

Update for Pewsey Area Board

Update from	Pewsey Community Area Partnership
Date of Area Board Meeting	12 th September 2016

Headlines/Key Issues

- **Spice Time Credits** – The decision by Wiltshire Council to remove leisure centres in Wiltshire from the spend options has led to the Spice Organisation pulling out of Wiltshire as the scheme is not sustainable.
 - The Youth Groups can continue with their own version of Time Credits as they have earn and spend opportunities within their set up. For other groups, such as Children's Centre, Pewsey Primary School and the Army Welfare Service it is not the case and so following a meeting with these partners, we are now looking at ways of raising funding in order to support spend opportunities in the area.
 - If any Parishes would like to offer their village hall hire as a spend opportunity for Spice Time Credits, we would be interested in speaking to you. Conditions (such as only weekdays or other times when the hall is not used) can be attached to the offer in order to limit time credit use.
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- **Pewsey – Devizes Bus Consultation** – The new timetables were launched at the end of July for the new timetables in August.
 - Changes and suggestions from passengers have been included where possible. Afternoon services to Grafton are now in place.
 - Following the information on second-hand buses collated by Dawn, new (second-hand) buses have been implemented to make the service more reliable. There have been some teething problems, but the suppliers are working closely with the PTU to resolve them.
 - The monitoring of the service cannot be undertaken until the new buses and timetables have bedded in. This will be done later in the year.
 - Liam of community transport fund has given PCAP permission for the monitoring and evaluation to be delayed and funds held over to pay for this to support strategic decisions on Public Transport going forward.
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- **Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership** – New Partners are continuing to join the PVTP. We would welcome any assistance in getting more businesses to join the Partnership as the more funds we have available enables us to do more promotion work.
 - The offer/discount leaflet – The Pewsey Vale Visitor Pass – was launched in the week before the August Bank Holiday weekend. It was supported by the North Wessex Downs AONB Sustainable Development Fund as a pilot with a view to doing a more extensive leaflet in 2017 earlier in the holiday season.
 - The refurbishment of the Swan Corner Tourist Information Kiosk is at this Area Board for funding approval.
 - In August, the PVTP attended a workshop with VisitEngland and other organisations and businesses from the South West to discuss the issues for rural tourism. PVTP is submitting a response to support that of VisitEngland and to ensure that issues from the Pewsey Vale have been included.
 - We have a number of local attraction/things to do/event type leaflets available for distribution to partners and parish councils (for village halls and other outlets) – contact info@visitpewseyvale.co.uk.
 - A potential project for updates to Walking and Cycling leaflets, an App and other visitor information including transport links from the stations in our area has been on hold due to the uncertainty of Leader funding. A decision will be made as to whether this can move forward is still to be finalised but due to the way in which Leader funding works and the timeline associated with it, it is unlikely we will go down this route at this time.
 - We also have a bid submitted for GWR community funds for tourism and travel leaflets and apps is being processed and we are waiting to hear if we were successful for stage 1 (should have been notified in August).
 - The website is www.visitpewseyvale.co.uk, the Facebook pages are Visit Pewsey Vale for visitor information, Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership for business information and the Twitter account is @visitpewseyvale.
 - Any organisations wishing to become a partner of the Partnership should email info@visitpewseyvale.co.uk – just £50 per annum – details of benefits and application form are available on the website or email info@visitpewseyvale.co.uk.
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- **Pewsey Vale Dementia Awareness Group (PVDAG)** – [The future schedule for Memory Cafes can be found on the website.](#)
 - If you would like to volunteer to help at the Café, please get in touch with PCAP tel 07802 444022 or email pcap@hotmail.co.uk .
 - The cafes continue to be very successful, particularly since the purchase of the keyboard, kindly supported by the Pewsey Area Board grant.
 - The next café on 19th September is a trip to Woodborough Garden Centre for afternoon tea and then a drive up to Alton to have a look at the views and perhaps a bit of a walk. If anyone is interested in joining us for this trip, please email pcap@hotmail.co.uk .
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Parish Issues

- **Everleigh Household Recycling Centre** – As at 31st August, we are still waiting for Tracy Carter from Wiltshire Council to respond to our invitation to a meeting.
 - 12 of the 24 parish councils actively supported PCAP in continuing the work on Everleigh. If your Parish Council hasn't responded yet, then please do so as the more support we can evidence, the better.
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- **Pewsey Area Crime & Community Safety** – The next meeting is on Thursday 22nd September at 2.30pm at the Pewsey Parish Office. Future meetings will take place as part of the regular quarterly PCAP meetings to help reduce the demand on police time to attend.
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- **Safe Places was launched on 19th May** – this will be rolled out across the Pewsey Community Area, but initially focused on businesses in the centre of Pewsey and at Woodborough. It is a scheme in which public places or businesses can sign up to be a Safe Place for people to go to in times of distress when they are out and about. For more information, please contact pcap@hotmail.co.uk.
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- **Pewsey Youth Group** – The BMX track fence is now complete, with the gates being completed at a future date.
 - All 3 Youth groups are offering trips and activities this summer at which time credits can be spent with the support of youth funding.
 - Dawn has arranged for the cheerleading group to perform during Pewsey Carnival and thanks Nick Wood the Carnival Chair for his support in this project.
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