

Later Life in Maidstone

I was pleased to be invited to attend the 'Later Life in Maidstone' locality workshop held at Maidstone House, on Wednesday 2nd June 2010. This was a free morning event, and included workshops looking at the following keys areas: Health, Policing, Transport / Accessibility, Reducing Isolation, Independent Living and Community Involvement. This event lasted from 9.30 till 12.30 and was run by three of the graduates working for KCC and a superb job they made of it too. There were 12 people attending all from the OPF or borough employees.

The aim of the morning was to bring together a range of people to discuss the needs and views of older people, and to let us voice our opinions and express ideas about later life in Maidstone. This was our opportunity to tell them what they are doing well and what could be done better. Our comments and suggestions from the day were then fed into and informed the wider policy being created for Kent. At a later meeting of The Older persons Forum it was said that this meeting was so successful that some of the points raised at it will be incorporated into the full county wide consultation meeting on the 24th June which I am also attending.

These meetings and one coming up on BME issues are not part of my PC work as such but as they all obviously bear on our parishioners as well as any others so I will give reports on them for your information only.

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