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## **TCAF Progress report January 2016**

### **1. Time Credits**

Time Credits Trowbridge launched on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Time Credits help people feel valued and thanked. Organisations provide opportunities to spend credits in order to recognise the value of people's contributions, and support people to develop new activities for each other.

This is a pilot project and will be reviewed in 4 months time. Credits will be issued, in the first instance, to a limited number of volunteers which will enable closer monitoring of the scheme. Roll out to other / new volunteers will be considered at the end of the review.

***Pilot Project Host and Volunteers Receiving Credits;*** Trowbridge Tourist Information, Trowbridge Museum, ARC Theatre, Opline Youth Skate Group.

***Spend Partners;*** Civic Centre, Ginger Jive, Trowbridge Arts, Active Trowbridge, Trowbridge Museum, RUSH skatepark ( Gloucester), Boomerang, Arc Theatre, Trowbridge Library. On -going discussions with Odeon, Hope Nature Centre and Trowbridge Leisure Centre's.

#### ***Background Information***

Trowbridge Community Area Future (TCAF) is working in partnership with Trowbridge Town Council to develop a hub for a volunteering initiative based in the tourist information centre. Called Time Credits the project works with community members and service users to identify different ways that people can give their time, catering for different skill-sets and levels of access and releasing untapped potential in a community through volunteering.

### **2. Well Being Report**

#### ***Speeding***

TCAF have secured a SID for the Trowbridge Community Area from Wiltshire Council. TCAF will co-ordinate, in consultation with Parish Group members, the training, collection and distribution of the device.

#### ***Communication with the Community***

Funding secured and received from the Area Board for four notice boards in the central neighbourhoods. Supplied secured and order submitted. Derek Adams, Chair of the Neighbourhoods group to manage the process. Community Notice boards should be in place by Easter.

TCAF will co-ordinate with Resident association (who will be managing the noticeboards) regular community information that will be of interest; how to report an issue to WC, community events, opportunities to attend activities in your neighbourhood as well as the information for the RA.

### **3. OPLINE Youth Skate Group**

This group has 5 members ranging from 13 years – 19 years. Formed to focus on the re-development of the Stallards Skate Park, they have had a successful 2015, with clear aims for 2016. Wiltshire Council and TCAF are working successfully together to facilitate this group. The Town council receives regular updates and support the initiative.

The group continue to meeting monthly at Dorothy House Outreach centre and completed a grant application, in December, to the LYN which has been accepted at first stage.

TCAF ran a stand at the John of Gaunt Youth event in December and showcased some design ideas for the skate park. Opinions and votes were sought to develop an understanding on what the youth want, gain support and promote what can happen if we all work together.

Opline, WC and TCAF met with Wheelscape ( Skate Park Design and Construction) to discuss what can be achieved with the remaining space inside the fence. We also consulted with all users at Stallards, between 3.30 – 5pm, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, to fully appreciate current issues and opportunities for the future.

Our next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> January, will involve the new designs for the park, costs, fundraising activities and how to gain support from all users

Opline will need to fundraise for all aspects of the re-development of the park.

#### **4. Website**

To view; go to [www.tcaf.org.uk](http://www.tcaf.org.uk)

TCAF are hosting a Trowbridge College student for 100 hours (start date 19<sup>th</sup> January for 5 hours per week) to aid with website development, communication and a social media strategy.

#### **5. BA14 Culture**

Our next Cultural Gathering will be held at ***Bridge House on the evening of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February.*** Time TBC

We will officially welcome Professor Anita Taylor as the new Chair and welcome all to attend and help take forward the development of culture, arts and heritage for Trowbridge. This meeting will pay particular attention.

#### **6. The Charity Commission**

TCAF has been turned down from the Charity Commission. This is the third time. The application remains open for 6 weeks . We are currently in discussion with CC to understand further what they need from TCAF and the application form. The Steering group will decide what the next steps are.

#### **7. TCAF's New Ways of Working**

TCAF has been going through a transition of change as it develops new ways of working, ever changing and in continuous search for sustainable funding. Plans are being developed for a revised and a more focused plan of working with the neighbourhoods following outcomes from the Well Being Report.

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