

Report to	Malmesbury Area Board
Date of Meeting	07/09/2016
Title of Report	Annual Review

Purpose of the report: An opportunity to update at the Area Board on successes and priorities at a community level over the last 12 months.

Successes of 2015/16.

Young People & Children

- Bring new Wiltshire Council sports activities to the north of the county, such as Fun in the Sun, Sherston, Crudwell & Minety.
- Young people's sports programme delivered in every parish summer 2016 funded by the LYN
- Address the provision and support for youth unemployment, apprenticeships and training and transport to access it – promotion of Wiltshire Council apprenticeship scheme.
- £25,319 invested in 16 youth projects through the Local Youth Network, with total project value of £66,840.
- Representing a leverage of £2.60 for every £1 of funding invested through the Youth Grant Scheme.

Community Safety

- Strong partnership working with Wiltshire Police, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service, Healthwatch Wiltshire and a wide range of community and voluntary groups.
- Continued support for the Safe Places group whose work has developed to include most of the Malmesbury High Street shops and all but two rural public houses. Plus two successful promotional events to raise awareness of the scheme.
- Rolling out ICE cards to for people to have on them for emergencies.

Culture

- The Health and Wellbeing Centre, Riverside Community Centre, programme discussions have included looking at increasing access to local events for those in rural communities who are socially isolated and the Community Area Partnership is supporting this work.
- Arts Council funding is being sought for a community wide arts project, after a

month of community consultation developed the Arts Options Plan linked into the Riverside Community Centre.

- Community Grant funding will help the museum to restore and display the Malmesbury Coin Hoard and produce interactive displays.
- Community Grant funding has also supported local drama workshops, and improvements to village hall facilities ensure the rural areas in the community can continue to provide safe spaces for community to come together.
- Our community matters blogsite is a well-used resource to promote upcoming community events and showcase how they went with news stories and photos after, documenting the great efforts local communities go to.

Economy

- Malmesbury Town Team have been form to increase the towns economy through supporting local businesses, implementing a town guide, weekly farmers market and to encourage visitors and shoppers to visit Malmesbury two hours' free parking has been introduced in the Station Road car park. Through section 106 funds now held at Area Board level.

Environment & Housing

- The community wanted to ensure high environmental standards in new housing developments and surrounding green spaces. The Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan has now been approved at referendum reflecting local views and needs.
- Greensquare now also has a presence in the community hub to provide housing advice and general support.
- Local housing providers such as Persimmon, are working closely with the community through the Community Engagement Manager and locally elected members.

Health & Wellbeing

- To encourage greater access to GPs – close working with GP cluster group across the community area. Trailing birthday cards health questionnaires for anyone over 75.
- Develop a directory of groups, venues and activities and engage the whole community – progressed in partnership with Healthwatch Wiltshire and the Your Care, Your Support online directory.
- Delivery of the Big Get Together, hosting 70 groups, and attended by over 200 people. Groups reported they had new sign ups, new volunteers, and many participated in the range of tastings and demonstrations available.

- Ongoing support to Friends of Riverside in the development of the Riverside Community Centre. Enabling the group to take ownership over the operational functions of the centre. Liaising with partners both locally and strategically to ensure the facility represents the needs of the Malmesbury Community Area.
- Working alongside Age UK & Waitrose to bring the Advice Bus to Malmesbury twice a month for six months, which started in July 2016
- Working with Abbeyfield Men's Shed to ensure local older male residents can access the provision alongside residents of the care home. This will not only support the needs of the wider community but also ensure social integration between those in the home and locals living nearby.
- New Health and Wellbeing Champion appointed to continue to meet the needs of our most vulnerable & older residents.
- New Drop In Surgery at Malmesbury Library, has a group of services offering a face to face one stop shop of information, advice and guidance. Operating on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month, 2-4pm.

Leisure

- Area Board match funded Cowbridge Steering Group to help provide safe, accessible walking route from the outskirts of Malmesbury into town.
- Road to Rio campaign was launched in June for a 8 week sporting challenge, with record numbers participating from the Malmesbury Community Area.
- Closer working relationship with The Activity Zone, development of provision and share the facility for community events.

Transport

- 28 CATG issues have been resolved in the past year 2015/16. CATG continues to investment in helping to promote local road safety improvements.
- Working alongside Community First on a new scheme known as LINK 2 due to be piloted in Malmesbury.
- A new community transport group known as Smiles, have come into operation with one vehicle and are soon to purchase a second. Serving Malmesbury and the surrounding parishes.

Community

- Rolling out the 'Know Your Neighbour' Campaign, encouraging residents to talk to their neighbours re-build that community network.

- Supporting a range of events have been held to address local issues, opportunities and priorities, such as the events for older residents, Malmesbury Community Choir event, and Luckington 'Save the Village Shop'.
- Ten Clean For The Queen litter picks organised as part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign, mobilising over 250 volunteers across the community area.
- New format for Area Board meetings introduced successfully with a focus on local networking before the business meeting itself, and showcasing local organisations and groups.
- £34,138 committed in financial year 2015/16 to 20 projects in the Malmesbury Community Area, with a total projects value of £202,238.
- Representing a leverage of £5.09 for every £1 of funding invested through the Community Area Grant Scheme.
- The local community is working together to encourage more people to volunteer and community reporters are being trained. Our Community Matters helps event promotion and local news, reaching over 700 people every week.