

## **BIDS TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BUDGET 2016/2017**

1. Recognising the increased responsibilities that have been devolved to all area boards regarding support and care for the elderly and vulnerable people in the community area, a revenue budget of £6,700 has been allocated to each area board in 2016/2017.
2. Two health and wellbeing funding applications have been received:
  - Bedwyn Community Fun day – 18 September 2016
  - Pewsey Memory Café day trip
3. An update on the Bedwyn Community Fun day was provided at the July Area Board meeting. An expression of interest for funding of £2270 was submitted at the end of July as the programme for the event was drawn up.
4. Under delegated powers Area Board members agreed to award £2270 to the event organisers ahead of the September Area Board as there was an urgent requirement to cover expenditure in preparation for the event. An updated report on the event is included below.
5. The Area Board agreed to guarantee expenditure of up to £2270 but asked the organisers to make reasonable efforts to reduce this figure through volunteer contributions and donations. Surplus funds would either be used to support a regular afternoon tea (hire of facilities/transport/catering) or returned to the health and wellbeing fund.

### **The Bedwyns Community Fun Day 18th September 2016 12 to 4 pm**

The concept of the fun day is to raise awareness of rural crime issues, promote community inclusion and to make this a fun event. A tall order.

The working group included Councillors and village residents together with Teresa Herbert (Police) and Ros Griffiths (Wilts C).

The number of events increased rapidly, we recognised that as with all new formats we would need to be flexible and make adjustments as the event evolved. The exhibitors were carefully selected to cover rural crime issues and equally importantly be self-sufficient in their involvement. We are a very small team and whilst we have the skills we needed to limit the support to each exhibitor.

We have extended the communities we cover to include Little Bedwyn/Chisbury. They are eager to participate. The support from Burbage and East Grafton has also been encouraging. We will be using local parish magazines, notice boards and billboards to cover these areas with regard to advertising. Many of the exhibitors have their own web pages and posters we have asked if they will advertise their participation and in return we will display their posters when we display ours. We have made considerable effort to ensure this event is well publicised in newspapers and on local radio.

Some of the Great Bedwyn Parish Councillors are involved and a donation has been received from the Parish Council. We have also been granted free access for the day to an adjoining field which allows us far greater scope for activities.

The great majority of those attending our event are from the public and voluntary sector:

**St John's Ambulance** - First Responders recruitment and free first aid training as part of their Save a Life campaign

**The Link** - supporting transport for our elders

**Age UK** - advising and supporting all aspects of the Tea for Two

**Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** - raising awareness of the vulnerability of our precious Wildlife

**Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital** - raising awareness of the issues and crimes against our Wildlife

**British Horse Society** - raising awareness of Horses on Roads and hopefully organising events for youngsters to take part in.

**Trading Standards** - raising awareness of fraud, door step and cyber crime

**Swindon Young Drivers** - young drivers will have the opportunity to 'drive' a car and learn more about their responsibility.

**Wiltshire and Dorset Fire Service** - attend with a display engine for children to explore.

**Wiltshire Police** - mobile information vehicle raising issues and giving advice on crime issues

**NFU** - advising local people on rural crime issues and the liabilities of property owners

**WI** - supporting Tea for Two

**Ark** - walks in the river Dunn

**Sue Faux** - road art

**British Transport Police** - following a number of incidents they are keen to highlight track safety.

**Burbage Camera Club** - photographing the day and encouraging us to look at our beautiful wildlife and countryside.

**Pets4vets** - free pet chat. Advice on pet theft/security. Microchips and the law. General health issues. They will also be organising competitions for the dogs and owners.

**Wiltshire Bees** - raising awareness of the importance of bees

**Aldbourn Brass Band** - we can think of nothing else which will encourage our elders to join us!

**Local Schools and Nurseries** have been invited to participate in **Our Wonderful Wildlife Competition** which will be judged on the day. Children from 6 months old to 10 years old will provide art in any form they wish depicting local Wildlife.

### **Elders of our community**

One area which we have identified where support is required with a view to a long term sustainable activity is for the elderly. We will be organising an afternoon 'Tea for Two' Invites will be distributed via locals within the village to people who are elderly and known to be alone. Each invite will not only allow the recipient a free tea but include a friend or family member to join them. We will organise transport via the link scheme. The Tea will be 'free' when the invite is presented and no payment will be required. The cost of the tea will then be charged to us and paid from the funding.

Information will be available in the hall and a number of advice organisations present, but the hall will be open to anyone attending the event. The WI and post office will be providing tea and cakes, a local chef will be preparing sandwiches. Judging of the **children's art** will be part of the entertainment. This is a notoriously difficult group to engage with in this village. We feel we must make every effort to make the most of this opportunity. We have considered every aspect from hand delivering the invites, making sure transport can be arranged if required.

Asking for funding for Aldbourne Brass band would make this an irresistible event for our elders to attend. If successful we would hope to run monthly Sunday High Teas for elderly and isolated residents.

There has been one event we had hoped to include, a young riders competition in conjunction with The British Horse Society and their Dead Slow Campaign. Unfortunately despite our greatest efforts Health and Safety made this impossible. We do not have the man power to support this part of the event.

