

Action bid will improve area

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NEIGHBOURHOOD workers are holding a series of meetings in Matson to discuss the results of a survey of the area's needs.

The 12-page Matson survey went out to 1,000 homes in the neighbourhood asking questions about the usefulness of existing community facilities, how they could be improved and what new facilities residents would like to see in the area.

Now, with the support of the city council, Matson Neighbourhood Project will be holding a number of focus groups giving residents further opportunity to contribute their opinions and ideas towards local issues and future plans.

The process involves the city council providing action cards which have a variety of options printed on them for improving facilities in the area.

Becky Hirst, community involvement worker with the project, said: "Each person at the meeting is able to show their concerns through selecting action cards appropriate to their needs.

"It's a brilliant opportunity for Matson residents to contribute to the future of their local area."

Once the results of the survey are in and the meetings are finished project workers hope to be able to analyse the information and come up with a plan to begin changes in the area.

Becky hirst said this would add to community spirit and practical facilities in the area.

All residents are invited to the open meetings.

They will be held at Matson Neighbourhood Project on Matson Lane between 2pm and 7pm on Thursday.

There is also a meeting for unemployed people at 2pm today.

At each meeting there will also be a cash prize draw with prizes from £1 to £20.