



Community Engagement Report – Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area

Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board – 15th March 2022

Update – Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board Community Action Plan

Jan 2022 – March 2022

Purpose of the Report

- To receive feedback and note progress on local priority actions agreed in the area board action plan.
- To confirm the **removal** of completed priority actions, or those that are being developed by alternative methods as described below at:
 - **1.2.** Develop a Young People Voices group
- To agree **new actions** for inclusion in the action plan as described below at:
 - **1.3** Investigate mental health support available for young people
 - **1.4** Establish whether mental health support through the ECHP process is delivering expected outcomes.
- **To confirm the inclusion or closure of action:**
 - **5.1** Develop a Parish Forum.

Update on the RWB&C action plan:

Since the last meeting, in January 2021, Wiltshire Councillors and the Community Engagement Managers have been working with the community to move forward actions. Some are now complete, while others continue to develop. The following sections of this report provide updates and details of recommendations:

1. Young People (Mental health, wellbeing, and positive activities) Cllr Allison Bucknell (Area Board Lead)								
Action 1.1	Target(s)	Lead	Start date	End date	Engagements	Funding	Additional Comments	Status
Develop Local Youth provision, street based and safe space in the towns and assess provision in the villages.	To provide mentoring, information and signposting to support and positive activities.	Cllr Allison Bucknell	Sept 21			Application from Cricklade TC to be considered 15/03/22		Ongoing
<p>Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An application for funding development of local youth provision in Cricklade will be considered by the Area Board on 15th March. RWB Town Council has requested that funding allocated in March 2021 is rolled over to develop provision in 2022/23. <p>Recommendation: ask T & PCs to comment on provision and requirement for outreach and safe space style youth provision.</p>								

Action 1.2	Target(s)	Lead	Start date	End date	Engagements	Funding	Additional Comments	Status
Develop a young people voices group	To develop appropriate ways to engage and consult with local young people	Cllr Allison Bucknell	25/01 2022					Recommended for closure
<p>Update: This action was discussed by the RWB&C Youth Forum at its meeting on 25th January 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wiltshire Council Youth Survey – completed with a response from about approx. 600 RWB&C Young People. 								

- Wiltshire Youth Council – local young people representatives has taken place awaiting clarification about how the Youth Council will engage with the area board.
- Office of the PCC have developed a Youth Commissioner programme.
- The Area Board/Town Councils continue to develop youth engagement via the Rise Trust
- The Youth Forum enables other agencies and groups to feed in and include young people in their conversations.

Recommendation: The RWB&C Youth Forum has recommended that this action is removed from the Community Action Plan.

1.3 Action proposed	Target(s)	Lead	Start date	End date	Engagements	Funding	Additional Comments	Status
Investigate level of mental health support young people and their families should expect and the correct way to access that support.		Cllr Allison Bucknell	March 22				Action proposed by RWB&C Youth Forum 25/01/22	Recommended for inclusion

Recommendation: At its meeting on 25/01/22, the RWB&C Youth Forum recommended this action is added to the Community Action Plan.

1.4 Action proposed	Target(s)	Lead	Start date	End date	Engagements	Funding	Additional Comments	Status
Establish whether provision for mental health support through the ECHP process is delivering expected outcomes.		Cllr Allison Bucknell	March 22				Action proposed by RWB&C Youth Forum 25/01/22	Recommended for inclusion

Recommendation: At its meeting on 25/01/22, the RWB&C Youth Forum recommended this action is added to the Community Action Plan

2. Older and Vulnerable People (Isolation & access to services)
 Cllr Mary Champion and Cllr David Boaler (Area Board Leads)

Action 2.1	Target(s)	Lead	Start date	End date	Engagements	Funding	Additional Comments	Status
Undertake an audit of the activities and events for Older and Vulnerable People and Carers	To establish current status and identify what support may be required/possible to support development of new and existing groups.	Cllr David Boaler			Survey sent to Parish Councils,			ongoing

Update: Representatives from the Community Care Group (RWB&C Health and Wellbeing group) are researching and providing information on their towns and parishes to bring to their next meeting on 23rd March. The CCG are putting together an information booklet (including social events, local support groups, charities and other relevant community information) to cover the whole community area.

