

**AREA WEST COMMITTEE**

**AUGUST 2008**

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Should members have questions regarding any of the items please contact the officer shown underneath the relevant report. If, after discussing the item with the officer and it is felt appropriate, a member may request an item to be considered at a future Committee meeting.

## **The Chard International Festival of Activity and Culture and The Tour of Britain – Stage 3 – Briefing Note**

### **(1) The Chard International Festival of Activity and Culture**

SSDC, Chard Town Council and SCC are working in partnership to stage The Chard International Festival of Activity and Culture.

The festival is centred on the Twinning of Chard with Seica Mare, Romania and the visiting group of about 45 children and adults who will be demonstrating their local costume and dance to residents of Chard.

There are events planned from Friday 5 - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, with the actual Twinning Ceremony taking place in the Guildhall on Saturday afternoon. Other exciting events are a Tea Dance, Monmouth Rebellion re-enactment, Popular Fayre, and sports events including 'Kids on wheels' and a sports day held at CRESTA. Chard will also have its very own 'Street Party' on Monday evening. The local press is onboard and will be publicising the programme of events once all are confirmed.

#### **Free Parking**

To encourage as many people as possible to join in with the festivities there will be free parking in Boden Street, Bath Street and Essex Close car parks for 5 days from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September (inclusive). The cost will be met by a combination of County Council (Local Initiatives Budget) and SSDC funding.

#### **Road Closures**

Fore Street and High Street will also be closed from 1800-2200 for the 'Street Party' on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### **(2) Tour of Britain- Start of Stage 3**

As the 9<sup>th</sup> of September gets ever closer the Chard community are coming together to celebrate the day with a number of activities. Local school children have been invited to line the route, keen followers of the race will be able to purchase breakfast, served by volunteers at Crowshute House (the start of the race) and a 'Sports Day' is planned for all in the afternoon at CRESTA.

#### **Road Closures**

Attached is a map (page 3) produced showing the road closure and temporary routes around Chard on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. This will be in operation from 0500 until about 1300 when the Tour vehicles will leave.

High Street and Fore Street will continue to be in operation until just before the start of the race (about 1015) when the road will be closed for a short period of time while the race rides off.

PCSO's will be stationed at points across Chard to ensure that the traffic moves smoothly.

