

REPORT FROM CHILHAM'S FUTURE DELIVERY BOARD

Since May we have ...

1) obtained letters of support from Tourism South East, Kent Highways Services, ABC Planning & Development, ABC Tourism & Heritage, Borough Councillor, Chilham Environmental Protection Society, Chilham Traders and Chilham Parish Council for the next phase of our project (community engagement)

2) submitted an application for funding from Kent Downs & Marshes Leader programme that could provide 80% funding for the next phase of our project (community engagement)

The Leader programme have responded positively to our funding request but deferred their decision pending more information to better understand the plans for the engagement exercise, to understand the need for technical input and to ensure best value for money. However a positive decision is expected soon.

When a decision has been obtained, an open meeting will be held to:

1) explain to the community what CFDB are trying to achieve and why

2) get feedback on this approach as well as the sticking points / competing interests CFDB have identified

These views can then be taken into account by the community engagement exercise.

Chilhams Future Delivery Board
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