



We're making a difference

TCAF Progress report September

Neighbourhood Group

TCAF are working with eight resident associations on a neighbourhood questionnaire; Studley, Newtown, Seymour, Paxcroft Mead, Longmeadow, Dursley Road, Bradley Gardens, College.

The project aims to help create resilient communities in Trowbridge, with an understanding of each others' key concerns and present an opportunity to work with statutory, voluntary and community groups to improve the area in which they live. The questionnaire and listening were collected in July 2015. The report will be available as of 14th September.

400 responses in Total

315 number of people who filled out the questionnaire

<i>83 number of people who took part in the listening (semi-structured interviews)</i>

Key Outcomes

Lack of communication and awareness of what is available and how to get involved
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Upkeep and maintenance of the neighbourhoods
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Speeding

Parking

Lack of community spirit

Meeting to be held 9th September ;

Chairs of the Resident Associations to discuss results of the report, further engagement and prioritise actions.

BA14 Culture

Professor Anita Taylor from Bridge House, Trowbridge has kindly agreed to be Chair of BA14 Culture as of October 2015.

EVENT

BA14 Culture will host a 'Cultural Gathering and Exchange' as a launch for the Trowbridge Arts festival on 16th October 6pm. The event will be hosted by Trowbridge Museum and will give a tour of the top floor of Home Mill, what was the last working Mill in the town.

The tickets for the Cultural Gathering are now available to be booked via Trowbridge Arts website:

<http://www.trowbridgeartsfestival.co.uk/events2/item/cultural-exchange.html>

Youth Involvement

TCAF and Wiltshire Council (Sarah Holland – Early Years) are working in partnership with a group of young people to develop the skate park at Stallards Park. Sarah Holland will update. Next Meeting 9th September.

The Charity Commission

Draft Charity Commission application completed. The application will be submitted in September. A new website has also been commissioned and developed to echo TCAF's new objectives and focus for 2015/2016.

Time Credits

Meeting with SPICE – 6th October to discuss support and focus of spend partners. SPICE will also confirm what support they can offer in the future.

Trowbridge Town Council continue their commitment to offer the TIB as the HUB for Time Credits in Trowbridge.

Trowbridge In Bloom

Another successful year for Trowbridge In Bloom, celebrating the colours of the Magna Carta. The new category; Family Garden was popular and adds another element to the competition.

Open Gardens also attracted a large number of visitors; July 2015, to the 16 gardens that were volunteered. It was a great opportunity to see a variety of gardens throughout Trowbridge.

TCAF objectives have not changed and continue to be

1. **Direct engagement** of the TCAF team;
To provide additional direct support to community projects that are unable to maintain an effective operating management structure; for example providing secretariat and communication support. This allows community groups and projects to continue that may otherwise fold.
2. **As a Consultant Service;**
for grant application, best practise guidance and working with communities to establish insight into potential working groups / theme groups
3. **Connecting Organisations;**
with common goals and objectives; TCAF uses the networks it establishes to introduce groups with similar objectives. The ultimate outcome in some cases can be to create self-sufficient groups of volunteers and interested parties to generate and take forward ideas for improving the communities they live in.

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