

Update for Chippenham Area Board

Update from	Nick Bird, Wiltshire Time Credits facilitator
Date of Area Board Meeting	January 6 th 2014

Headlines/Key Issues

- 36 Chippenham organisations are involved in the Wiltshire Time Credits programme. Time credits are a way of recognising the time that individuals give to local community activities or services and aims to encourage more people to contribute. They can be issued to volunteers who help to run activities. If a person gives one hour of their time, they earn one Time Credit. They can then spend this on an hour's worth of activity in a growing number of places that accept Time Credits e.g. a leisure centre swimming pool or gym.

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- In the quarter from July to end September over 1500 Time Credits were earned by volunteers in Chippenham. In the same quarter 576 Time Credits were spent in local facilities such as the Olympiad Leisure Centre (328), Bowood (152), Chippenham Library (64) and Chippenham Town FC (16)

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- The key aim for 2014 is to identify a local organisation or organisations to act as a Hub for the Time Credit programme in Chippenham. This is required to embed it in the local community and enable sustainability. For example this role in Calne is carried out by the Community Area Partnership. The Hub organisation would develop and administer Time Credits with support from the Wiltshire Time Credits Facilitator employed by Spice (a national social enterprise) and supported by Wiltshire Council.

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- Spice has developed a training programme to support the development of Time Credits across Wiltshire which can also be used to support a Chippenham Hub organisation.