We are working on our Health and Safety reports along with all Risk assessment requirements. We have planned our parking and Traffic management scheme and are now starting to delegate various responsibilities. Our Risk Assessment has been forwarded to both Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire Council for their advice. Both are happy with the work we have done. As with all risk Assessments this will be an ongoing process.

Wiltshire Police have allocated 5 Police Officers to help manage road traffic due to safety concerns on the single track access road and the entrance with Brook Street. Both identified in joint risk Assessments.

Bringing together Rural Crime awareness in its many forms, community inclusion, building community resilience and making the event fun has not been an easy task.

We appreciated the request for funding was considerable, but we sincerely hope our work shows our commitment to our community. Our awareness of the needs of our community and how we can have a positive impact on the way this community is perceived. Since initiating this event we have been contacted by our surrounding Parishes who wish to be included in some way. The response has been overwhelming.

We want to make a lasting difference to the way we work in supporting those who support us, by raising awareness and changing expectations. We believe that the success of this event may be a template for our Wiltshire Community to use in other parts of the County.

As with all new formats this needed to evolve, we hope we have maintained the integrity of the concept whilst remaining well within the budget agreed. Where a surplus may occur we would prefer this to be returned to the Area Board and not remain ring fenced with the Parish Council.

The support from Ros Griffiths and all departments within Wiltshire Council has been outstanding. The support from Teresa Herbert is as always exceptional.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING FUND

Flyers, Notices and Billboards		£160.00 General
High Tea		£700.00 Elderly
Link Transport for elderly/disabled		£100.00 Elderly
Street and Hall Decorations required	No longer required	£50.00 Elderly
Village Hall hire of tables and chairs required	No Longer required	£80.00 Elderly
Black Bags-signs and black bags		£30.00 General
Insurance Liability		General
Use of Cricket Club or Portaloos required	No Longer required	£50.00 General
Ramsbury Brass band		£750.00 Elderly
Professional Storyteller		£300.00 Youth
Heavy duty paper for finalist pictures		£50.00 Youth
		<b>£2,270.00</b>

Jan Thornton  
Rodney Searles  
Patrick Pease

6. Attendees at the June Pewsey Memory café expressed a wish to take a day trip. This is now being arranged as part of the September memory café. A funding application has been received to cover the costs of the trip along with marketing material for the memory café for 12 months. Total cost £590.

**Pewsey Vale Dementia Awareness Group (PVDAG)**

This group was formed as part of Wiltshire Council's Dementia Awareness work in July 2014. This group was formed under the umbrella of PCAP so as to be a community based group. Click [here](#) to see the Terms of reference.

We began with holding Dementia Friends sessions and also supported a Music Mirrors workshop for those caring for or working with those living with dementia which was attended by 20 people. We also tried to engage with local GP's surgeries without any great success.

Consultation locally showed that a new Memory Café in Pewsey would be beneficial but needed to complement the other AS Café in East Grafton, the Arts and Reading Groups in Pewsey and the Singing Group in Lockeridge as well as the work done by Alzheimer's Support (AS) at Sidmouth Street in Devizes and Carers Support Wiltshire. AS in Devizes were approached for support for this new memory café in January 2015 but were not able to help at that time.

PCAP launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds and applied for a grant from the Colin Lampard Trust which raised £650. The Pewsey Memory Café, run by community volunteers with support from an occupational therapist experienced in working with those living with dementia, was launched in June 2015. Much was learned in the first six months which helped to develop the Memory Café as it is today. We listen to our clients and develop activities based on what they tell us. Poetry and music sessions are very popular.

The Pewsey Memory Café is supported by the community, W&DFRS and local businesses helping to keep the costs down. Following initial spending on resources and venues, including an Area Board Grant for a portable keyboard, it now runs at very low cost. Most of our current spend is on posters promoting the Memory Café dates and activities. The clients are either in the early stages of dementia or attend with a carer. We regularly have 20 people attending, more if the activity is music.

PCAP/PVDAG has a safeguarding policy and volunteer's policy for this project. The volunteers have a background in health or experience with dementia. We are also supported by the AS Dementia Coordinator, Health Trainer and staff from local Churches in the area. As the lead on this project I have a DBS check available.

During the last session in June on tree and plant identification, clients expressed a wish to take a trip out into the countryside. Many are not very mobile and have little chance to visit a local beauty spot and enjoy the tranquillity of nature. We would like to arrange an afternoon trip for them to do this for our September Memory Café on the 18<sup>th</sup> before the nights draw in again.

I have received a quote for a bus and driver for a trip in September for 20 people (might be up to 25) for 2 hours - £200. This would be for a drive to somewhere like Adams Grave Alton Hill (25 minute drive) for a short stroll for 15/20 minutes and then back to Woodborough Garden Centre (25 minute drive) for Tea and Cake - £140 @ £7 per head. This might take a bit more than 2 hrs though as serving tea and cake will take more than 30 minutes and we need to drive back (20 minutes). So the transport cost might be a little bit more.

Total Cost of trip £340/£440. PCAP/PVDAG would also ask for a contribution towards printing and marketing costs for the Memory Café for 12 months of £150. Total request for funds for the Memory Café from the older peoples funding Minimum £490 Max £590.

Dawn Wilson (Chair of PCAP)

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