

Reports from Outside Bodies

Chamber of Commerce Report for June

Local Plan/Planning

There was general discussion about the impact of possible developments in the town. There were fears that Ilminster was in danger of becoming a dormitory town given the erosion of employment land. The question was asked whether we thought Swan precinct would ever be developed.

Concerns were also expressed regarding the continued and growing traffic congestion in the town centre.

The First Tuesday

This idea is being revamped with the introduction of a loyalty card. The proposal is that the card will be stamped when an unspecified, at the moment, sum of money has been spent. The full details have yet to be worked out but obviously the aim is to reward people for shopping locally.

Ilminster on the map for future funding

Making it Local

A new bid for European funding is being prepared and a number of people in Ilminster have been invited to attend a Making it Local Meeting, including representatives from the business community. Members of the Chamber of Commerce plan to meet on Monday 16th June at 5.30 in the Dolphin to consider ideas that might enhance and increase the number of visitors to the town. The following suggestions were raised at the Commerce meeting: a coach park, signage on the A303 and information leaflets about the town.