



## Area Board Local Priorities report – March 2023

The Calne Area Board in June 2022 reviewed available local data and evidence and combined 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 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. 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 on 14 December – meeting notes are included in the Area Board agenda pack. Themes discussed included increasing engagement with the local schools and an environment focused initiative to assist with engaging with young people.
- Next LYN meeting – 7 March.

### **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.

#### **Updates:**

- A working group meeting took place on 23 February. Discussion focused on Air quality and the draft AQMP, Youth environment workshops in partnership with the LYN and Kingsbury Green Academy and 3 grants with an environmental focus which were fully supported by the group.
- Next meeting scheduled to take place on 18 May.
- Wiltshire Council Climate Team update 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 meeting held on 17 January. Discussion themes included Inequalities and Falls Prevention and Dementia Awareness.
- Health and Social Care Forum meeting held on 26 January. Discussion covered Cost of Living and Hearing and Vision
- Reconnecting Group Christmas Concert held at Calne Town Hall on 20 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 December 22.
- Warm spaces and community providers promoted.
- FUEL holiday programme promoted to local schools / LYN.
- Calne Health & Social Care Forum worked in partnership with Calne Town Council and Calne Area Board to host **Calne Warm and Well** on Thursday 8 December at Calne Library.
- The aim of the event was to draw together in one place lots of information to help Calne residents stay warm and well over the winter months and to help maximise their income. Calne residents were invited to drop in during the afternoon for a complimentary hot drink 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 included Wiltshire Citizens Advice, Warm and Safe Wilts, Calne Foodbank, Calne Town Council, DWFR Safe and Well Team and Calne Library.

## 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"><li>• 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.</li><li>• Funding allocated to outreach / safe space projects.</li><li>• Funding application for Open Blue Bus submitted to AB March 23.</li></ul>	Ongoing

	Work with the Environment group to develop a young people's Environment themed event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Initiative submitted to fund workshops at Kingsbury Green 23-24</li> </ul>	Amber
	Coordinate and facilitate Calne Local Youth Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider ways to expand membership and strengthen the LYN</li> <li>• Enable and promote a positive youth activities offer to support young people's wellbeing.</li> <li>• LYN meetings held June, Dec and Feb</li> </ul>	
	Encourage projects that promote and support young people to adopt positive voices and social interactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Happy News for Young People project - ongoing</li> <li>• Develop project to engage young people in the production of a Calne Area Happy Newspaper. First phase COMPLETE, 2<sup>nd</sup> phase to be progressed at next Youth Forum.</li> </ul>	Amber
<b>Addressing Climate change</b>	Encourage and promote active travel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage and promotion of a joined-up safer cycling/walking</li> <li>• Provide an E-Bike charging point in the town centre –</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linked with s106 group to develop signage and map project, regular reporting back through working group.</li> <li>• £3,500 transferred to Calne TC on 10/03/22. Likely to be in Heritage car park. Timescales TBC</li> </ul>	Amber
	Sustainability of the Sustrans Cycle Route <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Thorn to update future meetings from the LHFIG reports to AB</li> <li>• Request for future item at Area Board</li> </ul>	Amber
	Encourage community tree planting / re-wilding schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and record tree planting and rewilding schemes in the Town and Parishes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project being worked on by Calne Town Council / Sustainable Calne</li> </ul>	Amber
	Engaging the local community An Area Board event to engage with young people from the Community Area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop event in partnership with LYN and school. Councillor initiative submitted</li> </ul>	Amber
	Air Quality Action Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify specific actions from within the existing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working Group discussion took place regarding signage possibilities. Update needed</li> </ul>	Amber

	AQA Plan, for future inclusion in this Area Board Action Plan	regarding portable air quality monitoring	
<b>Promoting wellbeing and combating social isolation in older and vulnerable people</b>	Audit of the activity clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Amber
	Develop and promote activities to address the impacts of COVID-19 on physical activity, deconditioning and falls in older adults.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Health and Social Care Forum (H&amp;W group) continues attempts to identify existing activities (e.g. through the Leisure Centre, Active Health etc)</li> </ul>	Amber
	'Big Get Together' – Event aimed at older people and carers to introduce opportunities to engage in social and healthy activities and support available in	COMPLETE	Complete
	'Tackling Inequalities' Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Falls prevention information and promotion of balance and physical activity underway with the Project group.</li> <li>08/09/22 ABG 781 - £740 towards Promotion and information materials. (match funding with Northlands Surgery - total project £1,480).</li> </ul>	Amber
<b>Promoting and supporting initiatives which address economic inequalities</b>	Work with Wiltshire Council Regeneration officers, Calne Town Council and Calne Springs to establish actions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>08/03/22:</b> The area board noted that the Vibrant Wiltshire Scheme has been postponed and the group will meet again to discuss further action.</li> <li>Discussions will take place between representatives of the Area Board, Town Council and Local Business leaders to gain a feel for the current experiences of local business and possible actions.</li> </ul>	Red
	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"> <li>Warm spaces and community food providers promoted</li> <li>Warm Space survey developed.</li> <li>Cost of living information shared with groups and residents</li> </ul>	Amber
	Identify and promote local initiatives to address Food Poverty, Fuel Poverty and IT Poverty.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Promotion of Tech made simple service at library.</li> <li>Promotion of FUEL Holiday camp FREE activities for Young people</li> </ul>	Green

	Calne Foodbank, keep in touch and support in its development and search for new premises.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>15/10/22</b> Calne Food bank allocated funding</li> <li>• <b>05/07/22</b> 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</li> </ul>	Amber
	Identify and narrow skills gaps between local business requirements and the local population experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There have not yet been any specific actions identified.</li> </ul>	Red

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