Action 2.2	Target(s)	Lead	Start date	End date	Engagements	Funding	Additional Comments	Status
Support the ongoing development of the Celebrating Age project in the Area. This project has successfully provided activities for older people and carers across the community area pre and during the pandemic. It is now working towards its third phase, which plans to return to more face-to-face events and activities.		Wiltshire Music Centre, CEMs, Cllr Mary Champion, Local volunteers, Health & Wellbeing Group.	Sept 21			Yes, £1,500 allocated from H&W budget 09/2021	Links directly to action suggested in Status Report: Encourage, support and promote positive/accessible activities.	ongoing

Update: The Community Care Group will be working with Rebecca Seymour, from Celebrating Age to develop the programme locally. The next big event in planning is a celebration for everyone to enjoy as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

3. The Environment

Cllr Steve Bucknell (Area Board Lead)

Action 3.1	Target(s)	Lead	Start date	End date	Engagements	Funding	Additional Comments	Status
Establish an Area Board wide Environment Group	Spring 2022	Cllr S. Bucknell CEMs						ongoing

Update: The first meeting of this forum is due to take place in April 2022. Representatives from each parish with an interest in the environment are currently being sought.

Action 3.2	Target(s)	Lead	Start date	End date	Engagements	Funding	Additional Comments	Status
Encourage Community Orchards/Tree Planting schemes	RWB Sports Association	CEMs	26/10 2021	26/10 2022	Boundary tree planting	£799.50	Area Board grant funded	ongoing
	Woodshaw Nature Reserve		19/01 2022	19/01 2023	Community Garden	£960.00	Area Board grant funded	ongoing

Update: RWB&C Environmental Forum to discuss further encouragement of community tree planting/rewilding schemes.

4. The Economy

Cllr Bob Jones and Jacqui Lay (Area Board Leads)

Action 4.1	Target(s)	Lead	Start date	End date	Engagements	Funding	Additional Comments	Status
Establish current issues affecting local business and retail (promote regeneration of the high streets and villages).	Cricklade High Street	Cllr Bob Jones	March 2022	March 2023		£5,000 (of £15,000)	Potential Area Board Funded Project	ongoing

Update: Councillor Bob Jones has submitted a grant application for consideration at the Area Board meeting – 15.03.22.

Action 4.2	Target(s)	Lead	Start date	End date	Engagements	Funding	Additional Comments	Status
Raise awareness of organisations working locally to eliminate poverty	Fuel poverty	Cllr Jacqui Lay CEMS	Sept 2021		Links with Warm & Safe Wiltshire			ongoing
	IT poverty							ongoing
	Food poverty			Regular contact with Swindon Food Cooperative and Cricklade (Malmesbury) Foodbank.	Funding provided during pandemic		ongoing	
	Personal finance						ongoing	
Update:								

5. Community Resilience Cllr Allison Bucknell (Area Board Lead)

Action 5.1	Target(s)	Lead	Start date	End date	Engagements	Funding	Additional Comments	Status
Develop a Community Area Parish Forum.	Spring 2022	Cllr Allison Bucknell			There has been discussion about the relevance of a Parish Forum given that Parishes are being asked to engage with other Area Board action groups .			ongoing
Update: The Area Board is asked to discuss whether a Parish forum is still relevant to be included in the action plan?								

6. Recommendations

- **To note progress on priority actions identified in the area board action plan (Jan 2022 – March 2022)**
- **To confirm the removal of completed priority actions identified in the action plan above:**
 - 1.2 Develop a Young People Voices group
- **To agree to add the following new actions to the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Area Action Plan:**
 - 1.3 Investigate mental health support available for young people
- **To confirm the inclusion or closure of action:**
 - 5.1 Develop a Parish Forum.

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