

Report to	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board
Date of Meeting	18/05/2016
Title of Report	Annual Review

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

Successes of 2015/16

- £57,648 committed in financial year 2015/16 to 30 projects in the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Area, with a total projects value of £290,832.
- Representing a leverage of £4.90 for every £1 of funding invested through the Community Area Grant Scheme.
- £3,415 invested in youth projects through the Local Youth Network.
- CATG investments helping to promote local road safety improvements.
- Nine 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.
- New Health and Wellbeing Champion appointed to continue to meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents.
- Continued support for the Caring about Dementia group whose work has developed to include the Safe Places scheme in Royal Wootton Bassett.
- Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Area Shed has been added to the UK Men's Shed Association Map as a 'shed in planning'.
- A range of events have been held to address local issues, opportunities and priorities, such as the events for older residents.
- Enhanced sports provision in the north of the county for example with the first inclusive multi-sports day held at Royal Wootton Bassett Academy.
- Strong partnership working with Wiltshire Police, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service, Healthwatch Wiltshire and a wide range of community and voluntary groups.

Priorities in 2015/16

The following priorities were set for the Area Board for 2015/16 based on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) data. Please find a short update below and note a full update on progress is available on request.

- Address the provision and support for youth unemployment, apprenticeships and training and transport to access it – promotion of Wiltshire Council apprenticeship scheme and individual cases picked up by Community Youth Officer.
- Better links between Community Safety and Health & Wellbeing (Mental Health) – Caring about Dementia group and Safe Places established in the community area.

- 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.
- Making the most of opportunities with the redevelopment of RAF Lyneham – ongoing. Lyneham set up a new Lyneham Business Buddies group.
- Protecting green spaces, greenfield sites and rights of way from developments - Neighbourhood planning NEW-V group established.
- To encourage greater access to GPs, more doctors serving the area particularly Lyneham and villages – close working with GP cluster group across the community area.
- Ensuring new development and infrastructure promotes health and wellbeing and includes good public transport links and green space - working with developer and the parish council at large new developments such as Ridgeway Farm, Purton.
- Resist further development which will impact on the M4 junction and prevent coalescence – NEW-V as above.
- More people working on self help projects in the communities to create cohesion. All Area Board capital grant funding available this financial year has been invested in local projects and activities.

Moving Forwards in the Community Area

An update on JSNA data is now due. The 2015/16 priorities set will continue to be worked on in the meantime. In addition the Area Board will:

- Enhance the provision of activities for young people in the community area, including the development of opportunities for young people to learn music.
- Bring new Wiltshire Council sports activities to the north of the county, such as Purton Fun in the Sun.
- Involve local young people more closely in the Area Board process, starting with a youth themed meeting in July.
- Establish a Health and Wellbeing Group working alongside the Health and Wellbeing Champion to provide a community led local forum to facilitate the coordination of joined up services for older people, vulnerable people and their carers.
- Enhance the local volunteering capacity, encouraging volunteers and matching them to local opportunities.
- Work with the Caring about Dementia group to increase numbers of Dementia Friends and Champions.
- Have Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area accredited with the Dementia Action Alliance.
- Develop the community hub model in Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade, working in partnership with the libraries to enhance the services they can offer the community.
- Support the start-up of a Men's Shed in the community area and similar local projects and initiatives.
- Encourage involvement in Wiltshire's Big Pledge Road to Rio campaign - making a difference to health and wellbeing by people signing up to one of this year's sporting challenges, either as an individual or as a team.
- Support The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations.