



Area Board Local Priorities report – December 2022

The Calne Area Board in June 2022 reviewed available local data and evidence and integrated this with local knowledge and community conversation to agree five local priority themes for Calne:

- ❖ **Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing in young people**
- ❖ **Addressing climate change**
- ❖ **Promoting wellbeing and combating social isolation in older and vulnerable people**
- ❖ **Promoting and supporting initiatives which address economic inequalities**



Each priority theme has a series of more specific local actions that the Strategic Engagement and Partnership Manager and Area Board Delivery Officer will work with the Calne Area Board to positively address. The full action plan can be found at the end of this document.

Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing in young people

The Area Board model supports provision for young people aged 13-19 years and up to 25 years for those with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities to access sufficient positive leisure time activities which improve their well-being.

The Calne Local Youth Network has been established to engage, collaborate, network and information share with youth organisations for the benefits of young people in the Calne community area. There are over 10 organisations in the LYN that work together to support young people in the area.

The Calne Area Board makes a significant investment each year into supporting positive opportunities for young people through the Youth Grants funding scheme. Youth funded projects this year have included Rise Trust / Calne Town Council Youth Outreach and a Launch 2 Learning project supporting youth mental health. The Area Board will discuss all youth grant applications with the LYN to allow young people to champion and make recommendations to the Calne Area Board.

Updates:

- The LYN last met in June and the next meeting is planned for Dec 22

Addressing climate change

The Calne Environment Working Group has been established to bring together key local organisations to facilitate the development of this area board priority. The group identifies and develops actions relating to the Environment in response to the Area Board Action Plan and makes recommendations to the Calne Area Board. Community groups and organisations involved include Calne Town Council, The Parish Forum, Friends of the Marden Valley and Sustainable Calne.

A key focus of the Environment working group is the engagement and inclusion of young people in Calne in this priority area. As such strengthening the relationships between the area board and the secondary school(s) is important. The Environment Working Group alongside the LYN intend to offer Environment focussed immersive experiences to the school as the first step of engagement.

Updates:

- A working group meeting took place on 14 November (meeting notes are included within the Area Board agenda pack)

- Ongoing discussions are focused on key issues: Encourage and Promote Active Travel, Sustainability of the Sustran's Cycle Route, Green Spaces, Engaging the local Community and Air Quality
- A Youth Climate event is being organised in partnership with the LYN and local Secondary Schools
- Next meeting scheduled to take place February 23
- EV charging webinar and WC Climate Delivery Strategy briefing notes circulated

Promoting wellbeing and combating social isolation in older and vulnerable people

The Area Board makes investment each year towards projects aimed at supporting wellbeing and combating social isolation and loneliness in older and vulnerable adults. Projects supported since April 2022 have included: Big Get Together, Falls Prevention and Celebrating Age Wiltshire.

Over 20 local groups and organisations are represented on the Calne Older People's Voices and Dementia Group and the Calne Health and Social Care Forum. Both groups help to facilitate discussion and action around this priority theme and are supported by the Older People's Champion.

Updates:

- Calne Older People's Voices Group held 11 Oct. Discussion focused on Inequalities and Falls Prevention, Dementia Awareness Sessions, Calne Hardship Fund and helping residents through the winter.
- Health and Social Care Forum meeting held 20 Oct. Discussion focused on the Autism Hub, Get Out Get Active GOGA launch in Calne and Cost of living
- Calne Warm and Well information event 8 December promoted to key groups
- Reconnecting Group Celebrating Age event planned for December.

Promoting and supporting initiatives which address economic inequalities

The Area Board councillors will work with WC services, partner organisations and voluntary and community sector organisations to promote and support initiatives which address economic inequalities and help to alleviate pressures on the cost of living.

Updates:

- Funding allocated to Calne foodbank Dec 22
- Calne Health & Social Care Forum is working in partnership with Calne Town Council and Calne Area Board to deliver **Calne Warm and Well** on Thursday, 8 December 2-6.30pm at Calne Library
- The aim of the event is to draw together in one place lots of information to help Calne residents stay warm and well over the winter months. Calne residents are invited to drop in during the afternoon for a complimentary hot drink and slice of cake and to find out about the support available, from managing fuel bills and debts, accessing tech support and knowing about the network of warm spaces across the town.
- Organisations hosting tables include CAB Wilts, Warm and Safe Wilts, Calne Foodbank, Calne Town Council, Rise Trust and Calne Library.
- Warm spaces survey / interactive community directory and cost of living support / signposting – promoted to community via H&SC forum, OP Voices group, town and parish councils, faith communities, VCS Orgs and OCM platform: <https://ocm.wiltshire.gov.uk/calne/wiltshire-council-creates-interactive-directory-to-help-people-find-local-cost-of-living-support/>
- FUEL holiday programme promoted to local schools and the LYN <https://ocm.wiltshire.gov.uk/calne/free-holiday-activity-and-food-programme-this-christmas/>

Calne Area Board work plan and local priorities

Priority	Action(s)	Comments/ Next steps	Status
Supporting positive mental health and wellbeing in young people	Develop Local Youth provision, street based and café style in the town and assess provision in the villages.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAB Match Funding allocated to Calne Town Council towards development of local youth provision in Calne. Partners engaged: Calne Town Council, Calne Area Board, Rise Youth Trust, Wiltshire Police. Funding allocated Sept 22 	Ongoing
	Work with the Environment group to develop a young people's Environment themed event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several immersive experiences are being explored. SPK to discuss engagement and funding with the schools. 	Amber
	Encourage projects that will promote and support young people to adopt positive voices and social interactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linked project: Happy News for Young People project – to combat anxiety / poor mental health resulting from exposure to 24 hour media/social media, with a fixation upon negative/sensationalised news stories. Develop project to engage young people in the production of a Calne Area Happy Newspaper. First phase COMPLETE, 2nd phase to be progressed at next Youth Forum. 	Amber
Addressing Climate change	Issue - Encourage and promote active travel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage and promotion of a joined-up safer cycling/walking Provide an E-Bike charging point in the town centre – 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linked with s106 group to develop signage and map project, regular reporting back through working group. £3,500 transferred to Calne TC on 10/03/22. Likely to be in Heritage car park. Timescales TBC 	Amber
	Issue- Sustainability of the Sustrans Cycle Route <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain an overview of work being undertaken through the LHFIG (Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group) to develop the route as a serious cycling alternative to the A4 (including addressing longevity of leases) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Thorn to update future meetings from the LHFIG reports to AB Request for future item at Area Board 	Amber
	Issue – Encourage community tree planting / re-wilding schemes		Amber

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit of tree planting / re-wilding locations –discuss potential campaign to link with Parishes to identify 75 sites across the community area for the Queen’s jubilee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cllr Thorn to ask Cllr O’Neill to discuss at Calne Area Parish Forum and update future Environment meetings. Recommendation to Area Board to re-name action ‘Develop and record tree planting and rewilding schemes in the Town and Parishes.’ 	
	<p>Engaging the local community</p> <p>An Area Board event to engage with young people from the Community Area.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop event in partnership with LYN. Deliver by Spring 2023 	Amber
	<p>Issue - Air Quality Action Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify specific actions from within the existing AQA Plan, for future inclusion in this Area Board Action Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion planned at next working group meeting Feb 23 	Amber
<p>Promoting wellbeing and combating social isolation in older and vulnerable people</p>	<p>Audit of the activity clubs to establish which are planning to reopen.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 08/03/22: Work had started on pulling together an up-to-date list of activities for older and vulnerable adults and carers, under the Older People Voices group. 07/12/21: TOP PRIORITY 	Amber
	<p>Develop and promote activities to address the impacts of COVID-19 on physical activity, deconditioning and falls in older adults.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Health and Social Care Forum (H&W group) continues attempts to identify existing activities (e.g. through the Leisure Centre, Active Health etc) 	Amber
	<p>‘Big Get Together’ – Event aimed at older people and carers to introduce opportunities to engage in social and healthy activities and support available in</p>	COMPLETE	Complete
	<p>‘Tackling Inequalities’ Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Falls prevention information and promotion of balance and physical activity underway with the Project group. 08/09/22 ABG 781 - £740 towards Promotion and information materials. (match funding with Northlands Surgery - total project £1,480). 	Amber
<p>Promoting and supporting initiatives which address economic inequalities</p>	<p>Work with Wiltshire Council Regeneration officers, Calne Town Council and Calne Springs to establish actions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 08/03/22: The area board noted that the Vibrant Wiltshire Scheme has been postponed and the group will meet again to discuss further action. Discussions will take place between representatives of the Area Board, Town Council and Local Business leaders to gain a feel for the current experiences 	Red

		of local business and possible actions.	
	Work with the Town Council and Citizens Advice/DWP to try and establish the domestic economic issues affecting local families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08/03/22: Work continues to identify representatives of relevant groups. There have not yet been any specific actions identified or taken 	Amber
	Identify and promote local initiatives to address Food Poverty, Fuel Poverty and IT Poverty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calne Warm and Well community event organised for 8 Dec 22 at Calne library. Cost of living support, help with bills and energy advice, promoting Calne warm spaces. • Promotion of Tech made simple service at library. • Promotion of FUEL Holiday camp FREE activities for Young people 	Green
	Calne Foodbank, keep in touch and support in its development and search for new premises.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/10/22 Calne Food bank submitted funding request. • 05/07/22 Area Board Members and the CEM visited the Calne Foodbank to understand how it operates, the issues it is facing currently and anticipated increased demand in the coming months and issues relating to the development of the service and the search for a new premises 	Amber
	Identify and narrow skills gaps between local business requirements and the local population experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have not yet been any specific actions identified. 	Red

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