

## **Pewsey Older Persons Partnership Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016**

### **Health and Well-being update and notes from group discussions**

#### **Health and wellbeing funding**

Pewsey Area Board has been allocated £6,700 health and wellbeing funding (revenue) to target social isolation, loneliness and wellbeing across the community area. This money could be used to help new groups start up, for example luncheon or friendship groups, or it could be used to help get new schemes up and running such as 'help your neighbour' or 'meals on wheels.' Funding could be awarded to existing groups that want to offer more than they currently do or to support an event or activities for older and vulnerable people.

**If you would like to discuss a project and apply for health and wellbeing funding contact your Community Engagement Manager on 01225 718372 [Ros.Griffiths@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Ros.Griffiths@wiltshire.gov.uk)**

**Two applications have been received so far and will be presented to Pewsey Area Board 12 September:**

- Great Bedwyn community fun day (older people's high tea & information/awareness event)
- Pewsey Memory café day trip in the Autumn

**POPP attendees were asked: How would you like to see the Health and Wellbeing funding spent in Pewsey? The following ideas were suggested:**

- Meals on Wheels scheme
- What about supporting vulnerable children with well-being activities
- Community group to coordinate Tesco Fareshare Foodcloud
- Cookery groups – healthy meals on a limited budget

**From Community Transport discussion group:**

- Promote existing services – if don't know of services, can't use them
- Support volunteer drive for schemes
- Target Upavon - poorly serviced army camp in terms of transport (this suggestion was not older person specific)

- **Participants were asked for their ideas for older people's events and activities.**

**Suggestions included:**

- Age takes central stage festival / Big Get Together event (see group 2 discussion)  
Come together and discover the range of opportunities for life after retirement.

- Wiltshire #MakeSomeoneWelcome scheme

Wiltshire CIL will help identify disabled and older people in Wiltshire's many small communities and encourage them to become active members of their local groups, they will also aim to link up like-minded people and organisations throughout Wiltshire, helping get the right resources in place for groups to deliver this work.

<http://marlborough.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/make-someone-welcome-campaign-for-clubs/>

- Reminiscence tea party – bring photos and share stories.
- Older Peoples forum.

## **Group One notes – Community Transport**

**Liam posed three questions:**

- Is there scope for the community to promote existing schemes and how?
- Is there scope for the community to contribute resources to existing provision?
- What scope is there for the community to liaise with existing transport schemes?

**The overrun of the session meant we didn't get time to go into much detail on each question, but Liam had lots of ideas that could be pursued further. Notes taken as below:**

### **Is there scope for the community to promote existing schemes and how?**

-Work more closely with Area Boards/Parish Councils

-More partnership work

-More use of social media with partners

-All info on community transport (incl public transport) is available on the Community First Transport website and is also produced as leaflets. The group felt we could do more to promote existing literature. It is more costly to produce and harder to keep up to date but not everyone accesses the internet

- Use the Messenger and parish mags to highlight services – Liam could do an article
- Use online communities – lots of local villages have Facebook accounts and websites as well as larger organisations in the area
- I&A at Age UK Wiltshire and Advice Bus could distribute materials
- Parish clerks can spread the word
- Share via other organisations newsletters – all organisations in the group would be willing to do this

Ros advised she would be happy to coordinate this.

### **1. Is there scope for the community to contribute resources to existing provision?**

- Parish Councils could be asked to contribute money – it was recognised they have a lot of demands on limited resources
- Community groups could apply for funding to support transport schemes which Community First cannot access
- Get more community feedback as this can drive change as a recent consultation exercise did
- Volunteers to drive community buses or volunteer for LINK needed

### **2. What scope is there for the community to liaise with existing transport schemes?**

The group ran out of time to discuss this in detail but there could be scope here.

## **Group Two – Support for Carers**

**No notes taken but the main messages were as below:**

- Information needs to be distributed in some way to make more people aware of support carers can receive. **Possible measures included:**
- Tom (Carers Support) writing article for The Messenger and parish magazines
- Holding a 'Big Get Together' to promote services and activities in the area. This has been successfully done in Corsham and Malmesbury. Age UK Wiltshire have worked with Wiltshire Council to run these and they have been very well attended. Susan Desrosiers (Age UK Wiltshire) and Ellen Blacker (Wilts CC) were involved in the last Big Get Together in Malmesbury.

**See below for details on the Corsham and Malmesbury events:**

- <http://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk/news/14312057.display/>
- <http://malmesbury.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/calling-all-organisations-and-activity-providers/>

**Participants were asked for their ideas for older people's events and activities.**

**Suggestions included:**

- Age takes central stage festival:
  - Talent contest
  - Come together and discover the range of opportunities for life after retirement
- Wiltshire #MakeSomeoneWelcome scheme
  - Wiltshire CIL will help identify disabled and older people in Wiltshire's many small communities and encourage them to become active members of their local groups, they will also aim to link up like-minded people and organisations throughout Wiltshire, helping get the right resources in place for groups to deliver this work. Contact Abbie on [abbi@wiltshirecil.org.uk](mailto:abbi@wiltshirecil.org.uk) Tel 0300 1233 442
  - <http://marlborough.ourcommunitymatters.org.uk/news/make-someone-welcome-campaign-for-clubs/>
- Big Get Together event – lots of activities (see group 2 discussion points)
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