## **Schools Competition**

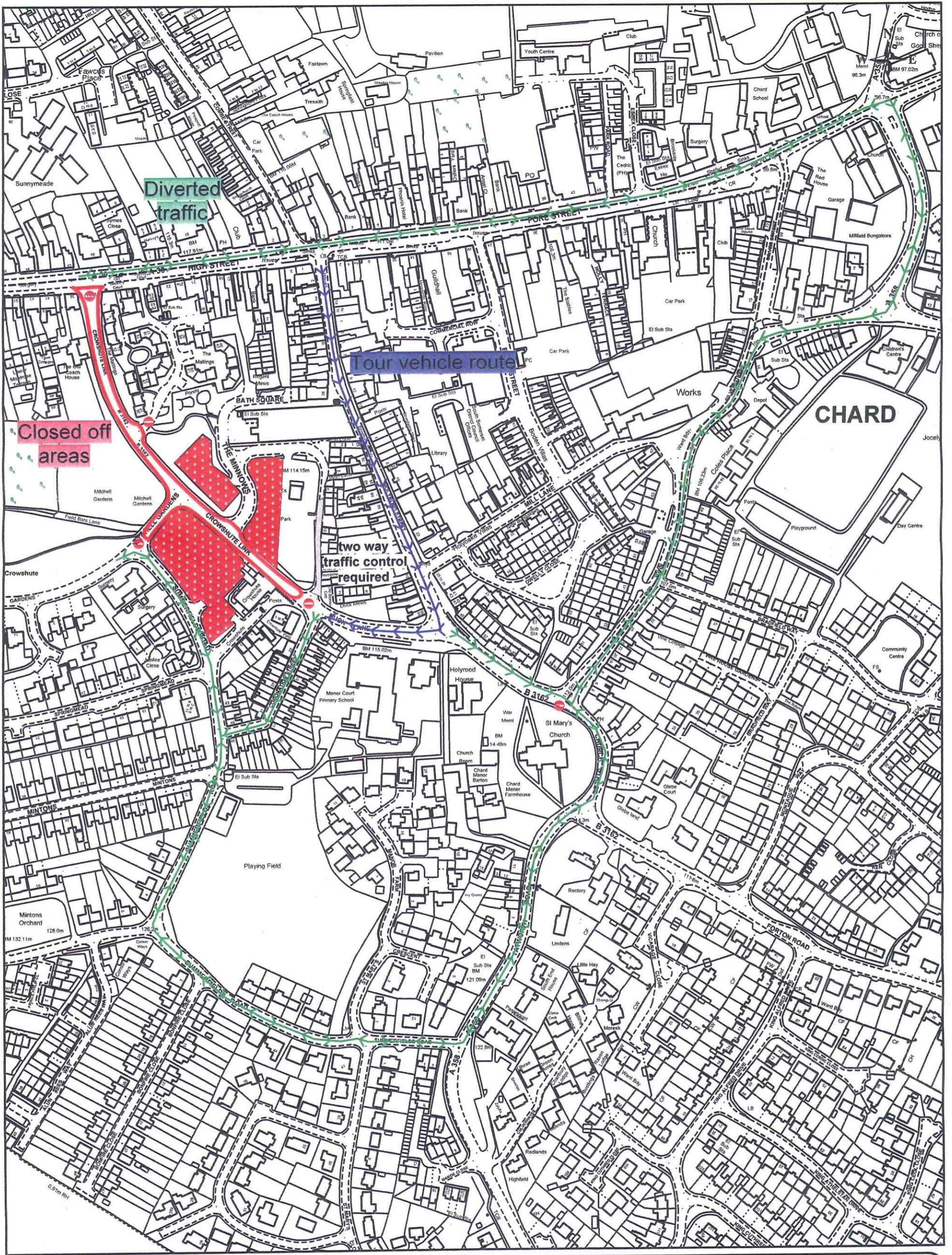
Since the last update the schools competition has evolved. Interested schools took part in workshops with a local artist from Somerset's Arts Education Partnership to design 3m long silk banners. The designs have been taken to Bali where local artists will make up the banners using silk and natural dyes. The banners will be hung in the Chard Guildhall to commemorate this special event for Chard. Smaller banners will also be made up for children to hold on the day.

## **Chard Business**

Chard Chamber of Commerce will be meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> August, in the Guildhall. Chamber members will be discussing how to maximize this wonderful opportunity presented to them by hundreds of people visiting Chard for this festival period.

Proposed activities include: late night opening, themed window displays, competitions and discount vouchers.

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 Map 1  
 Date: 09/07/2008  
 Scale: 1:2700

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**AREA WEST – DRAFT FORWARD PLAN 2008/9**

<b>Proposed Item</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>
Area West Budget Monitoring Report	Quarterly	*			*			*					
Area West Budget Outturn Report	Annual											*	
Reports from Members on Outside Organisations	Monthly	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Community Safety Update	6 monthly			*							*		
Crewkerne and Villages Community Plan	As needed			*			*						
Chard and Villages Community Plan	As needed		*			*			*				
Ilminster and Villages Community Plan	As needed	*			*			*					
Area Development Plan	6 monthly				*						*		
Blackdown Hills Rural Partnership	Annual											*	
Progress Report on Performance of Streetscene	Annual		*										
Grants	Annual									*			
Countryside Services	Annual		*										
Area West Working Groups - Appointment of Members	Annual										*		
Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies	Annual										*		
Annual Planning Tour	Annual		*										
Economic Development Update	Annual		*										
Flood Alleviation	Annual					*							
Regulation Committee Report	Monthly	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Welfare Benefits	Annual											*	
Social Housing Development Programme Update	Annual			*									
SHINE (Somerset Health Initiatives Enterprise) – Update	As needed		*										
Boden Centre	As needed												
Sport, Arts and Leisure Update	As needed			*									
Community Policing	As needed								*				
Community Justice Panel	Annual	*											*
The Wessex Cycle Route	As needed												
Transport Update	Annual			*									
Update on Play Areas	As needed		*										
Review of Christmas Free Parking in Area West		*											
Operation of Markets in Chard, Ilminster & Crewkerne			*										
Crewkerne Conservation Appraisal & Extension		*											
Environmental Health and Community Protection Update				*									
Opportunity Ilminster				*									
Opportunity Crewkerne							*						
Opportunity Chard									*				