upgrade and improvements to facilities there is a view to developing a Community Hub for the Third Sector and Social Entrepreneurs. Recent months have seen increased requests for full and part time accommodation of this nature.
- The feasibility study for this Community Hub concept is called Green Shoots and is being conducted by the Community Council for Somerset on behalf of the Albemarle Centre. The aim is to explore and identify potential for re-development to meet the needs of the Third Sector and Social Entrepreneurs.
- Initial, informal feedback has been very positive.
- Located just 200m from the Taunton Deane offices where statutory services are based, the Albemarle provides ease of access to potential service users. The location, with close proximity to the Railway Station and local car parks already makes this a popular venue for many organisations to meet.

***MONDAY 16th JULY** — co-hosted with Engage Voluntary Sector Development. Engage is inviting voluntary groups in Taunton Deane to the inaugural **Taunton Deane Voluntary Sector Forum**. This is a great opportunity for attendees to share news and ideas. The Forum is open to all voluntary groups in Taunton Deane.

Expanding on the 'hub' like services already provided at the Albemarle and drawing on other 'hub' examples in the South West, if viable, the ultimate aim of this project is to provide:

- A place that works well for other organisations and importantly the people they help
- Be somewhere that ideas can be tried, tested and if viable allowed to grow
- Sharing resources and reducing costs with infrastructure and resources in place
- Somewhere for people to work collaboratively

We are seeking input in designing this project. If you, or someone you know, has any ideas or suggestions, please pass them on by phone CCS on 01823 331222 (speak to Jane Birch) or email jane@somersetccc.org.uk, or come along to one of the consultation events listed above .

All ideas are welcome!

- Tell us how the 'space' could be designed & used,
- What facilities such as telephony, private/secure server space or storage might be beneficial
- Would a small meeting room with capability for video conferencing be a good use of the space?
- What services might be suitable?
- What name to call the 'hub'
- Should there be a "constitution" or other form of collaboration for hub members ?

If you are able to share this information with colleagues and your contacts/networks we would be very grateful.

Many thanks

Jane Birch

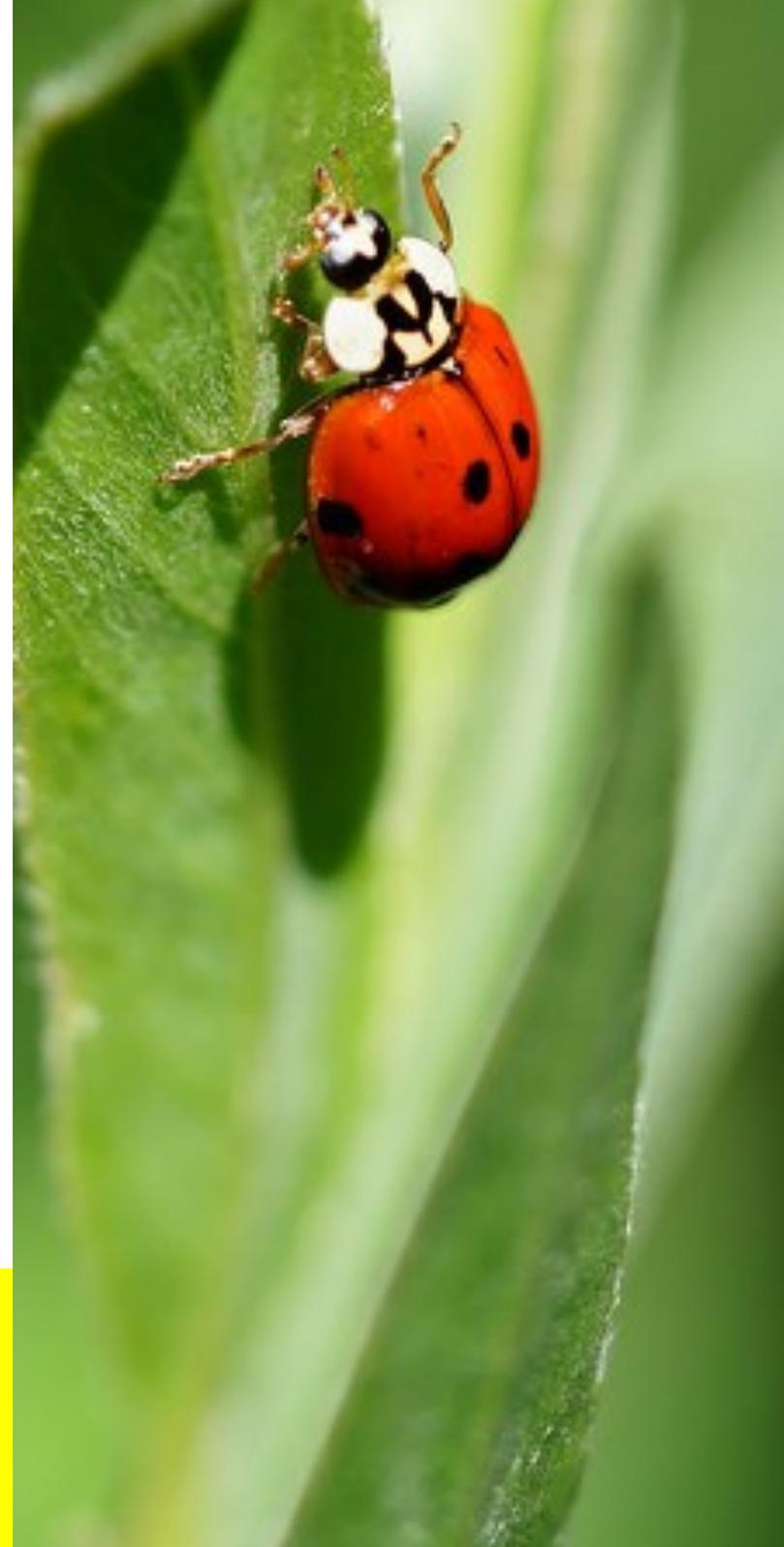
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16th JULY EVENT

To register for CONSULTATION email jane@somersetccc.org.uk

To register for FORUM email tauntonvolunteers@engagews.org.uk

Or simply email both!





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