



We're making a difference



Trowbridge Community Area Future

Annual Report 2016 - 2017

Trowbridge Community Area Future (TCAF) is an independent Wiltshire Charity supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Established in 1998, yet registered as a Charitable Incorporated Charity in January 2016 our aims are to develop the capacity and skills of our residents to enable them to better identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society.

Overall Purpose

TCAF works with targeted groups in the community to bring about improvements impacting on quality of life and to promote a sense of belonging within that community for all its residents. It does this through a range of services in partnership with other local organisations.

TCAF's strength lies in its consultation with local residents, and their involvement in and ownership of the project. The services offered are in reaction to real need within the community. It tackles issues raised by local people, such as; improving communication with the neighborhoods to reduce isolations and improve access to services, developing understanding and awareness of our multi-cultural population, providing advice and consultations services, and bettering provision of facilities for young people.

'To develop the capacity and skills of the residents of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Trowbridge, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.' REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1165254

Objectives 2016-2018

TCAF aims to create resilient active communities in Trowbridge and present opportunities to work with statutory, voluntary and community groups to improve deliver improvements. This cohesive approach, working with residents, assets and agencies in the neighbourhoods will produce an open and informed discussion leading to successful and sustainable action.

Objective 1 - To develop regular well-attended neighbourhood events; Cultural Food festivals, Neighbourhood Clean up days and Monthly advice surgeries,

Objective 2 - To create a sustained open access Youth provision with secure premises

Objective 3 - Develop a network of informed and trained volunteers

Objective 4 - Create and develop youth provision in focus neighbourhoods with a high level of youth attendance; reduction in teenage pregnancy

Objective 5 - To widen access to services and aid improved residents knowledge; effective communication will all provides and community leads.

Objective 6 - To increase the sense of community and civic pride within the focus neighbourhoods

2016 - Key Focus Objective

Objective 4 - Create and develop youth provision in focus neighbourhoods with a high level of youth attendance; reduction in teenage pregnancy.

The main focus for this financial year has been to develop and sustain a youth project named 'Brighter Aspirations'. We aspire to deliver youth clubs across neighbourhoods, working with groups in the community area;

With our partners our aim to;

- Improve and expand these youth services
- Tackle Social mobility
- Improve youth employment
- Improve youth health and well -being
- Raise young peoples aspirations
- Develop community cohesion in the neighbourhoods

Government statistics show areas of Trowbridge to be amongst the 10% most deprived in the country and has a much higher proportion of children within certain areas than that of the national average. The majority of the young people who TCAF reach come from broken homes, single parent families, and a background of social deprivation. We seek to achieve the improvement in education and increase in self-esteem, confidence and motivation, which young people of a deprived background invariably lack.

Funding was secured from the Local Youth Network to employ; a part time, qualified youth worker 18 hours, and further funding from the Wiltshire Community Foundation extended the staff team to include two, part time youth support worker, 6 hours each. to help developer club nights in the neighbourhoods; Studley, Seymour, Longfield and Newtown. Our commitment also extends to outreach work, approaching young people who assemble on the streets and in areas with outdoor leisure facilities.

Activities and Achievements

Outlined below are key achievements in meeting our objectives for this year; 2016-2017, contributing to the impact we make in the Trowbridge community area.

Youth Clubs and Outreach

Development of 2 youth clubs and 2 outreach projects; over 50 young people regularly involved with TCAF

- Monday lunchtimes at John of Gaunt School, advice surgeries where young people can access one to one support/ sign posting.
- Monday evenings outreach in and around the central town areas of Trowbridge.
- Tuesday evenings, 18.30-21.00 at The Peoples Place, Manor Road, Studley
- Wednesday evenings, 18.30-21.00 at Hub, Seymour.

Youth Focused Projects

2 Youth projects; over 50 young people regularly involved with TCAF

- Monday evenings there are regular meetings with the Skate group 'Opline' to aid facilitation of the Stallards skate park maintenance, development and fundraising initiative.
- The Loan Shark initiative is a short term project to help communicate the dangers to young people of borrowing money outside the formal banking process and the long term and negative affects it can have on you, your family.

Wider Communities Objectives and Operational Achievements

Community Groups and Network

Continuation of a community group and the creation of a new constituted group; over 80 regular volunteers reached

- Facilitation and co-ordination of the Neighbourhoods Group; Eight Resident Associations in Trowbridge, whose volunteers contribute in advising TCAF on the need in the neighbourhoods and help deliver actions from the ground up.
- Facilitations and co-ordination of the Youth Support Trowbridge; A newly constituted group of community, voluntary, statutory and commercial businesses with the key aim on working together strategically to ensure gaps in youth provision across the board are minimal.
- Support and facilitation of the Cultural Food Festival at the Sports Roadshow in Trowbridge Park
- Group member of the Local Youth Network Committee
- Group member of the Trowbridge Town Team Committee

Project Management

Continued formation of a new charity; developing policies, procedures, safety manuals and business plans

- Development of a Business Plan. The Project Officer and Chair of the trustees visited two similar sized charities who have gone through a similar transition from community led to a registered charity.
- Development of Policies and Procedures, signed off September 2016 and reviewed annually.
- Recruitment and development of a youth team
- Structure of monthly team meetings, staff appraisals, reviews and training plan.

Finance

Secured volunteers to manage the accounts.

Development of True costs analysis to aid fundraising and forward planning.

Funding

Secured over £35k in funding; Reserved and unreserved.

Secured gift in kind; premises for youth clubs, arts and crafts, consumables, furniture, training for staff and volunteers and a community youth office base.

Consultant fundraiser on a 6 month contract; over 100 letters to local, regional and national trusts and foundations.

Staff Training

Over 50 hours of staff training undertaken, some training their own time; Level 2 Youth Work, Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults and Young People, Food Safety, Fundraising, Accounts and First Aid.

Community Partners

Trowbridge Town Council; Active, Direct Services, Selwood Housing Association, Trowbridge Arts, Neighbourhoods Group and the Residents Associations, Go Fish, Tesco's, Wiltshire Council; Community Engagement and Local Youth Network, The Princes Trust, The Learning Curve, Youth Network Wiltshire and the Lions of Trowbridge.

A Summary of the year.

2016 - 2017 has been a pivotal year in the development of a newly formed charity; Trowbridge Community Area Future. This year has seen a transition from an established community led partnership to a charitable incorporated organisation. Establishing TCAF into a charity and business in its own right, has meant investing in operational policies, a new staffing structure, developing skills in fundraising and researching new community partners and opportunities and finding new ways of working. The charity has welcomed three new trustees all with specific skills that will be harnessed. This year has witnessed real achievements all round.

Looking forward TCAF needs to focus on its governance, secure sustainable funds and continue to manage and develop relationships in the community. Developing strong governance and securing long term, unreserved funds are vital.

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