



# Talk Up The Town !

## Cinderford's Regeneration Newsletter Issue 1 – July 2006

A warm welcome to the first issue of **Talk Up The Town!** the Regeneration Newsletter for Cinderford in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire. This quarterly newsletter from the Cinderford Regeneration Manager (CRM) aims to share information about the progress being made to regenerate and revitalise Cinderford and its surrounding area.

The Forest of Dean District Council is leading on the regeneration of Cinderford working in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council, the Forestry Commission, the South West Regional Development Agency and the national regeneration agency English Partnerships. This partnership approach has enabled the appointment of the Cinderford Regeneration Manager who is currently working with the consultants Halcrow, to prepare a ten year **Cinderford Business Plan** to stimulate regeneration in the town and its surrounding area.

### Three quick win projects approved

On 19<sup>th</sup> June, a total £50,700 funding from SWRDA, EP and the District Council was approved to help launch three Cinderford projects. Thanks go to The Forester newspaper for helping to organise the public vote to select the winners.

The MusicSpace project secured £28,000 towards building refurbishment works and new equipment. Jenni Sansome, Grant Marshall, Josh Morgan and James Ford are pictured top right with their band Sentimental Value, in front of the building at Heywood Community School soon to be transformed into new tuition, practice and recording space for the town's budding musicians.



The Youth Arts Fringe Festival won £4,000 to help run the event which ran from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> July. The Festival involved 8 local schools in a range of workshops that culminated in a live finale at the Wesley Hall. Event organisers Chris Clayton, George Grindle, Sally Gibson, Gemma Virgo and Emma Harding are pictured centre right.



GL14 Community Project won £18,700 towards the creation of a new IT suite for the town centre which will open in September. IT tutor Fiona Christian is pictured with some of her current students.

