

Marlborough Area Board

Discussion on Community Support in the Marlborough Community Area

	Proud of	Improve / Action needed
Health & Wellbeing Group (2 representatives)		
Sally – also runs a care agency in Marlborough.	Work that the group has done through covid and beyond	Social isolation is something they help with and a big issue in the area.
Jill Turner, chair of the health and wellbeing group.	Hold 2 annual engagements which help bring people together. Will be holding a fair in the summer.	Raise awareness of and reduce social isolation in older people
Lisa Farrell Trustee of the Youth Forum.	Youth club	We must support the Jubilee centre
Sports Forum (2 representatives)		
Dominique Oughton – WASP key focus is getting more people active and engaging with the 25% who are inactive. Sports forum – youth focused.	The youth festival held in 2019 and looking to hold another this year.	Getting the community more active and out of their homes – the partnership is able to help with funding for this.
Simon Wells – Chair of the Sports forum and college school sports council	Youth Festival	
Love Marlborough Kids Meals		
Cllr Kymee Cleasby Help families in with hot meal delivered weekly (currently 38 families per week).	How they have helped people in food poverty.	Need someone to advocate for families and explain forms and signpost.
Marlborough Town Council		
Richard Spencer-Williams – involved with discussion about supporting vulnerable people and possibility of setting up a charitable organisation.	Keeping residents safe is key priority	Sustainable youth led response. Appointing an apprentice youth worker

Marlborough Area Poverty Action Group (MAPAG)		
Rachel Rosedale – small scale charity <£5k supports individuals and gets referrals from a range of organisations particularly schools	Tesco Vouchers for families before Christmas Summer holiday outings for families	
Ramsbury & Axford Parish Council		
Alison Foale – help the community in lots of ways.	Helping residents that have been affected by flooding.	Social isolation for older residents and access into Marlborough, more outreach into villages.
The Merchant's House (3 representatives)		
	Preservation of house 1653	Can offer volunteering opportunities to a wide range of ages 6 th formers from St Johns and older people.
2nd Marlborough Scouts		
Donna Kirby inclusive activities for young people 5-14 year olds	Holiday activities for young people	(Personal opinion) Need funding for younger children (primary age) Activities for older young people with special needs Young carers in Marlborough are currently not able to access activities
Jubilee Centre		
Sally Wolfenden - Supporting older people including 'importing' from the villages meals on wheels, day centre.	Supporting older people from town and villages	Support for older people – cost are going up and unable to pass this on to residents
Sing a long and Social		
Anne Peacock - day job is working for Rethink Mental Illness.	Set up a free and inclusive singing group to help combat social isolation	Community hub where people could go to socialise and get information and assistance

Residents (2)		
Hannah White		Assistance with flooding – London Road
Open Doors Devizes / MAPAG		
Susan Howells – look after rough sleepers and allow anyone in need to use computers	Look after rough sleepers	Report any controlled beggars – take the number plate of anyone you see dropping off
Friends of Savernake Hospital and the community		
Alan Phizacklea trustee. Provide capital equipment to surgeries do also support individuals on a case by case basis – heathcare focus.		
Albourne Parish Council (3 representatives)		
Alan Phizacklea	Look after own in the village and have a lot of volunteers	
Alison Edwards	Support Albourne Youth Council financially with their youth work	
		Would like to see the area board hold meetings in the villages
Mildenhall Sports & Social Club		
Clive Scholefield – here as a grant applicant	Grounds used the Marlborough Youth football	
Mildenhall Parish Council		
Brian Devonshire	2013 had the best sports and playgrounds in the area	Increase awareness of / more publicity for Marlborough link which provides communication with people as well as transport
Avebury Parish Council & Riding for the Disabled		
Maggie Lewis	Teach adults with disabilities to carriage drive	Riding for the disabled needs more volunteers

Kennet and Avon Medical Partnership (KAMP)		
Susie Deering – full presentation as part of the wider meeting. Explained about the different roles within KAMP and how they help support people in the community	Help people lead their best lives	
Wiltshire Council		
Cllr Jane Davies highlighted assistance available from the Prevention and Wellbeing team, the library (warm packs, help with internet etc) and health coordinator at the Leisure centre		

Key Themes: Social isolation in older people, poverty/cost of living, need for volunteers and youth provision.

Cllr Jane Davies invited discussion around what what would make a difference and **what actions could be taken**. Suggestions included:

Foodbank – there was feedback from a few people to say that the digital book and drop system is not as effective at combating social isolation and it was suggested that going back to the original system would be more effective.

Communication – it was suggested that older people preferred paper communication. Leaflets with details about groups, events and assistance would be better. Concern expressed about the physical act of delivering large numbers of leaflets – suggested just focused on the elderly and also consider whether tagging onto existing publications which are funded through advertising would be beneficial.

Keen for whole community area to be included not just focused on town.

ACTION: Susie Deering has a list of all magazines in the KAMP area and will share with Cllr Jane Davies

ACTION: Jill Turner has a database that she holds of groups for older residents and will share with Cllr Jane Davies

ACTION: Rethink have created a database of all the groups across Wiltshire which Anne Peacock will ask if can be shared